

FIRST FRUITS

SAVING A NATION WITH FAMILY



INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL
FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES

The principle of scripture rest on the finished work of God that was spoken from the beginning of time. God's promise to the earth was that His redemptive work would come through His own doing. Trusting an outside source to bring about the plan of salvation was not an option.

All through scripture God showed that even through his choicest love of the people of Israel, they were still rejecting of His compassion and care. They were, in turn, unfit to step into the monotheistic rule that God wanted to give them. It is through this display of rejection that God proves His love to the world by providing the sacrifice for mankind, Jesus. Cut from the cloth of eternity and spun from the realm of an everlasting throne, Jesus displays openly the full proof of the plan of God. The family of Eternity, the divine Godhead, was the answer for eternal salvation.

Now that the plan to restore eternal fellowship with the creator was complete, we see this duplicated style of ransom. When looking at the nations of the earth, we see that their are voices that rise up in those nations to declare and decree God's saving power. The Lord's desire is to save all of mankind. His heart is to have full fellowship with his creation. God wants our families to resemble His family; one of cohesion, unity, and trust.

This short read gives biblical tools to help you see God's viewpoint of the family and how He originally intended for it to work to help keep the nations of the world in right relationship with Him.

Christ as the Foundation

A biblically sound family begins with Jesus Christ as the central focus. Just as Matthew 7:24-25 teaches about building on the rock, the family must anchor its values, decisions, and identity in Christ. This means parents lead by example in faith, and children are taught early that their worth and guidance come from Him, not shifting cultural norms.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Matthew 7:24-25

Daily Scripture Engagement

Joshua 1:8 instructs us to meditate on the Word day and night. Families that grow spiritually prioritize consistent Bible reading together; making it part of their daily rhythm. Whether it's morning devotionals, bedtime stories, or studying around the dinner table, scripture becomes the guiding light in decisions and conflicts.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8

Prayer As a Lifestyle

Philippians 4:6-7 teaches us to bring everything to God in prayer. A biblically sound family doesn't just pray before meals or bedtime. They are intentional to invite prayer into every situation. Children learn that God is approachable and that His peace covers every trial, big or small. Adults are able to off load the anxiety of the day. Trusting God is beneficial for life, health, and strength.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Biblical Roles and Responsibilities

Ephesians 5:21–33 and 6:1–4 lay out God's design for husbands, wives, and children. A healthy, biblical home honors these roles: husbands loving sacrificially, wives respecting and supporting, and children obeying with a willing heart. Each member values the other's God-given role without competing for position. Every role is a compliment to the other. They assist in the completion of covering for everyone in the family.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 33. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Ephesians 5: 31;33

Discipleship at Home

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 calls parents to teach God's commands diligently. The primary place for discipleship is not the church building but the living room. Parents should weave biblical teaching into everyday moments; car rides, meal prep, and bedtime conversations, making faith practical and alive. Doing this marries the family to the Holy Spirit's rule on a daily basis so that trusting God's love through his principals do not become a one week ritual but daily consideration for living righteous.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 6:6–7

Forgiveness and Grace

Colossians 3:12-13 commands us to forgive as the Lord forgave us. No family is perfect; mistakes and misunderstandings happen. Biblically sound families choose forgiveness over bitterness and extend grace rather than holding grudges, creating a safe space for growth. Laugh through good times and love through tough seasons. Home should be a place to learn, heal, and receive forgiveness.

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Colossians 3:12-13

First Fruits

Exodus 23:19 God instructs Israel to give Him the first fruits of their harvest. This showed that the people trusted God for more provision and thanked Him by giving Him their best offering. As a family, we represent the best of what the Godhead is. Everyone should be able to work together, trust each others words, and cheer for one anothers assignments. We should be the best example of FIRST for our family members.

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