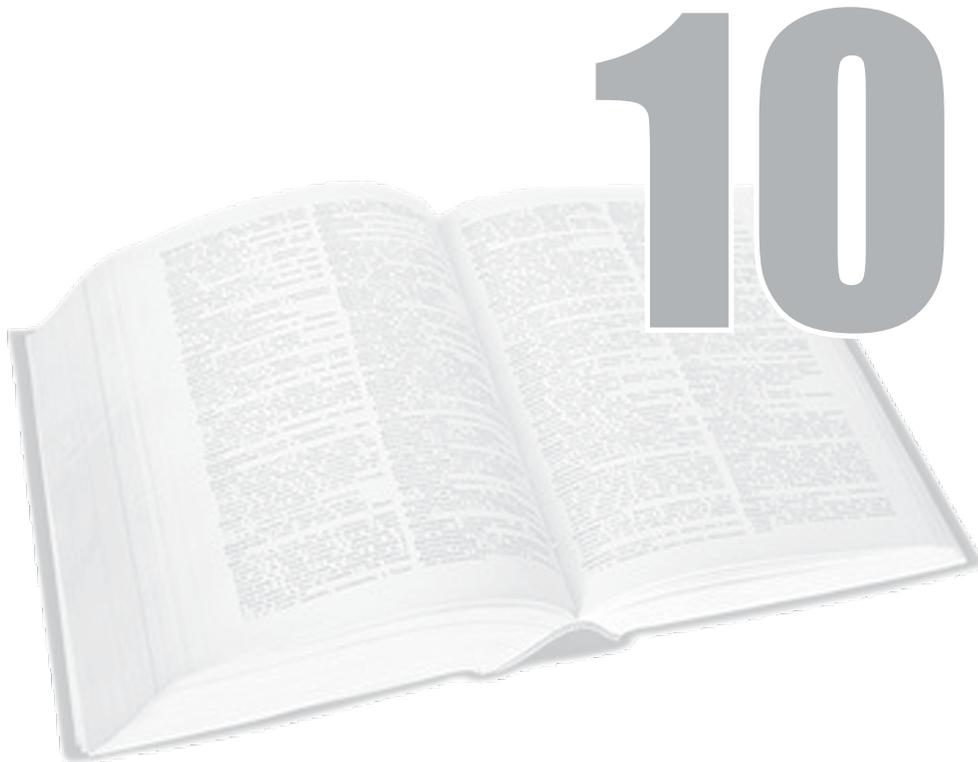


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► Put Your Family In God's Care

When you look around at all of the terrors and wickedness in the world, it is natural to worry about the safety and well-being of your family. God provides a solution. Put your family in His care. No where else will you find a better friend, wiser counselor or a more powerful bodyguard.

Why does my family need care?

1) Psalm 91:3-6 - These verses mention several things we should not fear. In your opinion, which of the following modern problems may be included in the items mentioned in this text?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ebola Virus | <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Drive-by shootings | <input type="checkbox"/> Television |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pornography | <input type="checkbox"/> War | <input type="checkbox"/> Gang activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonic activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disasters | <input type="checkbox"/> AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

2) I John 3:8, John 8:44 - By whom did sin and evil originate? _____

3) I Peter 5:6-8 - Who is seeking to devour you? _____

Who can you cast all your cares upon? _____

How does God help?

4) Psalm 91:11 - Who did God promise to send to help protect and help us? _____

5) In your opinion, angels are (see Psalm 148:1-5, Hebrews 1:13-14, Revelation 12:7-9):

- Real beings Figurative beings Symbols for God's protection Don't know

6) If you could choose a best friend for someone in your family, what qualities would you choose?

7) John 15:15 - Do you believe you are a friend of Jesus?

- Yes No Don't know

What should I do?

8) Psalm 91:9-10, 14-15 - List three things we must do in order to experience God's security:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

9) John 15:10 - This text teaches that we abide in His love as we keep His commandments. In your opinion do these commandments include (see also Mark 10:19, Mark 7:7-13)?

- 10 Commandments The sayings of Jesus only Every command in the Bible Don't know

10) John 15:9, John 3:16 - God loves you and each member of your family. To what extent do you think you comprehend God's love? Perfectly Quite well Partially Very Little

Discuss:

- What is my biggest fear about my family?
- What things can I do to help other family members trust in God's care?

God is not responsible for sin, but He is allowing it to occur for a time, so all may clearly see the results of a government lacking His righteous principles. Very soon, His love, character and law will be vindicated. Through these difficult times, He promises to guide, protect and comfort. Your family couldn't be in better hands!

► Interact as a Family of Christians

Relationships are most often the source of our greatest joys, as well as the cause of our most intense pain. God designed each of us so that we can make others sing for joy. All too often, however, we reach in with clumsy fingers and pluck the heart strings of a friend or family member. This Bible study will lead to harmonious relationships in our homes where it matters most.

How should all Christians interact?

- 1) Romans 12:10 - Christ's followers should be kind and loving, in honour _____ [to lead the way for, show deference] one another.
- 2) Ephes. 5:21 - Christians should _____ to each other.

How should wives and husbands interact?

- 3) Ephes. 5:22-24 - A wife should submit to her husband, as the _____ submits to Christ.
- 4) Ephes. 5:25-28 - A husband should _____ himself for his wife, just like Christ did for the church.

Both marriage partners, just like all Christians are to submit to the other. The wife is to submit to the husband, but the husband is to love in a sacrificial way. This is protection for both. If the husband is unselfish then the wife can safely allow him to lead. It is almost like letting one child cut the cake and the other one have first choice. The rights of both are protected in a Christian marriage.

How should children interact with their parents?

- 5) Ephes. 6:1-3 - A child should _____ and _____ [prize, value] his/her parents.
- 6) John 19:25-27 - Jesus told His disciple John, "Behold thy _____ ." Just like Jesus, older children should make sure that their parents are taken care of.

How should a mother interact with her children?

- 7) Proverbs 29:15 - A Mother should not leave her child to _____ .

How should a father interact with his children?

- 8) Ephes. 6:4 - A Father should not _____ his children.
- 9) What do you think it means when the Bible says "provoke not your children to wrath"?
 don't tease children don't discipline don't do anything to make children angry
 don't be unfair don't take out hostility and anger on children
- 10) Ephes. 6:4 - A Father should instruct his children in the _____ [call attention to, warn, understanding] of the Lord.

Discuss:

- What are some ways I can help my family interact better?
- Parents - Can your children say "My mother/father is a godly person?"
- Children - What should you do if a parent instructs you to do something contrary to the word of God?

A common thought expressed by children today is that they are not loved. The enemy has planted this idea in the minds of many. Next month's Bible Exploration studies how to demonstrate love for each other, patterned after the powerful manner in which God demonstrates His love for each one of us.

▶ Count Your Blessings

Love is the most powerful force in the universe. Yet it is often distorted and misunderstood. This Bible lesson clarifies the true nature of love and opens the channel for this force to make a dynamic impact where it matters most; in our families.

What should I not forget?

1) Psalm 103:1-2 - Forget not all His _____ .

How does God demonstrate His love for me?

2) Psalm 103:3-8 - The Lord demonstrates His love to us in many ways. Which are the most meaningful to you?

- Forgives sin Heals diseases Saves your life Gives good things
 Provides justice Gives mercy Makes His ways known

3) What is the greatest demonstration of love?

John 15:13 - That a man _____ down his _____ .

Life isn't all blessings. Can't I be sad sometimes?

4) 2 Cor. 6:10 - As _____ , yet always rejoicing...

as having _____ , and yet possessing _____ .

5) Ephes 1:3 - He has blessed us with all _____ blessings. Note: The full out-pouring of physical blessings, waits until the second coming.

What things help me to think positively?

6) Philip. 4:8 - Things that are _____ [not concealing], _____ [honorable, venerable], _____ [equitable, innocent], _____ [clean, innocent],

_____ [friendly towards, acceptable], of _____

[well spoken of, reputable], have _____ [valor, excellence],

and _____ [commendable thing].

7) Which of the following most helps me form a positive picture of God?

- School Home Church Neighbors TV
 Friends Video Games Books Sports VBS

How can family members demonstrate love for one another?

8) I John 3:17-18 - Not just with words, but by _____ [toil, an act, work] and in _____ .

9) I John 5:2-3 - By loving God, and keeping His _____ .

10) I Peter 3:8-9 - Don't render evil for evil, but contrariwise [on the contrary] _____ .

Discuss:

- What are some ways that each member of my family has demonstrated that they love me? Thank them.
- What are some things that keep me from thinking positively?

Forgiveness is an integral part of how God demonstrates His love for us. In the next Bible Exploration, we will study the importance of forgiveness among family members. A happy home involves not only forgiving someone else, but learning how to accept their forgiveness and to move forward in newness of life.

► Forgive Each Other

Too often, family members hurt each other with angry words and careless actions. Sometimes, it can be difficult to forgive. But, when we turn to God for renewing power and consider how much He forgives us, it becomes much easier.

Who provides the best example of forgiveness?

- 1) Ephes. 4:32 - Forgive each other as _____ has forgiven you.
- 2) Psalm 86:5 - "For thou, _____, art good, and _____ to forgive."

Why do I hurt/wrong other members of my family?

- 3) Romans 3:23 - "_____ have sinned" (see also I John 1:8). *Everyone has made mistakes, for everyone has sinned. But Christ offers grace, which empowers us to overcome sin and stop hurting each other.*
- 4) I John 3:12 - "Because his own works were _____, and his brother's _____." *Jealousy, defensiveness and resisting good causes hurtful behaviour.*

When should I forgive? Let's look at God's example. When does God forgive us?

- 5) I John 1:9 - "If we _____ [assent, acknowledge] our sins" (see also 2 Chron 7:14).
- 6) Matt. 6:9-15 - "As we forgive our _____ [sinner, delinquent, over]" (see also Luke 6:37).

God's forgiveness is always there. However, we must claim it, in faith and obedience, in order to receive pardon. In the same way, we should always have forgiveness in our hearts, ready for those who have wronged us.

Do I always have to forgive?

- 7) Matt. 18:21-22 - Jesus said to forgive your brother until _____ *This is probably a figurative number, meaning that your forgiveness should never run out.*

Does forgiveness mean just silently putting up with everything done to me?

- 8) Luke 17:3 - "If thy brother trespass against thee, _____ [censure, admonish] him."
- 9) Genesis chapter 42-45 - *The story of Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers who sold him into slavery demonstrates how he thoroughly tested them before trusting them. He wasn't angry or vengeful with them, but was careful until he knew if they had changed.*
- 10) Matt. 10:23 - "When they persecute you in this city, _____ ye into another." *Jesus instructed His disciples to flee in certain situations (see also Luke 21:21).*
- 11) Luke 6:27-31 - "Do _____ to them which hate you, _____ them that curse you..."
- 12) Isaiah 53:7 - "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his _____." *There may be times when God calls us, after Jesus' example, to silently submit to wrong treatment.*

How should I forgive?

- 13) Matt. 18:32-35 - Jesus says to forgive "from your _____" [thoughts, feelings, mind].

Discuss:

- What can I do to help me love and forgive more easily (see I John 4:21 and I John 5:2-3)?
- Is there someone in my family that I haven't forgiven yet?
- After confessing my sins to God, do I still feel guilt? How can I let go of guilty feelings?

► Submit Your Heart to God

Wouldn't this world be a wonderful place if there were no more cursing, stealing and committing adultery? What if everyone in your family always told the truth and honored their father and mother? Did you know that through the power of the new covenant these principles of love are placed in your heart? When you enter into the new covenant (agreement or contract) with God, a desire comes into your heart to follow Him, to know more about His love, to obey Him, to honor and serve Him.

What happened to the first covenant that God made with His people?

1) Jeremiah 31:31-33 - "...my covenant they _____."

Did God find fault with the people or with the covenant?

2) Hebrews 8:8-9 - "For finding fault with _____."

What would God write in the heart of believers in the new covenant?

3) Jeremiah 31:33 - "I will put my _____ in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts."

What makes the new covenant so much better than the old?

4) Hebrews 8:6 - It "was established upon better _____." When the first covenant was made, the people promised to obey. They relied on their own power and failed miserably. In the new covenant, God makes the promises. He gives you the power to obey by writing the law in your heart.

What are the main differences between the covenants?

5) 2 Cor. 3:3 - It is "written not with _____, but with the _____ of the living God; not in tables of _____, but in fleshy tables of the _____." The difference is where the law is written and the source of power to keep the covenant (self vs. God's Spirit).

What is my part in the new covenant?

6) Hebrews 3:7-10 - "They do alway err in their _____"

7) Matthew 15:8 - People honour "me with their _____; but their heart is _____ from _____."

8) Jeremiah 29:13 - "And ye shall _____ me, and _____ me, when ye shall _____ for me with all your _____."

The Bible makes it clear that our hearts [Greek = mind, thoughts, feelings] are pivotal in keeping a covenant with God. Giving your heart to God involves sincerity, eliminating self deception, and acknowledgment of God's complete discernment (see also Matt. 5:21-22, 27-28, James 1:26, Heb. 4:12).

9) Psalm 51:10 "_____ in me a _____ heart, O God."

God wants your heart. However, He does not force you to submit your heart to Him. You may freely make the choice or not. If you desire to enter into the new covenant with God, your part is to submit your heart. Then, He can begin to write on it, actually recreating it, giving you a new birth. This is the key to family harmony. Your motives will be purified, your thoughts uplifted, your desires unselfish. Kind acts will occur spontaneously, naturally, instead of through external conformity, often-failing willpower, or gritted teeth. The greatest part about it, is also what ensures its success; God's promises to do the work for you, and His promises never fail.

Discuss:

- Has someone ever broken a promise to you? What did you do?
- Did you ever do something good, but question whether your motives were good? Was your heart really in it?
- What if you do not want to submit your heart? Can God help you "want to want to submit your heart?"

► Overcome Destroying Habits

Everyone has experienced a bad habit at some point in his or her life, whether a subtle tendency or a very destructive addiction. Some habits are easily broken and others require much time and even professional help. The more cherished and destructive the habit, the worse effect it has on the addicted person's family.

What are destroying habits?

- 1) Read Gal. 5:19-21. What modern day addictions might best fit into this text's description of "works of the flesh?"
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Overeating | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

What do destroying habits falsely promise?

- 2 Peter 2:18-19 - "they promise them _____." Many destroying habits initially appear as if they will bring happiness, freedom, friendship and fulfillment. But in the end, they bring bondage.

What leads to developing destroying habits?

- 3) Rank the following items according to how much influence each has on you, and would be most likely to pull you into a destroying habit (1 is the most influential and 5 is the least).
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| A) Worldly music, movies, video games and TV | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B) The pain/depression of a difficult experience | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C) Discontentment, restlessness, dissatisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D) Not staying busy, inactivity, boredom | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E) Admiration of someone who makes a destroying habit look harmless and fun | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| F) Fantasizing, daydreaming | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| G) Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 4) Read Lamentations 3: 1-18. Have you ever felt like this passage might describe your experience? Depression and feeling trapped can often lead to destroying habits. Which of the descriptions do you most struggle with?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bitterness | <input type="checkbox"/> Weighed down in chains | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardship | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer seems shut out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No prosperity | <input type="checkbox"/> Mocked by people | <input type="checkbox"/> Walled in | <input type="checkbox"/> Alone and without help |

How can I overcome destroying habits?

- 5) Continue reading in Lamentations chapter 3, verses 21-41. The prophet gives hope. Which of the following things do you think would most help to lift your feelings?
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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Putting my hope in the Lord | <input type="checkbox"/> Seeking the Lord | <input type="checkbox"/> Searching and trying my ways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting quietly for the Lord | <input type="checkbox"/> Remembering God's mercies | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
- 6) Proverbs 4:23 - _____ your heart with all diligence.
- 7) Psalm 119: 9-11 "By taking _____ thereto according to thy _____ ."
- 8) I John 5:4-5 - _____ that Jesus is the Son of God.
- 9) I John 2:15-17 Realize that "The world _____ away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth _____ ." (see also Phil. 4:8, Rom. 8:5-6, Gal. 5:24)

What does God want for me?

- 10) John 10:10 - "I am come that they might have _____, and that they might have it more _____ ." God not only wants you to live, but to live life fully.

We are mental, physical and spiritual beings. Sometimes we need counseling to deal with emotions. We may require physicians and health specialists to deal with the body. Spiritual healing comes from God, studying His word and fellowship with His people. The Bible says that faith is the victory that overcomes the world. If you are fighting an addiction to food, drugs, sex, alcohol, or other, begin by affirming the assurance of acceptance in the blood of Christ. Ask God for deliverance. Believe He will answer your prayer. Be willing to obey. Move forward and take advantage of programs and information dealing with your addiction.

► Worship Together

Did you ever wish your family could spend more quality time together? It can be difficult to coordinate schedules and set aside a time to be together. However, it is worth the effort! Family worship provides an excellent opportunity to gather together and to really connect with each other. It brings a pause to the hectic busy pace and allows each family member time to refocus on the important things.

Who should we worship?

- 1) Matt. 4:10 - "Worship the _____ thy _____, and him only shalt thou serve."
- 2) Rev. 14:7 - "Worship _____ that _____, and earth, and the sea."

What is worship?

- 2) Psalm 95:6 - "Let us worship and _____." *The Hebrew and Greek words translated to "Worship" in the Bible mean to do reverence, recognize supremacy, and to bow or fall flat. When a person begins to understand God's holiness, complete goodness and power, in infinite contrast with his/her own weakness, sinfulness and utter dependence, he/she then becomes capable of true worship.*

Why do we worship?

- 3) Psalm 138:2 - For God's _____ and _____.
Worship God because He loves you and because He tells you the truth.
- 4) Rev. 15:4 - "For thy _____ [an equitable deed, decision] are made manifest."
God's decisions and actions are right. He is just and fair in all he does.
- 5) I Cor. 14:25 God knows "the _____ of" our hearts. *God knows everything about us. When we realize our sinfulness and His discerning power, we worship.*

What accompanies or results from worship?

As a person gains an understanding of God, which enables true worship of Him, it results in other actions. The following texts reveal several things your family can do together in worship.

- 6) 2 Chron. 7:3 - The children of Israel "worshipped, and _____ the Lord."
- 7) Neh. 9:3 - They "_____ in the book of the law...they _____, and worshipped the Lord their God."
- 8) I Chron. 16:29 - "Bring an _____, and come before him: worship the Lord."

Why should I worship with my family? Isn't it good enough to worship on my own?

- 9) Matt. 18:20 - "For where _____ or _____ are gathered together in my name, there am I in the _____ of them."
- 10) Heb. 10:25 - Don't forsake "_____ of ourselves _____."
- 11) Leviticus 23:3 - The Sabbath is a "holy _____ [public meeting, assembly]."

While the Bible definitely promotes individual worship, it also teaches the benefits and importance of worshipping in groups. This includes privately with family and or friends and publicly at church.

What is the key to true worship?

- 12) John 4:23 - "Worship the Father in _____ and in _____." *True worship is done in the mind (spirit) and honestly, according to God's word (see also Acts 24:14, Philip 3:1).*

Discuss:

- What can I do to help make it easier for my family to regularly meet together for worship?
- What can I do if I don't have a desire to worship God?

Yes, family worship, and even church attendance, can be difficult to coordinate. But an abundance of blessings are received. Talk to your family about placing a priority on worship and get a commitment from each family member to be there.

► Become Financially Content

One of the greatest challenges families encounter is financial stress. Bills, debt, budgets, savings, and differing opinions on how to handle each, often causes disagreements and strain on family relationships. God's word reveals standards for managing money, promises of riches, and the pathway to financial contentment.

When it comes to financial problems, what do I worry about the most?

- Lacking in the basic necessities in life, such as food, clothing and shelter
- Inability for my family to pursue desired education, travel, sports, music and other learning opportunities
- Inability to go on vacation, purchase luxury items and enjoy recreational pursuits
- What others will think/Letting someone down/Feeling like a failure
- Other: _____

What can help me let go of my financial worries?

- 2) Psalm 55:22 "Cast thy _____ upon the Lord, and he shall _____ thee."

Instead of worrying about the basic needs of life, what should I do?

- 3) Matt. 6:24-34 - "But seek ye first the _____ of _____, and his _____; and all these things shall be added unto you."
- 4) 1 Tim. 6:6-8 "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith _____."

What does God want me to do with my money?

- 5) Luke 14:28 - Sit down _____ and count the _____. *Plan ahead.*
- 6) Proverbs 24:3-4 - Through _____ is a house built...and by _____ filled with all precious riches. *Study and learn before spending.*
- 7) Mal. 3:8-10 - Don't rob God, but pay _____ [a tenth] and _____.

If I have earthly riches, what is important for me to know?

- 8) 1 Tim. 6:17 "Be not _____ [arrogant], nor _____ in uncertain riches."
- 9) Matt. 13:22 The "_____ of riches," which choke the word.

Why is it not wise to put too much importance on earthly riches?

- 10) Matt. 6:19-21 - _____ and rust doth corrupt, and _____ break through and steal.
- 11) 1 Tim. 6:9-12 "They have erred...and pierced themselves through with many _____."
- 12) Read Luke 18:18-30. This young ruler desired to follow Christ, but was hindered by his unwillingness to sacrifice riches and position. What specific things in my life get between my desire to follow Christ and actually doing it.

What can I expect if I surrender everything to God and follow His teachings?

- 13) Matt. 19:29 Receive an _____, and inherit everlasting _____.
- 14) Deut. 7:12-13 "He will love thee, and _____ thee, and _____ thee."

Discuss:

- Which Bible principles can I apply in my life to best help reduce the financial stress in my family?
- How can my family make God our financial partner?

God invites us into a saving relationship with Him. He wants to perform financial miracles in our lives. Our part is to trust Him to take care of our needs, be content with whatever we have, and demonstrate our trust by returning to Him a portion of the income with which He blesses us. In the place of making material goods the great object of life, seek God's will, and you will receive blessings unimaginable.

► Be At Peace With the Future

We've learned in prior studies how to be content, stop worrying and let God provide for our needs in this life. However, what about after we die? There is much confusion and many theories about the "afterlife". Apprehension about the future and fear of death is natural. Let's look at what God promises us for our future.

What will make the future peaceful?

1) Rev. 21:3 "The tabernacle of _____ is with men, and he will _____ with them, and God himself shall be _____ them, and be their God."

What will eventually disappear?

2) Rev. 21:4 "And there shall be no more _____, neither _____... neither shall there be any more _____."

What does God promise to each believer who dies?

- 3) John 6:40 - "...may have _____ life...and I will _____ him up at the last day."
- 4) I Thes. 4:13-18 - "...the dead in Christ shall _____ first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds...and so shall we ever be _____ the Lord." (I Peter 1:3-5)
- 5) I Cor. 15:51-54 - "...the dead shall be raised _____ [undecaying, immortal], and we shall be changed." When people die, they "sleep" (John 11:11-14) in the grave until the end of time when Christ resurrects them (John 5:28-29, 2 Tim. 2:18, Isaiah 14:9). At that time, their bodies are changed and will never decay.

What happens when a person dies?

- 6) Psalm 146:4 - "...in that very day his _____ perish."
- 7) Eccles. 9:10 - "There is no _____, nor device, nor knowledge, nor _____, in the grave, whither thou goest." Dead people do not "haunt" the living or have any part in life. There is no reason to fear dead people, for the dead do not know anything (Eccles 9:5).

What happens to those who do not believe in God?

- 8) Rev. 21:8 - "Shall have their part in the lake which burneth...which is the second _____." The opposite of eternal life (the reward of the righteous) is not eternal torment, but rather eternal death (the reward of the wicked).
- 9) Obadiah 1:16 - "...they shall be as though they _____ not _____." When unbelievers die, they "sleep" in the grave until the end of time (just like believers do). Then, at end of time (Rev. 20:5-6), they lose their life forever. You can be assured that God does not eternally torment anyone.
- 10) Rev. 20:13-15 - "_____ and _____ [place of departed souls, grave] were cast into the lake of fire." The lake of fire destroys the wicked. However, death and hell will also be destroyed forever (I Cor. 15:26). The happiness of heaven is made certain by making an end of sin and death forever.

The Hebrew and Greek words "Sheol" and "Haides" were translated into the word "Hell" in various places throughout the Bible. The original words actually mean "grave or place of the dead" and are often used in association with words such as depths, going down, the lowest, pit, beneath, etc. It is easy to get confused about the meaning of the word "Hell", because the original word "Ghehennah" (used 11 times in the NT) was also translated into "Hell". However, it refers to "a place of burning" and is associated with being cast into the the lake of fire at the end of time. Thus, hell is understandably misunderstood today and commonly thought of as a place of eternal torment that can begin as soon as you die and last forever. This unfortunately can create fear, resentment and accusations towards God. Knowing that God's love and mercy allow us to "sleep" undisturbed until the resurrection is a great comfort. In the end, the wicked will mercifully cease to exist. The "afterlife" will be one of uninterrupted happiness, dwelling with God, and everlasting life without pain, death and sorrow. We will have peace. Our future is secure!

► Recognize Your True Inheritance

This Bible exploration series has focused on family; how to appreciate, interact and forgive each other, the importance of placing each other in God's hands and the benefits of being family. The peace and beauty of a family that follows God, gives us a taste of the wonderful unity and joy of our heavenly family and future inheritance.

What does Jesus consider me?

1) Matt. 12:46-50 "The same is my _____, and _____, and mother."

Why would God consider me as family?

2) 1 John 3:1-2 "Behold, what manner of _____ the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the _____ of God." *He loves us!*

3) Galatians 4:6-7 "...and if a son, then an heir of God _____." *Jesus, as the Son of God, by making us His brothers and sisters, also makes us children of God.*

4) 2 Cor. 6:17-18 "Wherefore _____ from among them..." *We choose Him and obey Him.*

Is being a part of Christ's family more important than my earthly family?

5) Luke 14:26 "If any man come to me, and _____ not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." *At first, this text may seem to be teaching that in order to truly follow Christ a person must leave his/her family, or at least not like them very much. However, the Greek word translated into hate can simply mean to love less. This text then, would rather be about priorities and emphasizing the importance of putting Jesus first in our lives (see also Matt. 10:37-38).*

What evidence do I have that God's considers me His child?

6) Matt. 7:9-11 "...shall your Father which is in heaven give _____."

7) Hebrews 12:7-8 "...for what son is he whom the father _____ not?"

8) Romans 8:14-17 "For as many as are _____ by the _____ of God, they are the sons of God...The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit."

What is given to every child of God?

9) Col. 3:23-24 "...receive the reward of the _____: for ye serve the Lord."

How is it possible for me to obtain my inheritance?

10) Col. 1:12 "Giving thanks unto the _____, which hath made us _____ [enable, qualify, fit in character] to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."

11) Heb. 9:14-17 "...that by means of _____...they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

What is included in my inheritance?

12) Rev. 21:7 "He that overcometh shall inherit _____...and he shall be my son."

13) Matt. 19:29 "...and shall inherit _____."

14) Matt. 25:34 "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the _____ prepared for you."

Discuss:

- If Christ is my brother, how does that affect the way I relate to other believers?
- How does my heavenly inheritance differ from my earthly inheritance? (see 1 Peter 1:3-9)

It is no small thing to be a son or daughter of The Most High! How will you respond to His invitation?

"FAMILY FOUNDATIONS"

10 Bible Exploration Worksheets

► Answers to Worksheets

Worksheet 1 - Put Your Family in God's Care:

(1) NA (2) The Devil (3) The Devil, God (4) Angels (5) NA (6) NA (7) NA (8) Make the Lord thy habitation, set your love upon God, know God's name, call upon God (9) NA (10) NA

Worksheet 2 - Interact as a Family of Christians:

(1) preferring (2) submit (3) church (4) give (5) obey, honour (6) mother (7) himself (8) provoke (9) NA (10) admonition

Worksheet 3 - Count Your Blessings:

(1) benefits (2) NA (3) lay, life (4) sorrowful, nothing, all things (5) spiritual (6) true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, virtue, praise (7) NA (8) deed, truth (9) commandments (10) blessings

Worksheet 4 - Forgive Each Other:

(1) God (2) Lord, ready (3) all (4) evil, righteous (5) confess (6) debtors (7) seventy times seven (8) rebuke (9) N/A (10) flee (11) good, bless (12) mouth (13) heart

Worksheet 5 - Submit Your Heart to God:

(1) brake (2) them (3) law (4) promises (5) ink, Spirit, stone, heart (6) heart (7) lips, far, me (8) seek, find, search, heart (9) create, clean

Worksheet 6 - Overcome Destroying Habits:

(1) N/A (2) liberty (3) N/A (4) N/A (5) N/A (6) keep (7) heed, word (8) believe (9) passeth, for, ever (10) life, abundantly.

Worksheet 7 - Worship Together:

(1) Lord, God (2a) Him, made, heaven (2b) bow down (3) lovingkindness, truth (4) judgments (5) secrets (6) praised (7) read, confessed (8) offering (9) two, three, midst (10) assembling, together (11) convocation (12) spirit, truth

Worksheet 8 - Become Financially Content:

(1) NA (2) burden, sustain (3) kingdom, God, righteousness (4) content (5) first, cost (6) wisdom, knowledge (7) tithes, offerings (8) highminded, trust (9) deceitfulness (10) moth, thieves (11) sorrows (12) NA (13) hundredfold, life (14) bless, multiply

Worksheet 9 - Be At Peace With the Future:

(1) God, dwell, with (2) death, sorrow, pain (3) everlasting, raise (4) rise, with (5) incorruptible (6) thoughts (7) work, wisdom (8) death (9) had, been (10) death, hell

Worksheet 10 - Recognize Your True Inheritance:

(1) brother, sister (2) love, sons (3) through Christ (4) come out (5) hate (6) good things (7) chasteneth (8) led, Spirit (9) inheritance (10) father, meet (11) death (12) all things (13) everlasting life (14) kingdom