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Msg #1907 Three Knots in Child Rearing What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice Perhaps the Bible's three worst cases of child rearing are found in Jacob, Hophni, and Manassah. Playing favorites in life is dangerous but in our homes it is devastating. "And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob" (Genesis 25:28). The mama's boy here grew up to be a manipulator and trickster with a mama's leadership qualities and no masculine confrontational leadership skills. As it goes, Jacob played favorites in his home, i.e. Rachel vs Leah, Joseph vs the eleven, and it took a lifetime and twenty-one chapters of Bible to straighten Jacob out. "And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were ... sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD" (ISamuel 1:3,2:12). Eli, who trained Samuel, raised sons that profaned all that was holy in the Tabernacle of the LORD God (2:16-17,22-25). They had no discipline, and their father had no authority in their lives. Children raised with no discipline have no self-discipline, anger issues, blame issues and authority issues. Only two chapters later Hophni, Phinehas, and Eli were all slain as God had said. Satan had a special plan for Manasseh, son of righteous King Hezekiah. Born in the God-granted extended life of his father, Manasseh "did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, ..." (2Kings 21:2). A wicked king, but in the end, Manasseh was sent into his own personal Babylonian captivity and was completely transformed: "Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God." (2Chron 33:11-13). Manasseh was used as illustration of what God would do for his people Israel. Child rearing is not for the timid, use your knees, keep God in the loop, only he can fix one's blunders. An Essay for week #7 Feb 17, 2019 Msg in audio at www.GSBaptistChurch.com/audio/gs190217.mp3 To receive this pp in weekly email, visit us at www.GSBaptistChurch.com Copyright © 2019 Good Samaritan Baptis

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