

# FAMILY WORSHIP



**“A gentle man promotes religion in his family; he sets up piety in his house as well as in his heart... A Godly man’s house is a little church... A good man makes known the oracles of God to those who are under his roof. He reads the Word and perfumes his house with prayer.”**

**Thomas Watson- *A Godly Man’s Picture***

# Priority of Family Worship

- **Old Testament commandment by God:  
Deut. 6:4-6, Psalm 78**
- **Old Testament Example  
Joshua 24:15; Gen.35:1-4**
- **New Testament model:  
house churches**
- **Paul in directive: Eph. 6:1-4**
- **Priesthood of the believers  
1 Peter 2:6-8**



# Priority cont.

- **Spurgeon's mother prayed " Lord, you know if these prayers are not answered in Charles's conversion, these very prayers will bear witness against him in the judgment day." Spurgeon wrote : the thought that my mother's prayers would serve as witness against me in the day of judgment sent terror in my heart."**

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- **Ryle said, “Happy indeed is the father who can say with Robert Bolton on his deathbed to his children: ‘I do believe that none of you will dare to meet me at the tribunal of Christ in an unregenerate state.’**

**We must so live and conduct family worship that our children will not be able to say, “I am being bound hand and foot, and being cast away into everlasting darkness because of your parental carelessness, your hypocrisy, your complacency about the things of God. Father, Mother why weren’t you faithful to me?”**

# Purpose of Family Worship



- **Spiritual formation- the intentional and systematic process of growing into the image of Christ through obedience to the scripture by the power of the Holy Spirit in our total personality**
  - **Prov. 22:6, Prov. 3:1-7, Deut. 6:4**
- **Builds the family relationship and brings people closer together.**
- **Helps us build a deeper relationship with God.**
- **Enables us to pray about family problems and needs.**
- **Helps us pray and intercede for others, such as pastors, missionaries, friends, unsaved people, etc.**

# **Practical suggestions for family worship**

- **Make it a top priority: Deut. 4:6**
- **Be consistent**
- **Be creative**
- **Make it convenient; be flexible**
- **Be concise**
- **Involve everyone**
- **Integrate Christian music**
- **Discuss important and relevant issues**
- **Encourage scripture reading, memory, meditation, and application**
- **Do not spend time criticizing or gossiping**

# Conclusion

- **Family worship is ordained by God**
- **It will help develop Christian character, a strong relationship with God and each other, and encourage prayer for each other.**
- **We should have a practical approach to family worship.**
- **The benefits of worship are numerous.**