

(D2: The Home)

A Biblical Survey of the Household and Family

I. Introduction

A. Connecting with lesson 2 (last time)

B. Family words used to describe relationships in God's household

- Ps 103:13 - Just as a father has compassion on [his] children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.
- Is 62:5 - as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So your God will rejoice over you.
- Mk 1:11 - "You are My beloved Son..."
- Mt 26:39 - "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me..."
- 1 Jn 3:1 - See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God.
- Mt 12:50 - "For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."
- 2 Co 11:2 - I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you [as] a pure virgin.

"As their spiritual father, Paul portrayed the Corinthians like a daughter, who he betrothed to Jesus Christ (at their conversion) . . . Having betrothed or pledge the Corinthians to Christ, Paul wanted them to be pure until the marriage day finally arrived (cf. Rev 19:7)." - John MacArthur

- Rev 19:7 - "... the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."
- *Other verses using family relationships to describe relationships in God's household include Isa 54:5-6; 61:10; 62:5; Heb 12:7; 1 Ti 5:1-2; Phm 1:7*

C. Various Kinds of Households in God's Word

- Marriage (Adam and Eve), Ge 1-2.
- The nuclear family (Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, Jacob), Ge 25:21-26.
- Unloved wives (Leah), Ge 29:31-33.
- Extended family (Joseph), Ge 45:9-11; Ac 7:14.
- Mother-in-law and daughter-in-law (Naomi and Ruth), Ru 1-2.
- Remarriage, intercultural marriage (Boaz and Ruth), Ru 2-4.
- Adoption (Mordecai and Esther), Est 2:5-7.
- Infertility (Zacharias and Elizabeth), Lk 1:5-7.
- Widows (Ana), Lk 2:36.
- Multigenerational (Peter's mother-in-law in his home), Lk 4:38-39.
- Adult siblings (Martha, Mary, Lazarus), Lk 10:38-42; Jn 11:1-3, 19.
- Single woman as head of her household (probably the case for Lydia), Ac 16:14-15, 40.
- One spouse a believer, one spouse not (probably the case for Timothy's parents), Ac 16:1-3; 2 Ti 1:5; 3:14-15; see also 1 Co 7:12-14.
- Single men and women with unique opportunities for undistracted devotion to the Lord (Tabitha and Phoebe may be examples of this), 1 Co 7:8, 32-35; Ac 9:36-41; Ro 16:1-2.

II. A Biblical Survey of the Household and Family

As we walk through God's Word, we will see:

- **PLANS** - God's design and purposes for the household and family.
- **PROMISES** - Promises God makes to families and fulfills through families.
- **PROBLEMS** - The impact of sin on household and families.
- **PRIORITIES** - Responsibilities and opportunities related to the household and family.
- **PROTECTION** - God's merciful preservation of the household and family.
- **POSITION** - The importance of honoring God above the household and family.

Reference	Theme (thread)	Main people or event	Notes
Old Testament:			
Ge 1-2 (1:27-28; 2:18-24; Ep 5:22-33)	PLANS	Adam and Eve	
Ge 3:1-19	PROBLEMS	The Fall Adam and Eve	
Ge 3:15 (Re 20:2)	PLANS, PROMISES	Adam and Eve	
Ge 4:1-2	PLANS, PROMISES	Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel	
Ge 4:3-12	PROBLEMS	Cain and Abel	
Ge 5:1-32	PLAN	Adam's descendants through Seth	
Ge 6-9	PROTECTION, PROMISES	Noah and family	

Ge 10-11 (10:5, 20, 31; 11:1-9)	PROTECTION	Tower of Babel	
Ge 12, 17 (12:1-3; 15:18; 17:4-9, 19; 18:10-14; 22:18; Gal 3:8)	POSITION, PROMISES	Abram (Abraham)	
Ge 18:19	PRIORITIES	Abram (Abraham)	
Ge 12:10-20; 20:1-18	PROBLEMS	Abraham and Sarah	
Ge 16:1-16 (Ge 15:6; He 11:8-12)	PROBLEMS	Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar	
Ge 22:2, 16-18	POSITION	Abraham and Isaac	
Ge 39-50	PROBLEMS	Jacob and sons	
Ge 50:20	POSITION, PROMISES	Joseph and his family	

Ex 20:1-17	PROTECTION	Mosaic Covenant (when Israel was rescued from Egyptian slavery)	
Ex 12:3; Dt 6:4-7	PRIORITIES	Mosaic Covenant	
Dt 7:3-4	PROBLEMS	Mosaic Covenant	
Dt 8:10-14	PROBLEMS	Mosaic Covenant	
1 Sa 2:12-34; 3:13	PROBLEMS, POSITION	Eli and his sons	
1 Sa 1-2 (1:1-18; 2:1-10)	PRIORITY	Hannah	
1 Sa 25:2-38	PRIORITY	Abigail	
2 Ki 5:1-17	PRIORITY	Naaman's slave girl	

1 Ki 16:29-33; 21:25; 2 Ki 8:17-18; 2 Ch 21:4; 22:10	PROBLEMS	Jezebel, Athaliah	
2 Chr 22:11-12; 23:1-15	PROTECTION, PROMISES	Jehoshebeath, Joash	
Psalms 78:4-8 (also 22:30; 48:13; 71:18; 102:10; 145:4)	PRIORITIES	Families in Israel under the Mosaic Covenant	
Proverbs (esp. Pr 1-7; 3:12; 5:18; 6:29; 7:19; 10:1; 12:4; 17:25; 18:22; 19:13-14, 26; 20:20; 22:6, 15; 23:15, 24-26; 31:1, 10-31)	PRIORITIES, PROTECTION	Solomon's instructions for his son	
New Testament:			
Mt 1:1-17; Lk 2:51	PROMISES	Jesus fulfills God's promise to send a Messiah	
Mt 10:34-38	POSITION	Jesus and followers	

Lk 8:26-39	PRIORITIES	Demoniac healed by Jesus	
Ac 10:1-2, 22-24, 33, 43-44; 11:1	PRIORITIES	Cornelius	
1 Co 7:12-14	PLANS, PRIORITIES	A believing spouse's influence on an unbelieving spouse/ children	
Ep 5:22-33	PROTECTION, PRIORITIES, PLANS	Marriage roles are a picture of Christ and the church	
<p><i>A summary of instructions and examples for a wife toward her husband:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Be a suitable helper to her husband, Ge 2:18</i> • <i>Do her husband good all the days of her life, Pr 31:21</i> • <i>Submit (to line herself up under her husband's headship), Ep 5:22; Ti 2:5; 1 Pe 3:1; 1 Co 11:2</i> • <i>Respect (affectionately bending herself humbly and carefully to her husband), Ep 5:33; 1 Pe 3:2</i> • <i>Love (fond affection, gladly extend friendship with self-giving love), Ti 2:4</i> 			
Ep 6:1-4	PRIORITIES	Parents and children	

1 Ti 5:4; Mk 7:9-13; Jn 19:26-27	PRIORITIES	Adult children and parents	
Ti 2:3-5	PRIORITIES	Women in the church	
1 Ti 3:2-5	PRIORITIES	Elder qualifications	
Ti 1:10-11	PROBLEMS	Families upset by false teachers	
2 Ti 3:6	PROBLEMS	Weak women weighed down with sins	
Ac 2:46; 5:42; 12:12; 16:15, 40; 1 Co 16:15; Ro 16:5; 1 Co 16:19; Phm 1:2, 22	PRIORITIES	The importance of the household and family to the local church	

III. Implications - the Wellspring disciplines