

PREFACE

“I learned from pastor that if pastor and my parents and other people love me, they will not spare the rod. That is taken from Proverbs 13:24. Pastor also showed me that I should not stop my parents from scolding me but I should receive the law (correction). I see that preaching is also a type of law that can be applied on me. I learn from pastor that I must get the law from my parents and pastor and others so that I will go in the way that is right when I am young. That is taken from Proverbs 22:6. Pastor showed me that the law is good for me. I should not rebel against it like when uncle Job S disciplined me. I was very angry at those who applied the law on me. I learned that when the law is given to me it is good for me. If my parents do not apply the law on me then I will be a shame to my mother. That is from Proverbs 29:15. Eve’s son, Abel was killed by Cain. But when Seth grew up it made the mother happy.” Proverbs Chia, 9. “I thank God for this message. When uncle Zephaniah Soh asked me to start giving the response, I thought it should not be so hard to start because it is a pastoral message. Pastor firstly showed me that there is hope when the process of the law begins in the children, even at the moment the baby is born. Thank God I am under the ministry of pastor and have received the law from a young age. Pastor brought out many verses which show me that I need the law. The blueness of the wound does not kill me but drives me to Yeshua Christ. The conference messages spoke of the law but this one showed me how to apply it. I felt that I must have the law from pastor and those who take care of me. I need to see the need for the law in my life as I am defiant towards it. When the message was ongoing, it struck me that when pastor sent me down the mountain with Lemuel Phuna to see Joseph Fong (my brother in Bukit Sentosa), I saw my privilege to be in apartment block 173 where God’s people stay. I saw how far my brother has gone till the point where he is like a heathen. Pastor showed me if there is no law I will go wild. I need the rod. The application of the law is also important in preaching. Pray I may have the conviction that I need the law. I could not convince my brother because I myself am not convicted that I need the law. Thank God I am under the tutelage of pastor and the law is still applied on me. There is this hope for me and I need to press home this advantage. The prayer I made is to be convicted of this message so that it will be shown in my life and I may convict my brother to come back to the house of God. This message is applicable to me. Everything I have learnt is from the man of God. I need to see the blessings the law has brought to my life. I pray God may rid me of the spirit of rebellion and pride and grant me humility to submit to and love the law. That is virtually impossible. I need the law to bridle me and be a whip to guide me. I see why pastor is so strict; it is because it is vital in the upbringing of a person. As I continue to stay in apartment block 173, I pray I show forth fruits of repentance and repent because once the law has no effect on me, there is no hope for me.” Daniel Fong, 18. “I give thanks to God for pastor’s message. Pastor spoke of the application of the law especially on children. From all references from the Word of God, pastor proved to me beyond the shadow of doubt that his method and philosophy of raising children is based on the Word of God. He showed how harsh, how frequent and how early the law has to be applied because he has to bring out the deceit and sin that is hiding within. When pastor came back from India, he was angry with the condition of the children. He put the blame on some of the uncles and me. This is because he is away and the missionaries and some of their parents are away doing the work of God and it is my responsibility to take care of them and bring them up. I was shown that I have failed because I treated the young ones as friends. Phinehas David mentioned that he is sad when the adults are around, the children’s conversation stop. When I come, some conversations stop but most do not because I do not apply the law on them. Pastor said that this is because in the first place I am taken up with the liberal culture. I was shown how important and critical this is because it has to do with their salvation. Whether they end up walking in the fear of God or indulging themselves in riotous living depends on whether I faithfully apply the law on them according to the wisdom of God. I see that I do not love their souls. I am more concerned about their opinion of me than for their souls. I pray that God may have mercy on me and help me to love their souls. The way the man of God has applied the law is according to the wisdom of God and I am wicked if I alloy it with the wisdom of the world. I pray that God may forgive me. Personally, I thank God that I grew up in the house of God and pastor has always applied the law on me. When I was young, pastor applied the law on us according to all the principles that he brought out today. He applied the law betimes, when we ate slowly, when we slept slowly, when we read the Scriptures softly. He applied the rod till the flesh was blue. I remember the time when pastor caned me and Israel Thomas till our backs were bleeding. But all this is for the sake of our souls. However, I am ashamed to see that my response to pastor’s application of the law on me is not one of repentance and submission. Instead it is to become more deceitful and hide my sins, doing everything perfectly so that I do not incur the wrath of pastor. This is how I have usually responded since young. But I thank God for pastor who continually exposes me and chides me of many of my sins. I thank God that even though I am at an age where the man of God cannot apply the rod on me physically, he still applies it through his preaching. Pastor showed us from Proverbs that when the law is rightly applied from young, the child has good hope to grow up to walk in the fear of God and give rest to their parents and those who raise them. It is my prayer that I will not continue to be a disappointment to the man of God. I pray that I will not continue to try to run away

from the law. I pray for grace to accept the law as it is essential for depth in character, particularly when we are living in hedonistic and affluent culture. Pastor showed me that the application of the law is important if we are to survive in these last and evil days. Thank God for the love and care of the man of God all these years as well as today.” Philologus Eio. The foregoing were responses to pastor’s message on ‘The Upbringing Of Children In The Fear and Admonition Of The Lord’ according to the book of Proverbs, Cameron Highlands, Malaysia; 15 June AD 2014