

FAMILY FIRST: FAITH STARTS AT HOME





Genesis 12:3 (KJV)

*And I will bless them
that bless thee, and
curse him that curseth
thee: and in thee shall
all families of the earth
be blessed*



The Family at the Centre of God's Plan

God desires to utilise Kingdom families as a window through which the world can see and, ultimately experience, abundant life. The family, as intended by God, serves as the cornerstone of a stable, loving, and prosperous church.

God Wants to Bless the World Through Us

God's promise to Abraham reveals His intention to bless all families of the earth through him. This promise ultimately finds fulfillment in Jesus. Christ, who brings abundant life to those who believe in Him. God intends to use Kingdom Families to bless the world.

We Are to be Reflectors of the Glory of God, Carriers and Demonstrators of His Glory (Perfections)

Psalm 128:3-4 (KJV)

*Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house:
thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold,
that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.*

This Psalm highlights the blessings of a God-fearing family. God desires families to be fruitful, loving, and a reflection of His goodness.

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The marital relationship between a husband and wife is compared to Christ's love for The Church. A loving and stable family is a powerful witness of Christ's love to the world.

Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV)

*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

The ability to lead and serve in The Church is closely connected to the character and leadership demonstrated in the family.

1 Timothy 3:4-5 (KJV)

One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)



God Used Kingdom Families in the Book of Acts to Establish The Church

Acts 2:46–47 (KJV)

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

The Church did not grow around institutions but through homes that became centres of fellowship, worship, and discipleship.

Acts 5:42 (KJV)

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Every home was a pulpit and every family became a testimony of Christ's resurrection power.

Acts 16:31-34 (KJV)

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Faith Begins at Home: The Family as God's First School

Our Old Testament foundation for the principle of faith beginning at home is found in Exodus. When God began to shape Israel as His covenant people, He did not begin with the priesthood, the temple, or even the law at Sinai. Instead, He began by establishing the family, the home, as the first school of faith.

The institution of the Passover makes this truth unmistakably clear. Scripture records:

Exodus 12:3-4 (KJV)

Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

Exodus 12:7, 13 (KJV)

And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it... And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

The seminal moment of Israel's redemption was enacted not in a temple or communal sanctuary but in the home. The head of each household was responsible both for selecting the lamb and for applying the blood. The household itself became the first unit of covenant obedience. From the very beginning, salvation was to be understood and received at the family level.

But God's design went further still. He ordained that the Passover would serve as an instrument of instruction for generations to come:

Exodus 12:26–27 (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.



Exodus 13:8–9 (KJV)

And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD'S law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

Exodus 13:14 (KJV)

And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage.

The ritual was intentionally designed to provoke questions from children, ensuring that parents were drawn into their God-given role as teachers of faith.

Notice how the testimony was to be given in personal terms: “unto me”.

Parents were not merely recounting a national history but bearing witness to God's deliverance as their own lived reality, so that their children might personally identify with the faith of their fathers.

This design is confirmed elsewhere in scripture especially in Deuteronomy 6.

Psalm 112:1-3 (KJV)

Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

God's intention is that parental faith, and the blessings that attend it, be transferred to children as a spiritual inheritance. The Sabbath command reinforces the same truth:

Exodus 20:8-10 (KJV)

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.

Worship and rest were not merely individual obligations; they were family obligations.

The entire household was gathered into the rhythm of covenant life, and every member was required to share in the blessing of rest. The Sabbath was more than a day of ceasing; it was a weekly reinforcement of principles, teaching faith and covenant identity within the home.

Even the matter of Israel's witness to the nations was reckoned at the household level:

Exodus 12:48 (KJV)

And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

Here covenant identity is shown to be reckoned not on the basis of individual whim, but on family obedience. The household was the unit of inclusion, and only through household conformity to God's covenant could a stranger be reckoned as one of His people.

And notice that all of this took place before Sinai. Before the law was given, before the nation was formally structured, God had already established the home as His teaching ground. Families had been commanded to kill and eat the lamb, to mark their homes with the blood, and to teach their children the meaning of redemption.

Restore The Divine Pattern

Family, as ordained by God, is undeniably a cornerstone of His divine plan. This is why Satan's first attack was directed at the home and the order within it (Genesis 3:6). From Eden until now, the breakdown of the family remains one of the enemy's greatest weapons against the people of God.

We will continue to suffer the consequences of deviation from God's divine order until we yield to His plan. Only as we restore God's order in our homes will we see the blessings He intends, and only then will the Church stand in the strength of its true foundation.

Think

- Where did God first locate faith and obedience for Israel, and why does that matter for us today? (Exodus 12-13).

Discuss

- In what ways can our table, our conversations, and our routines "provoke questions" in our children about the Lord's works? (Exodus 12:26-27; 13:8-9, 14).

Pray

- For grace to restore and keep God's order in our households and to resist the enemy's attack on family order. (Genesis 3:6; "Restore the Divine Pattern").

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