

The Family Altar

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Establishing a family altar and being a priest to your family is key to meeting your deepest needs and finding spiritual growth.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:6, Ephesians 6:4, Hebrews 10:25

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes the importance of the 'family altar' in nurturing spiritual growth within the home, addressing the common complaint among Christians about the lack of good churches. He challenges listeners to consider their role as spiritual leaders in their families, urging them to mediate for their loved ones before God. Wilkerson reflects on his own upbringing, where family prayer was a central practice, and encourages families to create a church-like environment at home to meet their spiritual needs. He asserts that when families take on this priestly role, they can find fulfillment and connection with God, regardless of the church they attend.

Transcript

A complaint among Christians all over the world is, "I can't find a good church anywhere! I need a place where my family can be ministered to and where my children can grow up knowing true righteousness."

Too many pastors are constantly trying out new things in church -- new methods of evangelism, new music, new "revival" movements. There is so much hype and foolishness -- all kinds of distractions from the gospel.

What are you looking for in a church? True fellowship? A place for your children to thrive? Good praise and worship? A place where deep needs in your life can be met? If any of these concerns apply to you, I have a very hard question for you: In order to meet these needs, have you searched your heart about being a priest to your family? You claim you can't find a good church -- one that stirs and provokes you and ministers to your children. But have you done the priestly work of mediating for your loved ones before the Lord?

I grew up in a family that observed what used to be called "family altar." My father believed that the verse in Hebrews commanding Christians not to forsake corporate assembly was meant for families as well (see Hebrews 10:25). When time came for family altar in our home, my siblings and I came in from our activities and gathered around our parents for prayer. My father happily took on the role of priest and

shepherd in our home.

What about you? Have you searched your heart about being a priest to your family? When your home becomes a church, all your deepest needs will be met by your Father in heaven. Then you can go to any church, no matter how dead it may seem. Why? Because God will meet you there -- and he can even connect you with others seekers who are hungry to know Jesus better.

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