

PREFACE

“Pastor started the message with that one attribute which people use to describe him is—he is an angry man. By nature, he is a jolly good fellow but due to his office, he has to be angry all the time. The message on the upbringing of children becomes clearer especially in the light of Gog and Magog. It is very hard to fight against the philosophies of the world as people do not regard the Holy Scriptures any more in their upbringing of children. Pastor explained verse by verse on the upbringing of the children, not just caning but the way to train—how to train and how much to scold. When pastor preached about the discipline of children when I was young, I was scared as I would get more caning. But today pastor brought out from a fresh perspective that it is applicable to pastors—when and how to apply the law to stir up the hornets’ nest. My mum, to a great extent, has obeyed the preaching of pastor from the Scriptures. The battle of Gog and Magog is not only from the school but also from those close to me. I have a mum and a pastor who will read between the lines of my report book but it is not easy to have a father who believes in Sigmund Freud’s theory and also an aunt under the ambit of the False Prophet and then speaks nice words to me. The effects of the law will be nullified if I am influenced by them. Pastor and my mum have to fight very hard for my soul. Pastor has taught my mum to nip the problem in the bud. Recently, pastor chided me for wanting to insert my Babylonian name in my identity card. I just randomly made a comment to my mum and she remembered that I wanted to do so 4 years ago. Pastor caught it and chided me and I was in shock. I denied. I fought with my mum and I thought she was conjuring up something. My mum said it shows my departure from God in wanting to embrace the Babylonian culture—first I wanted to change my name; next it could be to marry a heathen man. Many times, my mum caned me so hard that my buttocks were so painful. My mum would not stop caning until my spirit is broken. Also she would sit me down for many hours until my spirit was broken. Thank God for my mum’s scolding and beating and it goes hand in hand with the preaching of pastor. The preaching of pastor with rebukes and reproofs will seal the scolding and bring home the truth to the heart as the Holy Spirit is omniscient. Recently, pastor fought for my soul. It stirred up the hornets’ nest in my soul and it was not all well with my soul from this episode. Pastor quoted some examples how he trains us: for example, by sending us to mission trips or sending us to Cameron Highlands to clean up the apartments or wake us up at 3 am - it is to train me up for the battlefield. Pastor gave the allegory of the World Cup: the team, whose coach scolds the players, will perform well. I felt exposed by the message. I felt my depravity is exposed. I felt I have not loved the law yet. The doctrine of the world is ingrained in me such that I think it is alright to go on with riotous living. I pray I will love the law and the humility of Christ will be in me. It is ultimately the work of the Holy Spirit Who reveals the extent of pride in me and the need for Yeshua Christ. Throughout the June conference, for every message pastor preached, there is a constant struggle in my heart against the love of the world. Every message is an affirmation of pastor’s person and ministry and the greatness of the work. On Sabbath day, aunt Damaris Koh told me that the problem with me is that I do not consecrate myself though I may say all these things. I beg for your prayer - that God grant me the grace to exercise the fear of God and practise biblical separation. I did not partake the Lord’s Supper as I fear I will eat and drink unworthily but I pray I will still consecrate to the Lord Yeshua Christ and be of help to the global ministry of pastor. I thank pastor for fighting for my soul.” Naomi Chua’s response to pastor’s message on ‘The Upbringing Of Children In The Fear and Admonition Of The Lord’ from the book of Proverbs, Cameron Highlands, Malaysia; 15 June AD 2014