

# God in our Families

Lessons from  
Deuteronomy 6



## Deuteronomy 6:1-3

**1** Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess,

**2** that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

**3** Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’

## Outline

- A. Loving God fervently
- B. Teaching His Ways diligently
- C. Explaining His Faithfulness conscientiously

### A. Loving God fervently

#### Deuteronomy 6:4-5

4 Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God, the Lord is one!

5 You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.



## A. Loving God fervently

### Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.



## B. Teaching His Ways diligently - Teach Obedience

### Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NIV)

**6** These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **7** Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **8** Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. **9** Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.





### Teach / Impress:

- when you sit
- when you walk
- when you lie down
- when you rise up

**Make Godliness your instinctive response.**

INSTRUCTIVE LESSONS

### Putting the commands:

- on the hands
- on the foreheads
- on the door posts
- on the gates



## B. Teaching His Ways diligently - Teach Gratitude

### Deuteronomy 6:10-12

- 10** So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build,
- 11** houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full—
- 12** then beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.



## B. Teaching His Ways diligently

**Prosperity** can breed  
complacency, contempt  
and apostasy  
in the next generation



## C. Explaining His Faithfulness conscientiously

### Deuteronomy 6:20-24

**20** When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord our God has commanded you?' **21** then you shall say to your son: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; **22** and the Lord showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household. **23** Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers. **24** And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

# Proclaim God as:

- Redeemer
- Almighty
- Faithful



## Mentor / Model well for our children.

### Children:

- who live with critical parents learn to be critical
- whose parents gossip learn to gossip
- whose parents find all reason to miss church ...
- whose parents are not in ministry ...
- whose parents are mean and calculative ...



# WHO is the GOD we are **TESTIFYING** to our children?

The Joshua 24 Rock

Conclusion

**Teach Inside**

**Reach Outside**

**John 15:4-11**

**4** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.

Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

**5** “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

**John 15:4-11**

**7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

**8** This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

**9** “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** If you keep my

commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.





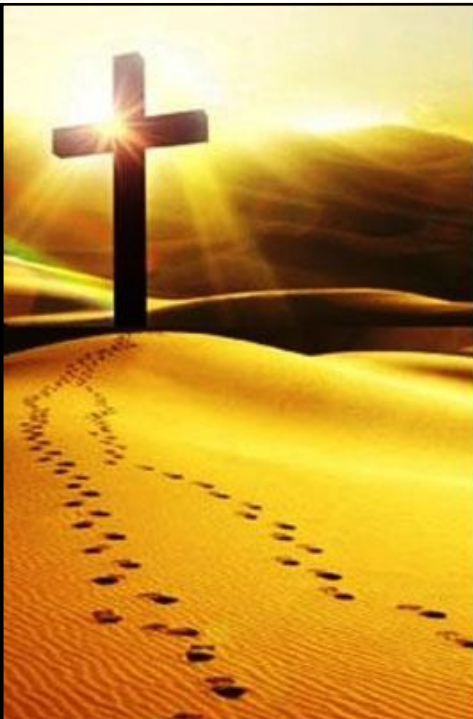
**Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)**

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG)**

Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you

light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

**Conclusion**

Deuteronomy 6 is a call to obedience as evidence of love for God.

And for ministry and outreach to the world through the continuation of the practice and confession of faith from generation to generation.