

SHEKINAH MINISTRIES

GLORY AND PRESENCE OF GOD

AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

There is not such doctrine taught in the scriptures. Children are covered gr (peribdion; 4018) by their father, and they share the spiritual nature of their parents.

The way it works is very simple, if God does not know either of the parents, then neither does He know the children.

If you are not born again, then God does not know you (Galatians 4:9, I Corinthians 8:3). If God does not know you, then you are considered still estranged from the family of God, and this is why the children of unsaved parents are considered unclean (I Corinthians 7:14), (Hosea 4:6), (Malachi 2:14-16).

In light of this evidence, one can clearly see that there is no automatic exemption from condemnation because of age. This facility of God to deal with the family as a unit of one can sometimes have very catastrophic effects on, “noncombatant,” family members. Jeremiah 31:29, “Teeth on edge.”

- Numbers 16:1-40 The rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram against Moses which resulted in they and their entire families falling alive into the pit (except Korah’s children)
- Joshua 7:1-26 The sin of Achan resulted in he and his entire family being stoned to death
- I Samuel 15:1-35 The Lord commanded Saul to strike the Amalekites and utterly destroy them including “infants and nursing babies.” At the end of the campaign, the Lord was quite upset with Saul; not because he killed all the children, but because he left the sheep and oxen alive.

God does not judge the way we do. Since we are temporally based creatures, we interact and perceive in a sequential time-based manner. God, however, is an eternal being and is not confined to earthly ordinances of times and seasons. He therefore sees the end from the beginning (hence His designation of Alpha and Omega). So, when He sees a cute little baby, He doesn’t see a moon-faced, innocent cherubim, He sees the hideous monster that baby will grow up to be.

There is an age of reckoning that occurs when the child’s fate becomes internalized and separated from their parents by virtue of their independent hearing and receiving of the gospel. This is why Jesus encouraged us to allow the little ones to come unto Him. In this way, they might become born again in their own right and even though God does not know the parents, He might know the children.

The only way that the children can come to the Lord is if the Father is in him and teaches his children in His ways. Apart from this, they will remain unclean unless they seek the Lord for themselves. Remember, God’s spiritual economy is that the fathers instruct the children in the ways of righteousness to produce for Him the godly offspring that He desires. He does not do an end run around the ordinances that He has established. Godly offspring are the fruit of godly parenting. Without this, our children are not known and are forgotten by God. All offspring is not godly.

Note on Romans 7:9

I was, “alive,” once without the law: This cannot mean spiritually alive since then it would follow that the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus was unnecessary seeing as all God had to do to keep us was to keep the Law from us. What it simply means is “alive” is a metaphor for illustrating the ability of the Law to make manifest the sin that dwells in all of us and produces death in all of us.

The Law serves to make sin to be exceeding sinful (removing all doubt as to our true condition), but spiritual death reigns because of the presence of sin whether it is alive (imputed) or dead, because whether alive or dead, all sin.

The, “alive,” or, “dead,” refers to the frame of reference between you and sin and its ability to convict you of the evil nature that dwells within us all through Adam. Sin does this through the Law. Remember, unimputed sin does not make us any less guilty of the crimes.

Jesus’ testimony: Matthew 18:1-14

Here Jesus is referring to the spiritual receptiveness of children to receiving the truth not any inherent “goodness”.

Resistance to acceptance: We may have fear of our own, “lost,” children, or someone close to us.

Judgment is qualitative - Luke 12:47-48

Beware of being more, “wise,” than God about judgement, saying, “God would never send little kids to Hell.”

These are the same prideful hearts that say, “God would never torment someone in the Lake of Fire forever.”