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The Altar Project: 10 Reasons to Restore Family Worship

1

It honors God.

Could there be a better reason? For a people whose mission is to call the world to “fear God and give Him glory,” (Rev. 14:7), family worship should be our highest priority and greatest joy.

2

It facilitates revival.

“A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer,” (1 SM, 121). Prayer in the family circle, as well as private prayer, is essential to revival.

3

It puts God first.

Before the heat of the day and the push notifications of Facebook, “seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well,” (Matt. 6:33).

4

It brings the Bible back into the family discourse.

Reading, singing, memorizing, and talking about the Bible foster a biblical worldview. “Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life!”

5

It reminds us of our dependence on God.

Pausing our devices and other home activities to pray and praise God reminds us we belong to Him, and in Him “we live and move and have our being,” (Acts 17:28).

6

It helps keep our children connected to God.

Satan “invents every possible device to engross the mind,” (GC, 519). His purpose is to put such distance between our children and God that they forget Him altogether. Family worship breaks the spell and reconnects our children with their Savior.

7

It turns our homes into households of prayer.

“Fathers and mothers should often lift up their hearts to God in humble supplication for themselves and their children. Let the father, as priest of the household, lay upon the altar of God the morning and evening sacrifice, while the wife and children unite in prayer and praise. In such a household Jesus will love to tarry,” (PP, 144).

8

It is a hedge against temptation.

“Fathers and mothers, however pressing your business, do not fail to gather your family around God’s altar. Ask for the guardianship of holy angels in your home. Remember that your dear ones are exposed to temptations,” (CG, 520).

9

It’s an opportunity to model joy in the worship of God.

Be creative. Don’t make the home altar a place of drudgery and boredom. Through laughter, song, drama, and sharing, make this an age-appropriate time of rejoicing.

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It will revolutionize our church.

As goes the home, goes the church...and the school. We cannot expect the church to awaken from Laodicean slumber if the home is asleep.



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