



THE FAMILY: FORGOTTEN IDOL! (p.2)

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1 Samuel 2:29 Wherefore kick ye
at my sacrifice and at mine
offering, which I have commanded
in my habitation; and **honourest**
thy sons above me...?

Luke 18:29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath **left** house, or parents, or brethren, **or wife**, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, **30** Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Luke 14:26 If any man come to me, and **hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life** also, he cannot be my disciple.

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that **forsaketh** not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Genesis 22:12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

Matthew 10:37 He that loveth
father or mother **more than me**
is not worthy of me: and he
that loveth son or daughter
more than me is not worthy of
me.

**1 John 5:2 By this we know
that we love the children of
God, when we love God, and
keep his commandments.**

Matthew 12:46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.

47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Numbers 14:3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

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Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

Leave:

"To part with; lose (one's breath, life)..." (*Oxford Dictionary*)

"To abandon, forsake..." (*Oxford Dictionary*)

Leave:

"To abstain from interfering with...to cease holding, to let go..." (*Oxford Dictionary*)

"To give up..." (*Oxford Dictionary*)

**Galatians 1:10...for if I yet
pleased men, I should not be
the servant of Christ.**

John Glas (1761):

"...a man may make an idol of his wife, and of his children (whom the Gospel commands him to love), by loving them beyond the limits of God's law, or with that love that is due to God alone: but a man's retaining his wife (except in the case wherein he must either give up with God or her) can never be made a proof of his making her his idol; at least, it cannot be a proof of it by the Gospel, which forbids him to put her away, or to leave her."

Frederick W. Faber (1860):

"...idolatry of family ties which nowadays wages such a vigorous warfare against the manliness of Christian sanctity."

The Friend of Youth, and Child's Magazine
(1862):

"Some people make money their god. Some make eating and drinking their god. Sometimes a husband will make an idol of his wife; or she will make an idol out of a husband."

Dwight L. Moody (d. 1899):

"People who live in America think there is no such thing as idolatry...Don't flatter yourselves... A man may make an idol of his wife or children..."

R.A. Torrey (1924):

"The third hindrance to prayer is found in Ez. 14:3...IDOLS IN THE HEART CAUSE GOD TO REFUSE TO LISTEN TO OUR PRAYERS..."

“God alone has the right to the supreme place in our hearts. Everything and everyone else must be subordinate to Him.”

"Many a man makes an idol of his wife...he can put her in the wrong place, he can put her before God; and when a man regards his wife's pleasure before God's pleasure, when he gives her the first place and God the second place, his wife is an idol, and God cannot hear his prayers."

"Many a woman makes an idol of her children...The more dearly we love Christ, the more dearly we love our children; but we can put our children in the wrong place, we can put them before God, and their interests before God's interests. When we do this our children are our idols."

"Never have so many children killed their parents and never have so many parents killed their children. We are so confused that the courts are filled with children who have called the hot-line to accuse their parents of abuse and with parents turning their children over to the state for care via some psychiatric diagnosis...When the family takes precedence and becomes the center of focus, it is idolatry..."

(Gary L. Almy, M.D., *PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter*, January-February 2000)