

Maintain His Presence in Marriage, Family, Single Series

Maintaining the Presence of God in Our Families

1 Samuel 2:12-17/ 1 Samuel 7:1-2/

2 Samuel 6:10-11



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Purpose of the Family

- A Family is called to **Manifest the Image of the Godhead** in order that the commands, knowledge & righteous ways of the Kingdom can be passed on to the next generation.
- As a godly family we are to be a “***bridge***” to righteousness for the following generations

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- *One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. Ps 145:4*

- *¹ Give ear, O my people, to my law; let your ears be bent down to the words of my mouth.*
- *² Opening my mouth I will give out a story, even the dark sayings of old times;*
- *³ Which have come to our hearing and our knowledge, as they were given to us by our fathers.*
- *⁴ We will not keep them secret from our children; we will make clear to the coming generation the praises of the Lord and his strength, and the great works of wonder which he has done. Ps 78:1-4 (BBE)*

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Understanding the Role of Family

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Role</u> | <u>Action</u> | <u>Scripture</u> |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Jesus Christ | Head | Salvation | Eph 5:23/1Cor 11:3 |
| Husband/Father | Leader | Love | Eph 5:33 |
| Wife/Mother | Helper | Respect | “ “ |
| Children | Heritage | Obedience | Ps 127:3/Col 3:20 |

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Family Responsibilities

FATHERS- We must establish godly commands that help *prescribe/proscribe* a life of righteousness

Mothers- We must offer godly instructions & directions to the paths our children should take

Children- Should trust and follow the commands & instructions of their parents realizing that their parents have their best interest at heart!

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And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph 6:4 KJV

- **Admonition:** “verbal instruction with a view to correct.”
- **Nurture /Train:** Mean we are to train by rules and regulations **enforced** by rewards and punishments

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- **HOW TO ESTABLISH THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN OUR HOMES**

God desires to bring Salvation to a Household/Family

1. Noah - Gen 7:1
2. Lydia - Acts 16:14-15
3. Crispus - Acts 18:8

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- **HOW TO ESTABLISH THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN OUR HOMES**
- We Must Instruct Our Families in the Ways of God & His Kingdom
2Tim 3:15(NLT)
- We Must Pray for Family
Gen 25:21 (NRSV)
- We Must Want the Presence of God in the midst of our Family/Home
Psa 101:2(MSG)
- We Must Establish a Habit of Worship in Our Homes
Jos 24:15 (MSG)

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- **THE BENEFIT OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR HOMES**
- God's Presence upon a Home Brings Blessings to Our Household 1Chron 17:23(MSG)
- God's Presence upon a Home Brings Generational Blessings Deut 7:9
- God's Presence upon a Home Brings Favor to Others Ruth 2:11-12

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- **PARENTS As leaders** in the Home are responsible for creating the right attitude so that the presence of God can function properly in our Homes. They do this through:
 - *Admonition*
 - *Nuturing/Training*
 - *Discipline*

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- **3 Families that had God's Presence (Ark of Covenant) & the results**

Family of Eli

- This family did not care for the Presence of God
- **Attitude:** Disrespect

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- 3 Families that had God's Presence (Ark of Covenant) & the results

Family of Abinadad

- This family took for granted the Presence of God
- **MEANING:** They Underestimated the Value of what they had
- **Attitude:** Presumptive

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Obed-Edom's Family (*a gatekeeper 1Chr 15:17*)

- This family valued the Presence of God
- **Attitude:** Reverence/Worship

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