**R804 – Rumination for June 28, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

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The **T**ext: *Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur…made all that the LORD commanded Moses.* Exo. 38:22

The **T**hots:

1. **These Fathers had Reasons to be Proud of their Sons. Exo. 38:22**
2. **Hur** was the Proud Father of **Uri.** His name “Hur” meant “*white one*” (?)
3. **H**ur **H**eld up the **H**and of Moses to **A**id Joshua in his fight **A**gainst the **A**malekites. Exo. 17:10-**12**

 *Moses' hands were heavy…and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands…*

1. Hur was the son of Caleb - *Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare* ***h****im* ***H****ur.* I Chr. 2:19
2. Hur was the **H**ereditary grandfather of *Bezaleel*, *the son of Uri, the son of* ***H****ur* Exo. 38:22, see #2
3. **Uri** was the Proud father of **Bezaleel.** His name “Uri” meant “*fiery*”. Strong; Exo. 31:2
4. His **S**on, Bezaleel, lived *in the* ***S****hadow of God and* obeyed His **W**ord. Strong
5. God had *filled him with the* ***S****pirit of God in* ***W****isdom…* Exo. 31:3a
6. And he was **S**killed *in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of* ***W****orkmanship,*

*To devise cunning* ***W****orks, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in cutting of stones,*

*to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship*. 31:3b-5

1. He was **S**elected with Aholiab and **C**alled to **C**onstruct and **C**raft the items in the tabernacle. 36:2
*Behold, I have given with him Aholiab…that they may make all that I have* ***C****ommanded thee.* 31:6

*And with him was Aholiab…an engraver, and a* ***C****unning workman* [designer],

*and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.* 38:23

* With God’s **E**nablement and the Spirit’s **E**ndowment, these **F**athers had brought up their sons

in the **F**ear of the Lord **F**aithfully obeying His **W**ord and serving in His **W**ork.

* **Hur** was the Proud father of **Uri** and the Proud Grandfather of **Bezaleel**!
* Cf. Paul’s **R**emembrance of Lois and Eunice, Timothy’s **R**espective and **R**espected grandmother and mother - *When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.* II Tim. 1:5
1. **God, the father, was “Proud” of His Son -** *Jesus, when He was baptized…* **Matt. 3:16, 17**

***L****o, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending…and lighting upon Him:* ***L****o a voice from heaven, saying,* ***This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.***

1. The Son **O**ffered to do His **F**ather’s **W**ill. Heb. 10:6, 7

*In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hast had no pleasure.*

*Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God.*

1. The Son **O**pted to take on the **F**orm of a Man to **F**ollow the **W**ays of Man. Phil. 2:6-7, HCSB
2. *Who,* ***E****xisting in the Form of God, did not consider* ***E****quality with God…for His own advantage.*
3. *Instead He* ***E****mptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men.*
4. *And when He had come as a man in His* ***E****xternal form, He humbled Himself*

1. The Son **O**pened the **W**ay for man to return to the Father: Jn. 14:6
2. *Jesus saith…I am the* ***W****ay, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.*
3. *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living* ***W****ay, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh;* Heb, 10:19, 20
4. On Earth, the Son **O**penly **W**orked with the Father: *My Father* ***W****orketh hitherto, and I* ***W****ork.* Jn. 5:17
5. *I must* ***W****ork the* ***W****orks of Him that sent Me…* Jn. 9:4
6. *Jesus said…My* ***F****ood is to do the* ***W****ill of Him who sent Me, and to* ***F****inish His* ***W****ork.* Jn. 4:34, NKJV
7. The Son was **O**bedient to the Father all the **W**ay to the Cross. Phil. 2:8, HCSB

*by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross.*

1. On the Way, the Son **S**upplicated: *O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me:* Mt. 26:39c
2. At the end, the Son **S**ubmitted to the Father*: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt.* Mt. 26:39d
3. *When the time was come that He should be received up, he* ***S****tedfastly* ***S****et His face to go to* Lk. 9:51; *Jerusalem…by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross. ­* Phil. 2:8, HCSB
4. Thus, the Son ’**O**noured the Father.

*I have* ***G****lorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the Work which Thou* ***G****avest Me to do*. Jn. 17:4

1. And the Father ’**O**noured the Son!Phil. 2:9-11, HCSB

 *For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that*

*at the name of Jesus every knee will bow— of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth— and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the* ***G****lory of* ***G****od the Father.*

* On this Lord’s Day may all the children of the Father seek to

Honour the Father even as the Son Honoured them with the Sonship to the Father. I Jn. 3:1, HCSB

*Look at how great a love the Father has given us that we should be called God’s children. And we are!*

*Behold, what manner of love! What manner of love the Father*

*Hath bestowed upon us, That we, that we should be called,*

 *Should be called the sons of God!* Robert Boswell

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 804**

1. On Father’s Day, it is the custom for the father’s children to pay tribute to the father. Good things are said about the father and underlying all is just the simple and, hopefully, sincere statement, “I Love You, Father or Dad”. Together with this, perhaps expanded examples of the father’s exemplary love and fatherly roles are recalled and referred to. Great honour is attributed to him and how the children simply love the father for all these.

In many cases, these professions of love are sincere, heart-felt and true and the father himself has experienced the affectionate love of his children in practical ways that has lifted him and cheered him up so many times to make him proud of them.

However, sad to say, there are always the bad apples among the good ones. One just has to take a walk in the night among the city lights and one should not be surprised to find many homeless fathers sleeping on the five-foot-ways of shops, side pavements of roads, on vacant benches and under shelters in parks, and many other places which tragically better be left unmentioned. Why are these fathers left lying there deserted by family members and left to fend for themselves without a place called home and with only the open sky as their roof?

Of course, the children are not to be blamed always. The fathers themselves may have contributed to the children’s disaffection for them during their growing years. Their neglect of the children when they were in need; their lack of concern for their lives and what they did; and many other factors might have contributed to this ill-relationship between father and children.

Last Father’s Day positive vibes were exchanged between children and father. May both parties further strengthen and reinforce such relationships and build on them to greater strengths that will stand the test of time.

Fathers, hope you had made that day memorable to your children and reciprocated their profession of love for you with a return of true love for them too that would lay the foundation of a great love-relationship for the future.

And *Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.* (Eph. 6:1-3).

Jesus Obeyed His Father and His Father was Well-pleased with Him. Son/daughter,

is your father well-pleased with you? Can he be proud of you? **REFLECT.**

1. On Father’s Day, among the reasons many fathers are proud of their children are:-
2. They have attained high academic accomplishments, accumulated great wealth and possessions in the world, have achieved a high social standing in well-to-do circles, are well-recognised for their relationships in high places and many more material gains to be able to say like that rich man: (Lk. 12:19) – “*And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry” –* Tragically, the Lord might have to say to him, (Matt.16:26) - *For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?* And as *God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?* (Lk. 12:20) Can the father be proud of such a son – such a soul?
3. Under the godly tutelage of the father, the son was brought up to know the Lord,

to honour Him for all His Worth, to love His Word, to Walk in His Ways and to do His Work. The son may not have much to show by way of material Wealth, but indeed He is Well-beloved by God. Will you be proud of this son of yours?

 **REFLECT**

**Points to Ponder:** *Last Father’s Day what made you proud…*

*Father, what did you want to see in your children?*

*And Children, what did you want to see in your father?*