

CREATING LIGHT IN THE FAMILY

THE FAMILY

A family exists when a woman comes together with a man. At that time, it is a small family. The family begins to grow when the two have children.

The first family began in the Garden of Eden after God had created the first man, Adam.

Genesis 2:18

And the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make a suitable helper for him."

This is how God created the first family.

Genesis 1:28

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth, subdue it, and rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living thing that moves on the earth."

This is how God blessed the family. This is how we were born and how we came to be.

YOUR FAMILY

Sometimes we are born into different families, causing us to grow up with different character traits because of the upbringing we received. When a person grows up and gains understanding, they have the responsibility to change many of the things they found in their family that were not going well. At the same time, they should take part in preserving the good things they found there so that they do not disappear.

THE FAMILY THAT GOD IS PLEASED WITH

The family that pleases God is a family that prays, shows genuine love, is united, respects and obeys His Word, and is free from every form of bondage.

1. A PRAYING FAMILY

A praying family is able to know God's principles and communicate with God through prayer. The prayer referred to here is not merely the conclusion of a ceremony; it is praying in truth and in the Spirit. Prayer brings strength to the family and gives direction to the family because that is where help comes from.

2. LOVE

A family that has love pleases God because where love exists there are patience, peace, understanding, unity, and faith. All these correspond with the fruit of the Spirit that Christians are expected to walk in, and they correspond with good character.

Love is a wall that protects the family from many attacks because the family is united.

3. UNITY

When a family is united, it means that they agree in everything. Unity in the family brings many benefits to the family's development, such as when they have something they intend to accomplish. Unity is an unbreakable cord that brings the family together so that they have one way of living.

4. RESPECT

In a family that respects one another, children respect their parents and parents respect their children. This also means that they may be able to obey God. When a family respects God, He turns them toward righteousness, causing the family to have God's promises. A respectful family is accepted by God.

5. OBEYING THE WORD OF GOD

A family that obeys God is protected and lives a life of miracles because it walks by faith in the Word of God. The Word of God contains great power that changes and creates.

6. FREE FROM ALL BONDAGE

When a family is enslaved by something—for example, drunkenness, sexual immorality, greed, pride, or betting—it means that there is no place for God in that home.

This causes Satan to destroy the family, from the parents down to even the youngest children.

Because Satan knows the strength of the family, he does everything possible to destroy it so that there will be no progress and salvation. When a family is in bondage, even if it is physically prosperous, it is spiritually dead. Therefore, such a family cannot please God unless it repents and leaves sin, which is the bondage of Satan.

THE FAMILY THAT GOD IS NOT PLEASED WITH IS THE OPPOSITE OF THE ABOVE.

FAMILY ALTARS

Altars, or a family altar, refer to the customs, traditions, principles, inherited patterns, behaviors, beliefs, and ways of thinking that have a place of authority in a family.

Every family has a particular altar, especially families in Africa and Asia, because it has not been very long since salvation came to these regions, which causes deliverance to take longer.

For many years, European countries had seen the light. In the first century and even before that, East Asia had been the birthplace of many beliefs, beginning with Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and the worship of idols.

Christianity became stronger than the other beliefs beginning in the first century AD.

Christianity reached Central Asia, continued into Europe, all of America, Oceania, and eventually reached Africa.

A country or a continent begins with the family. When the Gospel was preached, families turned away from idols, sins, and many other evil practices they had been doing. This means that some altars were destroyed and another altar, the altar of Jesus Christ, was built. This is how Christian nations came into being. This is how America (USA), England, and others came into being.

DESTROYING AND BUILDING FAMILY ALTARS

After examining the altars found in your family—for example, traditional worship, ancestral offerings, divination, witchcraft, human sacrifices, apostasy, the flesh, and sin in general, and everything unclean in your family—

these are what prevent you from progressing; this is where sorcerers find access to you; this is where contempt, curses, fear of the future, doubt, disappointment, chronic illness, always being behind, and all other evils come from.

Therefore, if you have believed in Jesus as the Lord and Savior of your soul and have turned away from sin and the world, this is the appropriate time for you to destroy all the altars that are in your family.

2 Kings 23

Josiah Brings the People Back to God and Opposes Paganism

1 Then the king summoned all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem, and they gathered before him. 2 The king went up to the house of the LORD, together with all the men of Judah, all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD, and they listened. 3 The king stood beside the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD to follow the LORD and to keep His commandments, testimonies, and statutes with all his heart and all his soul, fulfilling the words of that covenant written in the book. Then all the people stood and affirmed the covenant.

4 Then the king ordered Hilkiah the high priest, the priests of the second rank, and the doorkeepers to remove from the temple of the LORD all the articles made for Baal and Asherah and all the host of heaven. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron and carried their ashes to Bethel. 5 He dismissed the idolatrous priests appointed by the kings of Judah to burn incense in the high places of the towns of Judah and around Jerusalem, and also those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, the moon, the constellations, and all the host of heaven. 6 He removed the Asherah pole from the house of the LORD and took it outside Jerusalem to the Kidron Valley, burned it there, ground it to powder, and scattered the powder over the graves of the common people. 7 He also tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes that were in the house of the LORD, where the women made woven coverings for Asherah. 8 Josiah brought all the priests from the towns of Judah and desecrated the high places where the priests had

burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba. He also broke down the high places at the entrance of the gate of Joshua, the governor of the city, and the one on the left side of the city gate. 9 The priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread with their fellow priests. 10 He also desecrated Topheth in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, so that no one could sacrifice his son or daughter in the fire to Molek. 11 He removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the temple of the LORD near the room of Nathan-Melek the official, and burned the chariots dedicated to the sun. 12 He tore down the altars that the kings of Judah had built on the roof near the upper room of Ahaz, and the altars that Manasseh had built in the two courtyards of the temple of the LORD. He removed them and threw their dust into the Kidron Valley. 13 He also desecrated the high places east of Jerusalem, south of the Mount of Destruction, which Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth, the detestable goddess of the Sidonians, for Chemosh, the detestable god of Moab, and for Milkom, the detestable god of the Ammonites.

14 He smashed the sacred stones, cut down the Asherah poles, and filled the places where they had stood with human bones.

This is how King Josiah destroyed the altars that were in Israel, which caused God to be angry with them and hand them over to their enemies. They were made slaves, robbed, beaten, killed, and became like wanderers in the world, even though they possessed many promises that God had given them from ancient times.

This is what all unclean family altars do to us, and this is what they accomplish. They are Satan's throne in the family; this is where Satan binds our families even though we are people of the covenant.

King Josiah showed courage in his time by destroying Satan's altars in the families of Israel and throughout the country, causing God to delay destroying the people of that time.

Today, it is your turn to rise up and destroy all those altars sitting over your family that do not belong to God.

Destroy them with good habits. Destroy them with prayer for deliverance. Destroy them with holiness and righteousness. Destroy them by believing in Jesus Christ. Destroy them by obeying the Word of God. Destroy them by rejecting them. Destroy them by separating yourself from them. Destroy them by confessing them as sin. Destroy them by confessing Jesus Christ. Destroy them by confessing that you belong to Jesus Christ. Destroy them by declaring this Word:

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we should walk in them."

There is great power within you when you stand before God in the right position.

When Moses was still in Egypt, he was a person who bowed before Pharaoh. Until the day he left Egypt and spoke with God at the burning bush.

He returned to Pharaoh not to bow before him anymore, but to command him to release his people. The Israelites went into Egypt as a family of seventy people.

During the 430 years they spent in Egypt, they had become three million.

The family had grown greatly, and the time had come for them to leave the land of Egypt, from Pharaoh's bondage, and go to the land God had promised their ancestors they would possess. God raised up Moses to bring his people out of Pharaoh's (Satan's) slavery and into God's promises.

You too, rise up and go before your family. You too, lead your family across the Red Sea.

Command Pharaoh to release your family. Command him to release your parents, your brothers and sisters, and your extended family. Take courage in this battle; you are not alone. You are with God. And this is the promise He gives you today:

Joshua 1:5–6

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors that I would give them.

Be strong. God is with you so that you may bring your family into the land of salvation, the land of life, the land of God, the land of blessing. No sorcerer will defeat you; no enemy will overcome you; no demons will be stronger than God's purpose. Because you will be in God's purpose, you will be protected. Be strong and courageous. Destroy all the altars of Pharaoh, Satan, in your family, and build an altar to Jesus in your family.

1 Kings 18:30–32

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been torn down.

Then Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name."

With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. Then he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two measures of seed.

This is how you too can rebuild the altar of God that has been destroyed in your family, through true prayer. Build it with the stone of faith, and that stone is Christ, the living stone rejected by the builders but chosen by God.

Then your trench will be filled with the miracles of God in your life.

The calling begins in the family; healing begins in the family. Just as the first death began in the family, so salvation also begins in the family.

Values begin in the family.

The beginning of life is in the family, and its end reaches the family.

I wish you a family led by the Holy Spirit, under heavenly protection, and completely set free, sustained by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Be blessed.