

WEAVER STUDY GUIDES

Fatherhood and Authority

Study Guide

Family Government

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A lesson-by-lesson companion for reading, discussion, and written responses.

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Using this guide

Read the corresponding chapter, then work through the themes, arguments, and Scripture references.

Write your responses before discussing the questions with others. Use the application pages to identify a practical next step.

The study material is retained from the existing lecture study guides. Added writing prompts provide space for your own response.

Print at Actual Size / 100% on US Letter paper. Single-sided and double-sided printing are both suitable. Lessons begin on the next available page; no blank pages are inserted.

Reading assignments refer to the September 30, 2026 edition of the companion book. Online lecture links and QR codes are collected at the end.

LESSON 1

Pastor John Weaver - Does America Have A Father Or Is It A Bastard Nation?

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Read Chapter 1 in the companion book, pages 5-22.

Major Themes

Biblical Definition of Nation as People

A nation is not a landmass but a people, often sharing race, language, and faith. This is foundational to understanding national fatherhood.

Lecture support: Weaver repeatedly states, 'A nation is not a landmass. A nation is a people.' He cites Genesis 25:23 ('two nations are in thy womb'), Exodus 33:13 ('this nation is thy people'), and Matthew 21:43 ('given to a nation bringing forth the fruits').

Fatherhood and Authority

God establishes fatherly authority in families, churches, and nations. Rejecting this authority leads to bastardy.

Lecture support: Weaver discusses 1 Corinthians 11:3 (God-Christ-man-woman order), Exodus 22:16-17 (father's authority over daughter's marriage), and Hebrews 12:5-8 (chastening as sign of sonship).

Chastening as Proof of Sonship

God's discipline is an act of love and evidence of being His child. Absence of chastening indicates bastardy.

Lecture support: Weaver expounds Hebrews 12:8: 'if ye be without chastisement, then are ye bastards, and not sons.' He also cites Proverbs 3:12 and Revelation 3:19.

America's Rejection of God's Authority

America has forsaken its Christian heritage, rejected God's law, and embraced immorality, evidencing itself as a bastard nation.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes founding fathers on the Bible's importance, then contrasts with current corruption, sexual perversions, and attacks on patriarchy. He references Isaiah 1 as a parallel.

Repentance as the Only Remedy

The only way out of national bastardy is repentance, faith, and return to God the Father through Jesus Christ.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'The only way out of a bastard nation is to return to the Father... we must come back in humility, in repentance, in faith, in obedience.' He cites John 14:6.

Key Arguments

A nation is defined by its people, not its territory.

Weaver argues that the Bible consistently uses 'nation' to refer to a people group, not a geographical area, which is crucial for applying the concept of fatherhood to America.

Lecture support: He cites Genesis 25:23, Exodus 33:13, Deuteronomy 4:6-8, and Matthew 21:43, where 'nation' is equated with 'people.'

God's true protection of a nation comes through His representatives, not military might.

Weaver uses the examples of Elijah and Elisha being called 'the chariot of Israel' to show that prophets and preachers are the real defense of a nation.

Lecture support: He reads 2 Kings 2:12 and 13:14, and cites Psalm 20:7, 147:10, 33:16-17, and 127:1 to argue that safety is of the Lord.

Fatherly authority is ordained by God and essential for order.

Weaver asserts that God's order is God-Christ-man-woman, and that fatherly authority is under attack today, leading to societal breakdown.

Lecture support: He references 1 Corinthians 11:3 and Exodus 22:16-17, and states that 'feminism and wokeism... fight against fatherly authority.'

A bastard is a fatherless child, lacking discipline and accountability.

Weaver defines 'bastard' from Hebrews 12:8 as one without a father's love, instruction, and chastening, and extends this to nations.

Lecture support: He explains the Greek word nothos and describes a bastard as 'unloved, untaught, untrained, undisciplined... no accountability.'

America exhibits the characteristics of a bastard nation.

Weaver lists evidence such as rejection of the Bible, corruption, immorality, and attacks on patriarchy, concluding America has become a bastard nation.

Lecture support: He cites quotes from founding fathers on the Bible's role, then contrasts with current conditions: 'corruption in the White House, corruption in Congress, corruption in the court system.'

National repentance is the only solution.

Weaver argues that just as individuals must repent, so must the nation collectively return to God to escape judgment.

Lecture support: He says, 'The only way out of a bastard nation is to return to the Father... we must come back in humility, in repentance, in faith, in obedience.'

Scripture References

Genesis 17:4-5

God promises Abram he will be a father of many nations, emphasizing that 'nation' refers to people.

Proverbs 20:7

Some trust in chariots and horses, but we remember the Lord; used to show that military might is not true security.

Psalms 147:10

God takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse or legs of a man; human ability does not please God.

Psalms 33:16-17

No king is saved by a multitude; a horse is a vain thing for safety; safety is of the Lord.

Psalms 127:1

Except the Lord build the house and keep the city, human efforts are in vain.

Proverbs 21:31

The horse is prepared for battle, but safety is of the Lord.

2 Kings 2:11-12

Elisha cries 'My father, my father, the chariot of Israel' as Elijah is taken up, recognizing the prophet as the nation's protection.

2 Kings 13:14

King Joash says the same of Elisha at his death, reinforcing that God's representatives are the true defense.

Romans 4:11-12

Abraham is the father of all who believe, both circumcised and uncircumcised, who walk in his steps of faith.

1 Corinthians 4:15

Paul claims to be a spiritual father to the Corinthians because he begot them through the gospel.

Galatians 4:19

Paul travails in birth again until Christ is formed in the Galatians, showing spiritual fatherhood.

1 Corinthians 11:3

The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God; establishes divine order.

Exodus 22:16-17

If a man seduces a virgin, he must marry her unless her father refuses; shows fatherly authority even in immorality.

Ephesians 5:31-33

Husbands love wives, wives reverence husbands; emphasizes marital order and authority.

Hebrews 12:5-8

God chastens every son; if without chastisement, you are bastards, not sons; central text for the sermon.

Proverbs 10:1; 13:1; 15:5,20; 17:21,25; 19:13

Various proverbs describing a foolish son as a grief to his father, showing the result of rejecting fatherly instruction.

Isaiah 1:2-8

God nourished children who rebelled; a sinful nation, laden with iniquity, resulting in desolation; example of a bastard nation.

Psalm 33:12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen; nation defined as people.

Psalm 65:4

Blessed is the man whom God chooses; individuals make up nations.

Psalm 106:4-5

The psalmist asks to see the good of God's chosen and rejoice in the gladness of His nation; nation as people.

Study notes

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Discussion Questions

1. How does the biblical definition of a nation as a people, rather than a landmass, change the way we think about national identity and accountability to God?

Consider: Weaver argues extensively that 'nation' in Scripture refers to people, not territory.

2. In what ways does the absence of God's chastening on a nation indicate that it has become a 'bastard nation'?

Consider: Based on Hebrews 12:8, Weaver says lack of discipline proves bastardy.

3. What evidence does Weaver present that America has rejected God's fatherly authority, and do you agree with his assessment?

Consider: He lists corruption, immorality, and attacks on patriarchy as evidence.

4. How should the church respond to the claim that America is a bastard nation? What practical steps can be taken?

Consider: Weaver calls for repentance, faith, and obedience as the only way out.

5. What role do spiritual fathers (pastors, prophets) play in the protection and guidance of a nation, according to the examples of Elijah and Elisha?

Consider: Weaver uses 2 Kings 2 and 13 to show that God's representatives are the true defense.

6. How does the concept of fatherly authority in the family (1 Corinthians 11:3; Exodus 22:16-17) relate to national fatherhood?

Consider: Weaver connects familial patriarchy to national order under God.

7. Weaver quotes several founding fathers on the importance of the Bible and Christianity. How should these historical perspectives inform our current national discourse?

Consider: Quotes from Washington, Adams, Henry, Jay, and others are presented.

8. What does it mean for a nation to 'return to the Father' through Jesus Christ, and is such a collective return possible?

Consider: Weaver concludes with a call to national repentance and faith in Christ.

Applications

Examine personal and national chastening

Evaluate whether you or the nation experience God's discipline as a sign of sonship, or if the absence of chastening indicates a bastard condition.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'If someone who professes to be a Christian can consistently sin... and does not get chastened... that individual is not a Christian. He's a bastard.'

Repent and return to God the Father

The only remedy for a bastard nation is collective and individual repentance, faith, and obedience to God through Jesus Christ.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'The only way out of a bastard nation is to return to the Father... we must come back in humility, in repentance, in faith, in obedience.'

Uphold fatherly authority in families and society

Recognize and submit to God's order of authority (God-Christ-man-woman) in the home and resist cultural attacks on patriarchy.

Lecture support: Weaver cites 1 Corinthians 11:3 and says, 'feminism and wokeism... fight against fatherly authority and headship.'

Trust in God, not human strength, for national security

Rely on God and His representatives (faithful preachers) rather than military might or wealth for protection.

Lecture support: Weaver uses Psalm 20:7, 127:1, and the examples of Elijah and Elisha to show that safety is of the Lord.

Return to the Bible as the standard for law and morality

Advocate for the Bible's principles in public life, as the founding fathers did, to restore righteousness and liberty.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes John Adams: 'Without national morality, a Republican government... cannot be maintained.'

Personal Application and Notes

Which application will you work on, and what specific step will you take?

What Scripture or teaching will you return to as you put this into practice?

Additional notes or questions to discuss

Online Lecture Resources

Scan a code or select the lecture link in the PDF. The original lecture identifiers and destinations are preserved.

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