

Covenantal Parenting

Genesis 12: The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

2 “I will make you into a **great nation**,
and I will bless you;

I will make **your name great**,
and you will be a blessing.

3 ...and **all peoples on earth**
will be blessed through you.”

Exodus 20: 12 “Honor your father and your mother,
so that you may **live long in the land** the Lord your
God is giving you.

Parenting threat we share with
the ancient world

Presence and threat of idolatry

Idolatry: the placement of
god(s) above Yahweh we
worship and put trust in.

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Narcissism (worship of self-
image)

Parents: Limit access to
anything promoting child's
image.

(be willing to die on this
mountain)

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Doubt

Parents: Create 5-7 questions
and answers about faith to use
repetitively in your home.
(catechesis)

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Comfort

Irony: The safer you make your
child's world, the more at risk
they become.

Parents: Allow (be intentional)
child to take risks.
(plan your "no's")

Parents: Remember—you don't
have to (cannot) save your
kids.

(your job: point them to the
God that does)

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