

Home Sweet Home

Joshua 24

I. The Purpose of the Home

Joshua 24:14: Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

Proverbs 8:13: The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Proverbs 9:10: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Ephesians 6:4: . . . but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Philippians 3:8: Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:

II. The Predicament in the Home

Joshua 24:14, Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: **and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.**

Joshua 24:15, And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:13, And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day** whom ye will serve;

Luke 2:52, And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Deuteronomy 30:19, I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

III. The Priest of the Home

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1. The Father is to be the Spiritual Leader of the Home

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

2. The Father is to be the Spiritual Educator of the Home

Deuteronomy 6:7-9, 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. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

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

1 Samuel 3:12-13, In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

IV. The Pulse of the Home

Joshua 24:15, And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, **we will** serve the LORD.

1 Peter 3:7, Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

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

Ephesians 5:24, Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Proverbs 6:20, My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Ephesians 6:1-3, 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.

V. The Purpose of the Home

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