

**“Teaching Praise in Family Worship”; Session # 9 on Family Worship,  
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Last week I was trying to show you how absolutely necessary it is to teach your children, while you are engaged in family worship, about their need to be converted to Christ if they would understand spiritual things and enter the kingdom of heaven. You need to explain to them that this requires both humbling oneself and believing in Christ’s finished work on the cross.

Matthew 19: 13-15 – “Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.” “But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” “And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.” Explain to them that conversion to Christ is trusting that Christ has done all that is necessary to merit favor with God, for them. They cannot add any of their good works or good intentions, or their determination to do what is right at all times, or what they think might be pleasing to God. God cannot accept anything short of perfection. And perfection is not found in any person except the Lord Jesus. It is trusting in Christ alone which brings salvation and the necessary grace to do and keep any of God’s commandments from the right motivation, which is to glorify God by having faith in Christ. Because of Christ’s perfect work of obedience and sacrifice at the cross, they will be accepted by God, and their pursuing righteousness and doing good works will be accepted and acceptable through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 4: 5-8 Even the strength to repent of all of their sins only comes by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 10:18 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1: 5-10

Now this morning I would like you to consider with me the importance of teaching them about the Christian life; what it is that God expects of one who is a Christian.

**1. Teach your children that praise and singing to the Lord is an integral part of personal, family, and public worship, and it is glorifying to God.**

- a. God is expecting those who know Him to worship Him by praising Him.

James 5: 13 Psalm 33: 1 Psalm 69: 29-33 Psalm 92: 1-4 Psalm 97: 7-9

Psalm 147: 1-7 Matthew 26: 30 Ephesians 5: 19 Colossians 3: 16

Proverbs 25: 20 - “Like one who takes away a garment in cold weather, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.” But remember, you are singing to the Lord, who is worthy of all of your praise.

**2. You should teach your children that God expects them to live a life of faith and obedience to His word.**

- a. This begins, you can show them, by understanding basic principles.

1<sup>st</sup> John 2: 15-17 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5: 14 and 15

- b. Show them that living the Christian life is a walk of faith and obedience to God’s word.

Colossians 2: 6 and 7. Colossians 3: 1-5 Ephesians 4: 1 Ephesians 5: 1-13

