

# THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO FAMILIES



# INTRODUCTION

- CHARLES SPURGEON: WE SHALL NEVER FIND HAPPINESS BY LOOKING AT OUR PRAYERS, OUR DOINGS, OR OUR FEELINGS; IT IS WHAT JESUS IS, NOT WHAT WE ARE, THAT GIVES REST TO THE SOUL.
- SHEMA
- COMMON CHALLENGES THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY FACES TODAY
  - FAMILY STRUCTURE
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- FAMILY ORIGIN
- FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES
- FAMILY DIRECTION

# ORIGIN OF THE FAMILY

- **GOD CREATED THE FAMILY**

- [GEN 2:18-25 KJV] 18 AND THE LORD GOD SAID, [IT IS] NOT GOOD THAT THE MAN SHOULD BE ALONE; I WILL MAKE HIM AN HELP MEET FOR HIM. 19 AND OUT OF THE GROUND THE LORD GOD FORMED EVERY BEAST OF THE FIELD, AND EVERY FOWL OF THE AIR; AND BROUGHT [THEM] UNTO ADAM TO SEE WHAT HE WOULD CALL THEM: AND WHATSOEVER ADAM CALLED EVERY LIVING CREATURE, THAT [WAS] THE NAME THEREOF. 20 AND ADAM GAVE NAMES TO ALL CATTLE, AND TO THE FOWL OF THE AIR, AND TO EVERY BEAST OF THE FIELD; BUT FOR ADAM THERE WAS NOT FOUND AN HELP MEET FOR HIM. 21 AND THE LORD GOD CAUSED A DEEP SLEEP TO FALL UPON ADAM, AND HE SLEPT: AND HE TOOK ONE OF HIS RIBS, AND CLOSED UP THE FLESH INSTEAD THEREOF;



# ORIGIN OF THE FAMILY

- **THE TWO BECAME ON FLESH**

- 22 AND THE RIB, WHICH THE LORD GOD HAD TAKEN FROM MAN, MADE HE A WOMAN, AND BROUGHT HER UNTO THE MAN. 23 AND ADAM SAID, THIS [IS] NOW BONE OF MY BONES, AND FLESH OF MY FLESH: SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN, BECAUSE SHE WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN. 24 THEREFORE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE UNTO HIS WIFE: AND THEY SHALL BE ONE FLESH. 25 AND THEY WERE BOTH NAKED, THE MAN AND HIS WIFE, AND WERE NOT ASHAMED.

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF FAMILY



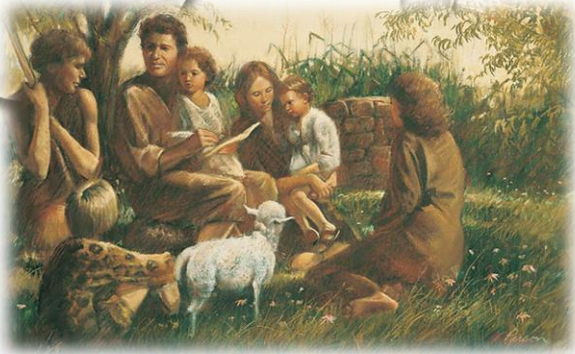
- **TEACH YOUR CHILDREN**

- [DEU 11:18-20 KJV] 18 THEREFORE SHALL YE LAY UP THESE MY WORDS IN YOUR HEART AND IN YOUR SOUL, AND BIND THEM FOR A SIGN UPON YOUR HAND, THAT THEY MAY BE AS FRONTLETS BETWEEN YOUR EYES. 19 AND YE SHALL TEACH THEM YOUR CHILDREN, SPEAKING OF THEM WHEN THOU SITTEST IN THINE HOUSE, AND WHEN THOU WALKEST BY THE WAY, WHEN THOU LIEST DOWN, AND WHEN THOU RISEST UP. 20 AND THOU SHALT WRITE THEM UPON THE DOOR POSTS OF THINE HOUSE, AND UPON THY GATES:



# SHEMA

- THE SHEMA SAYS THAT GOD IS PERSONAL AND DEMANDS LOVE FROM JEWS WITH EVERY ASPECT OF THEIR BEING. ... MANY JEWS WILL SAY THE SHEMA EVERY MORNING AND EVENING AS IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PRAYER. THE SHEMA IS AN IMPORTANT JEWISH PRAYER WHICH DECLARES THE JEWISH BELIEF THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD.
- [DEU 6:4-9 KJV] 4 HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD [IS] ONE LORD: 5 AND THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THINE HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIGHT. 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. 8 AND THOU SHALT BIND THEM FOR A SIGN UPON THINE HAND, AND THEY SHALL BE AS FRONTLETS BETWEEN THINE EYES. 9 AND THOU SHALT WRITE THEM UPON THE POSTS OF THY HOUSE, AND ON THY GATES.
- [NUM 15:37-41 KJV] 37 AND THE LORD SPAKE UNTO MOSES, SAYING, 38 SPEAK UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, AND BID THEM THAT THEY MAKE THEM FRINGES IN THE BORDERS OF THEIR GARMENTS THROUGHOUT THEIR GENERATIONS, AND THAT THEY PUT UPON THE FRINGE OF THE BORDERS A RIBBAND OF BLUE: 39 AND IT SHALL BE UNTO YOU FOR A FRINGE, THAT YE MAY LOOK UPON IT, AND REMEMBER ALL THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD, AND DO THEM; AND THAT YE SEEK NOT AFTER YOUR OWN HEART AND YOUR OWN EYES, AFTER WHICH YE USE TO GO A WHORING: 40 THAT YE MAY REMEMBER, AND DO ALL MY COMMANDMENTS, AND BE HOLY UNTO YOUR GOD. 41 I [AM] THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHICH BROUGHT YOU OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, TO BE YOUR GOD: I [AM] THE LORD YOUR GOD.



# RESPONSIBILITIES OF FAMILY

- **RECALL GOD'S PROMISES**

- [DEU 11:20-25 KJV] 21 THAT YOUR DAYS MAY BE MULTIPLIED, AND THE DAYS OF YOUR CHILDREN, IN THE LAND WHICH THE LORD SWARE UNTO YOUR FATHERS TO GIVE THEM, AS THE DAYS OF HEAVEN UPON THE EARTH. 22 FOR IF YE SHALL DILIGENTLY KEEP ALL THESE COMMANDMENTS WHICH I COMMAND YOU, TO DO THEM, TO LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD, TO WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS, AND TO CLEAVE UNTO HIM; 23 THEN WILL THE LORD DRIVE OUT ALL THESE NATIONS FROM BEFORE YOU, AND YE SHALL POSSESS GREATER NATIONS AND MIGHTIER THAN YOURSELVES. 24 EVERY PLACE WHEREON THE SOLES OF YOUR FEET SHALL TREAD SHALL BE YOURS: FROM THE WILDERNESS AND LEBANON, FROM THE RIVER, THE RIVER EUPHRATES, EVEN UNTO THE UTTERMOST SEA SHALL YOUR COAST BE. 25 THERE SHALL NO MAN BE ABLE TO STAND BEFORE YOU: [FOR] THE LORD YOUR GOD SHALL LAY THE FEAR OF YOU AND THE DREAD OF YOU UPON ALL THE LAND THAT YE SHALL TREAD UPON, AS HE HATH SAID UNTO YOU.
- [DEU 30:15-16 KJV] 15 SEE, I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE THIS DAY LIFE AND GOOD, AND DEATH AND EVIL; 16 IN THAT I COMMAND THEE THIS DAY TO LOVE THE LORD THY GOD, TO WALK IN HIS WAYS, AND TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS AND HIS STATUTES AND HIS JUDGMENTS, THAT THOU MAYEST LIVE AND MULTIPLY: AND THE LORD THY GOD SHALL BLESS THEE IN THE LAND WHITHER THOU GOEST TO POSSESS IT.

# DIRECTION FOR THE FAMILY

- **MUTUAL SUBMISSION**

- [EPH 5:21-33 KJV] 21 SUBMITTING YOURSELVES ONE TO ANOTHER IN THE FEAR OF GOD. 22 WIVES, SUBMIT YOURSELVES UNTO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS, AS UNTO THE LORD. 23 FOR THE HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE, EVEN AS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH: AND HE IS THE SAVIOUR OF THE BODY. 24 THEREFORE AS THE CHURCH IS SUBJECT UNTO CHRIST, SO [LET] THE WIVES [BE] TO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS IN EVERY THING. 25 HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, EVEN AS CHRIST ALSO LOVED THE CHURCH, AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT; 26 THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY AND CLEANSE IT WITH THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD, 27 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. 28 SO OUGHT MEN TO LOVE THEIR WIVES AS THEIR OWN BODIES. HE THAT LOVETH HIS WIFE LOVETH HIMSELF. 29 FOR NO MAN EVER YET HATED HIS OWN FLESH; BUT NOURISHETH AND CHERISHETH IT, EVEN AS THE LORD THE CHURCH: 30 FOR WE ARE MEMBERS OF HIS BODY, OF HIS FLESH, AND OF HIS BONES. 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. 32 THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY: BUT I SPEAK CONCERNING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH. 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.



# DIRECTION FOR THE FAMILY

- **DIRECTION FOR CHILDREN**

- [EPH 6:1-4 KJV] 1 CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD: FOR THIS IS RIGHT. 2 HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER; (WHICH IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WITH PROMISE;) 3 THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH THEE, AND THOU MAYEST LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. 4 AND, YE FATHERS, PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN TO WRATH: BUT BRING THEM UP IN THE NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD.
- [PRO 1:7-9 KJV] 7 THE FEAR OF THE LORD [IS] THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE: [BUT] FOOLS DESPISE WISDOM AND INSTRUCTION. 8 MY SON, HEAR THE INSTRUCTION OF THY FATHER, AND FORSAKE NOT THE LAW OF THY MOTHER: 9 FOR THEY [SHALL BE] AN ORNAMENT OF GRACE UNTO THY HEAD, AND CHAINS ABOUT THY NECK.