

THE
LORDSHIP
of CHRIST
IN THE HOME

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:19

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

As Christian parents, we need to be awakened to the fact that we face tremendous opposition. There are many, many evil forces leveled against our children and they seek to undo all the good that we would do.

Proverbs 13:24, 'He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.'

Modern translations emphasize that loving parents are diligent in discipline.

Proverbs 22:15 says, 'Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.' Another translation puts it as 'Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.'

'Folly' here doesn't just mean childish silliness – it refers to **moral foolishness, selfishness and rebellion against what is right.** The bible teaches that this is part of our fallen nature. Even children naturally resist authority, act selfishly and lack wisdom.

This morning, I am sharing you an idea on the greatest thing that you can do for your children. God said about Abraham, **'For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.'**

Genesis 18:19

is a powerful statement where God explains why He chose Abraham. Let's break it down clearly and deeply:



1

God's Sovereign Choice

God is speaking about Abraham. This shows that Abraham's role wasn't accidental.

Hebrew 11:8 says, 'By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed, and he went out, not knowing whither he went.' And the key phrase here is 'when he was called he obeyed.'

2

**‘That He may
command his
children.’**

Abraham was chosen not just for personal blessing, but for spiritual leadership in his family.

'Command' here does not mean harsh control. It means intentional guidance, teaching, and example. Faith is meant to be passed down, not kept private. Abraham passed down his faith to his children and commanded his children.

3 'To keep the
way of the Lord.'

This phrase refers to a lifestyle, not just belief. A lifestyle is how you live every day, not just YOU saying, **'I believe.'** A lifestyle is a consistent habit, a daily choice and your normal way of living.



Daily obedience

The phrase here is found in **Genesis 18:19**, '**he will keep the way of the God.**' God knew that the man who obeyed Him from the start, would teach his children to obey.

Now the Christ Centric link. Where Abraham was called to walk in the 'way of the Lord,' Jesus perfectly fulfilled it. He obeyed the Father completely, even to suffering and death. Philippians 2:8 says, 'He became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.' Jesus didn't just teach obedience, He embodied it.



Righteousness (before God)

This is found in the phrase, **'to do justice.'** God knew that Abraham and his children will display righteousness before Him. **'Righteousness before God,'** means being right in God's sight – accepted by Him, aligned with His standard, and pleasing to Him.



Justice

The phrase is **'to do judgement.'** Judgement in the bible means doing what is right and fair in how you treat others, which is in line with God's character

Biblical judgement means **fairness, protection, restoration and integrity.** All these are not passive but active.

4

Our example

Jesus's earthly father was Joseph. But he too knew his real father is the heavenly father. Jesus as a little boy of 12 said, 'I must be about my Father's business.' What Jesus meant is that I must do what my Father wants me to do.' How did His life end? He was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. All through His life He could say, 'I do always those things that please Him.' It was a life of perfect obedience.

5

God's Promise

'So that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has promised Him.'

This phrase is very rich. It connects God's promise with Abraham's way of life.

A great nation (many descendants)

A land (Canaan)

Blessing to all through him

The phrase, '**so that**' shows a connection. Obedience is the pathway. Yes, the Promise is by grace. But obedience is the path through which the promise unfolds.

How does this apply to us? **Genesis 18:19** becomes very practical. It teaches God's promises and our daily lives connect.

God's blessings today may include:

- **Spiritual blessings**
- **Guidance and Provision**
- **Fruitful relationships and influence**
- **Joy and fulfillment in obedience**

In conclusion

God has amazing promises to those who bring the Lordship of Christ into the home:

God's presence in the home

Generational Blessing. **Proverbs 20:7** says, 'The righteous who walks in his integrity – blessed are his children after him.' A spiritual legacy flows downward.

Wisdom and Direction. **Proverbs 3:5-6** says, 'Trust in the Lord, He will make your paths straight.'

Protection from destructive paths. **Proverbs 22:6** says, 'train up a child in the way he should go.'

Jeremiah 31:17 says, 'There is hope for your future, your children shall come back to their own border.' Some better translation says, 'they will return from the enemy's border.'

Enemy's border can represent sin, rebellion, spiritual drifting and bondage of habits, wrong influences.