

Family

- ❖ We must first understand that God's Word has final authority – Mat. 24:35; Isa. 55:11; Mat. 4:4
 - Without the Word, our path is not lit – Psa. 119:105
- ❖ God established the concept and construct of family
 - Gen. 1:28, 2:24
 - Notice what God did with Noah – Gen. 6:18
 - Notice what God did with Abraham – Gen. 12:4-5
 - Family matters to God – Exo. 20:21
 - Notice the terms used Biblically in reference to family:
 - Honor – Exo. 20:21; Mal. 1:6-8; Pro. 1:8-9
 - Covenant – Mat. 22:32; look at circumcision (Gen. 17:12-13)
 - Character and lineage – Gal. 3:26-29; John 8:30-43; Mat. 12:46-50
 - We, the church are the bride of Christ – Eph. 5:22-33
- ❖ As believers, we have at least 3 families: biological mother, biological father, Heavenly Father
 - We are born into the biological but born again into the spiritual – Rom. 8:15
 - The spiritual family is not limited by ethnicity or race – Rev. 7:9
- ❖ God provides us a sense of belonging and should provide us covering and love
- ❖ God moves through family – Luke 1:26-31; 2:41-52
- ❖ The enemy is after the Biblical family – Gen. 3:15 (head vs heel)
 - Throughout history, the enemy wanted to destroy the family, especially through the boys –
 - In Egypt – Exo. 1:15-22; Acts 7:19-23
 - In Babylon – Dan. 1:1-8
 - Jesus in Egypt – Mat. 2:13-15
- ❖ The enemy is after your seed and ultimately your lineage!