

Family Worship: A Pastoral Plea for Every Family to Regularly Worship God Together.

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Proverbs 3:33 — “The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the dwelling of the righteous.”

1. WHAT

Family worship is that occasion where the entire family gathers to worship God and seek God's face and favor! Family worship happens because of the biblical conviction that God deserves to be worshiped in our homes, by our families, every day.

2. WHEN

Under the Old Covenant, there would be the morning and the evening sacrifice. Some in church history have advocated a simple parallel in arguing that families should bring the sacrifice of praise twice a day. This would be ideal. But it may be much more realistic for families to gather daily at a set time when everyone can gather together. For some families, it may be best to gather immediately after dinner for a time of family worship. For others, it may occur just before bed. For others still, they may choose to gather in the morning after breakfast. In any case, regardless of when it occurs ensure that it does in fact happen.

3. WHO

Joshua said “as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” (Josh 24:15). Family worship should happen with every person in the household present. Both parents, all the children, and even others who are visiting for a night, missionaries, neighbors, the unsaved, or other church-members. Family worship should be a priority in the households of believers and fathers should ensure that their children are present in the most important event of the day: worshiping God together.

4. WHERE

It really does not make a big difference *where* you have family worship, just so long as it happens. For families with small kids, it may work to have family worship around the dinner table with the small ones still in their booster seats. For those with young boys and girls who are beginning to read, they can sit on the couch and have family worship. It could happen anywhere just so long as the family gathers to worship the Lord regularly, daily, heartfully in the home.

5. WHY

- because God deserves to be worshiped.
- because the souls of your children are worth it.
- because you will give an account for how you led the home.
- because your children's children need it.
- because you instill biblical truth in the hearts of your kids.
- because it models Christian virtues in the home .
- because it brings the gospel to bear daily in the home.
- Because it allows you to pastor your kid's souls every day of the week.
- because God promises to bless the dwelling of the righteous.