Teaching Our Families to Respect God

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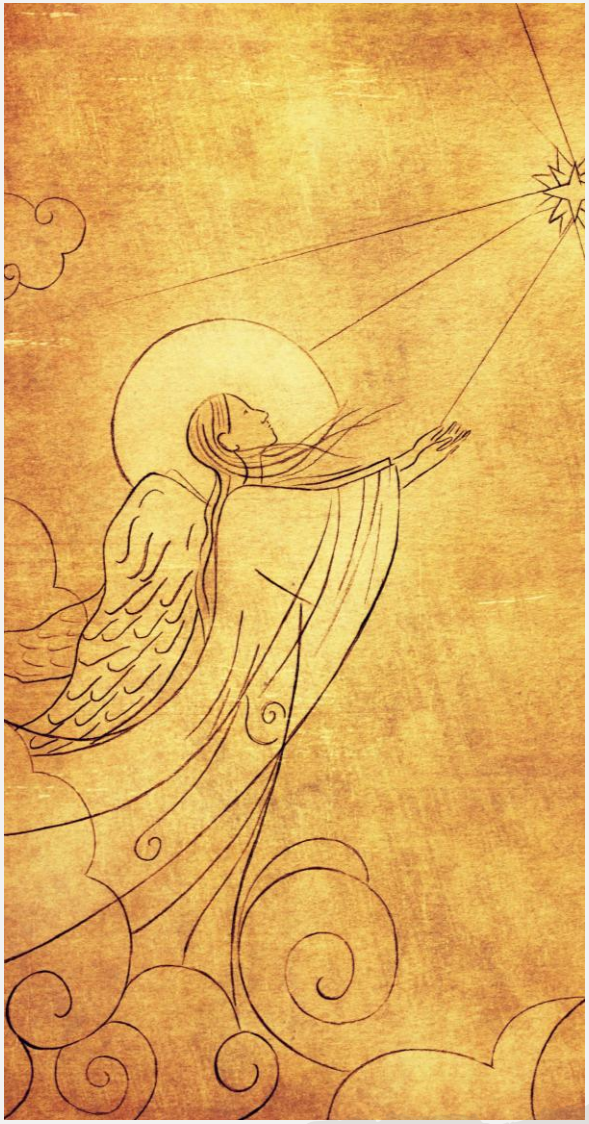

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Generational Disconnect

Each generation failed to pass on knowledge about God's mighty works and His commands.

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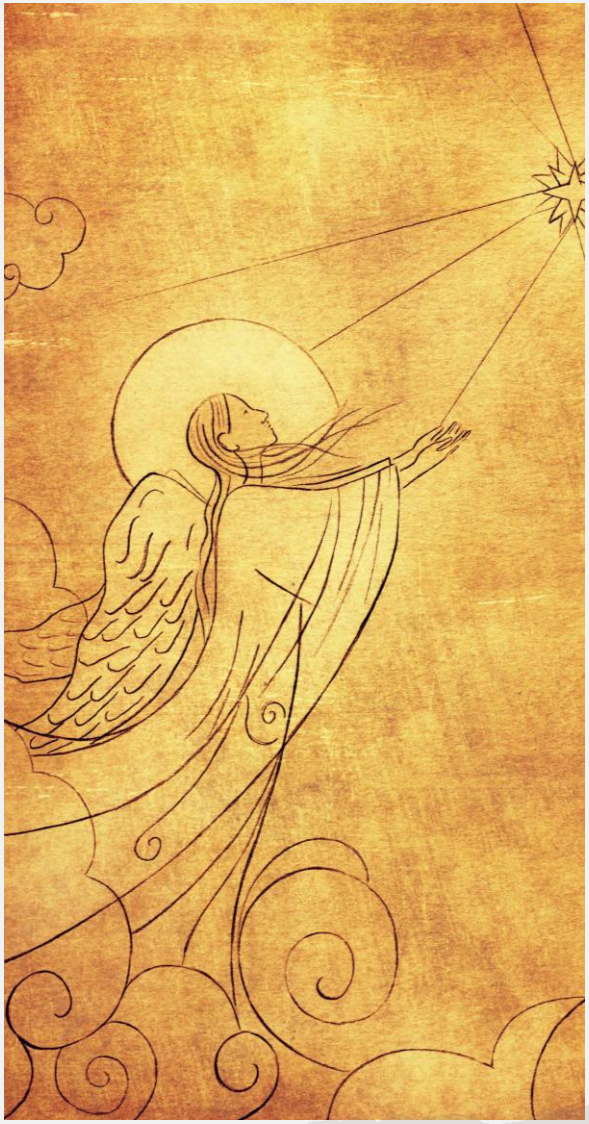

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Cycles of Sin and Repentance

The people of Israel repeatedly turned away from God, leading to cycles of sin, oppression, repentance, and deliverance.

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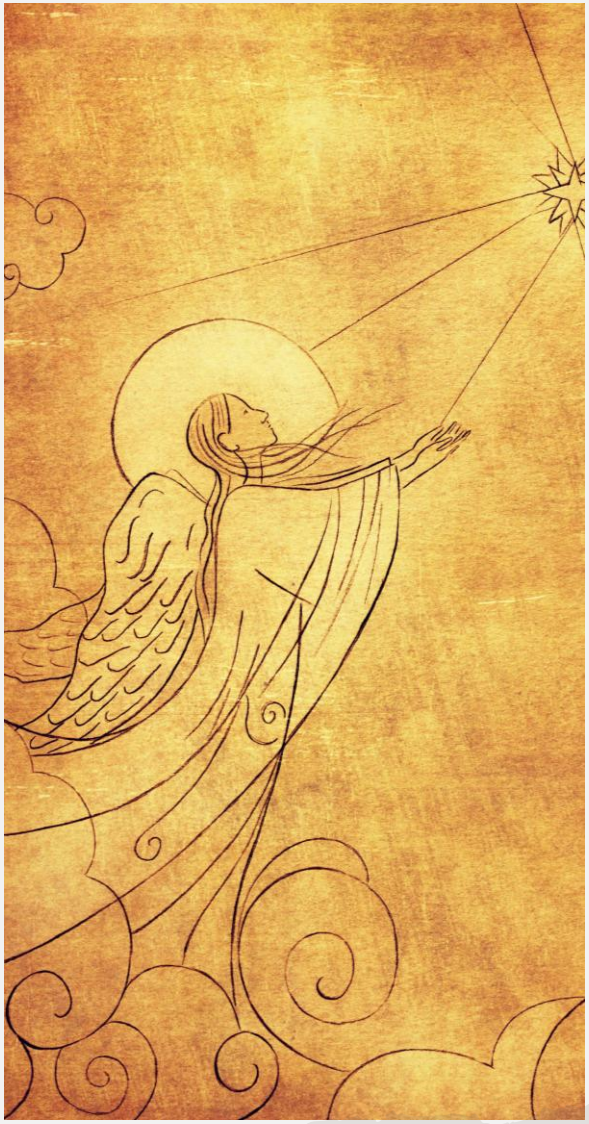

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Spiritual Consequences

Parental neglect led to profound spiritual consequences for the nation of Israel.

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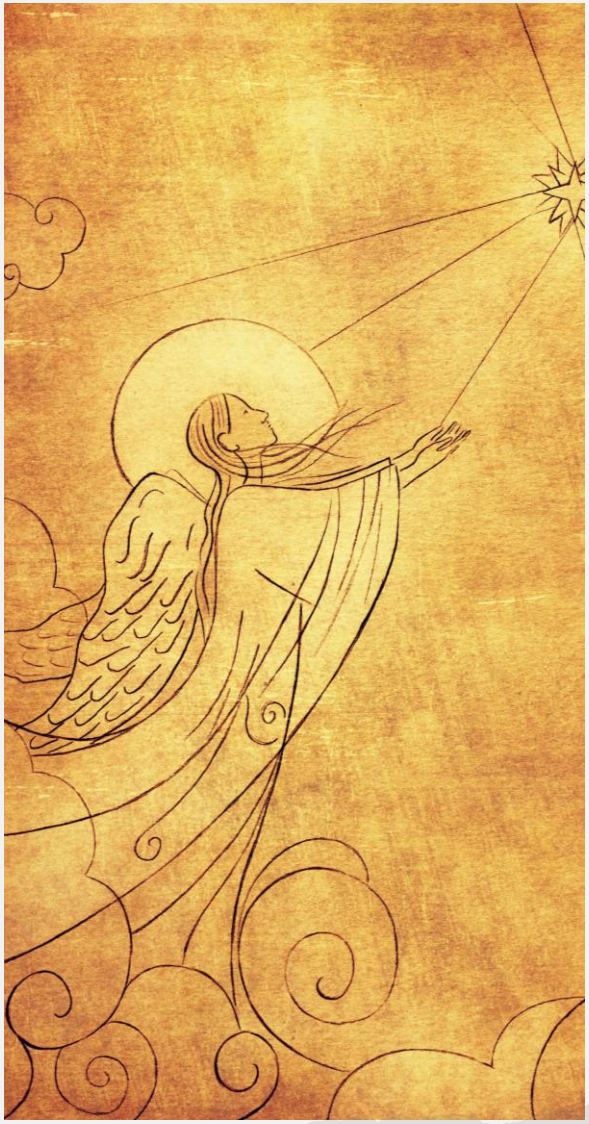

The same danger exists within our lives.

We must teach our children about God’s mighty works and all that He has taught.

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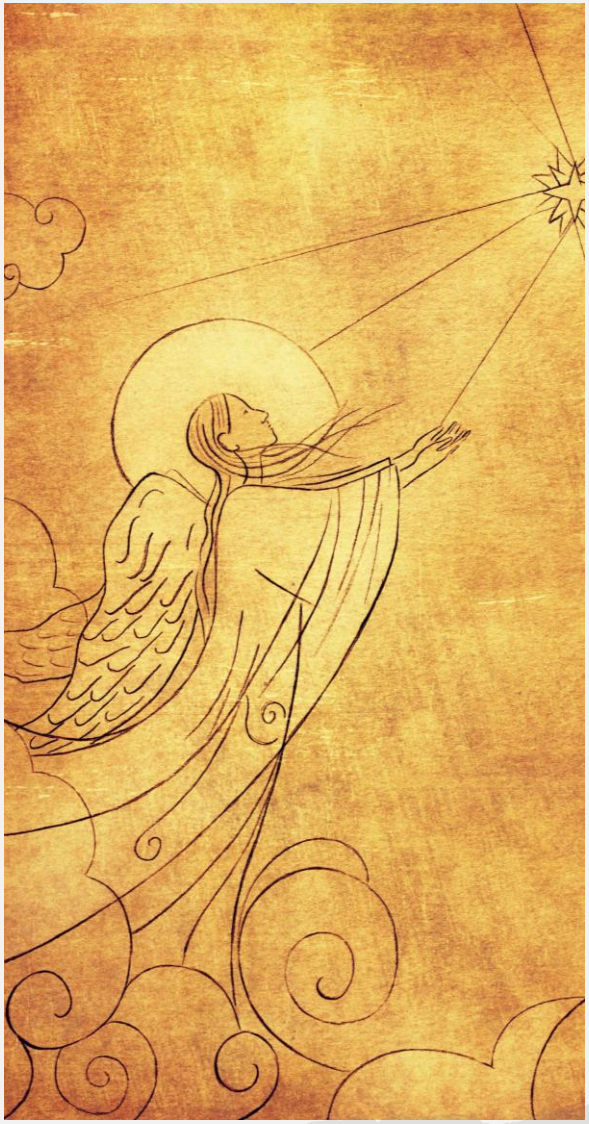
In this lesson, we will focus our attention on the need for parents to teach their families about respect for God.



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- *"Start a youth out on his way; even when he grows old he will not depart from it." (CSB)*

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- "This proverb pictures a child who is dedicated by parents to the Lord and morally trained to follow him." *(NET Bible Notes)*

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- Consider…
  - The example of Abraham. ***Gen 18:19***
  - The example of Hannah. ***1 Sam 1:24 – 2:11***

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- Moses commanded Israel to teach God's commands diligently to their children. ***Deut 6:4-9***

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- Solomon reveals two paths:
  1. The path of the wise. ***Prov 1:1-7; 10:6-7***
  2. The path of the fool. ***Prov 1:20-33; 12:15; 14:3, 16***

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- Two possible outcomes when bringing up children. ***Prov 10:1; 13:1,4; 23:13-25***

  1. Wise
  2. Foolish

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- This training must begin and continue during a child's young, formative years.
  - These windows of opportunity are crucial.
  - If we fail, then we hold open the door to foolish behavior. ***Prov 29:15***

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  - Learning involves correction and discipline. ***Prov 22:15; 23:13-14***
  - Discipline must be firm, fair, and compassionate.

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God expects parents to teach their children to…

- Respect and have reverence for His. ***Prov 9:10-12; Heb 12:28***
- Respect His word, the Bible. ***Psa 119:105; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Josh 1:8***
- Respect His worship. ***Psa 122:1; Eccl 5:1; Heb 10:24-25***

God's Expectation for Parents

God expects parents to teach by...

- <u>Proper examples & influences.</u>
  - Ex. Abraham. ***Gen 18:19***
  - Parents are to show respect for God.
  - Parents are to study the Bible.
  - Parents are to respect worship and classes.

God's Expectation for Parents

God expects parents to teach by…

- <u>Words and instructions.</u>
  - Open the Bible with your children. Talk of God's word *"when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."* ***Deut 6:7***

God's Expectation for Parents

God expects parents to teach by...

- <u>Words and instructions.</u>
  - Help your children with their Bible class lessons.
  - Review with your children their memory verses and Bible facts.

God's Expectation for Parents

God expects parents to teach by…

- <u>Expressed expectations.</u>
  - God has expressed His expectations of His children.
  - As parents, we must do the same. Children and young people need to know what is expected of them.

God's Expectation for Parents

God expects parents to teach by...

- <u>Expressed expectations.</u>
  - Provides goals to meet.
  - Guides them in moral development.
  - Helps them to learn self-regulation and discipline.
  - Teaches responsibility and accountability.

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Learning about God begins with small steps.

- We begin teaching our children in simple ways, using simple building blocks.
- At a young age, we establish foundations that may seem insignificant to the onlooker but are crucial to the child's development.

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- As little children grow, so too should their learning and memorization.
- We often shrug off memorization once they enter elementary school and middle school.
- However, children often forget what they have learned if they do not review it.

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- Learning to respect the worship services begins with simple lessons and small steps.

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- Children need to learn that going to worship services is NOT like going to the park or to a play place.

- When there are struggles, use the foyer or the nursery to momentarily address your child's needs or deal with behavioral issues.

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Learning about God begins with small steps.

- As your children are learning to read and write, pick some basic Bible words and have them place a mark every time they hear one of the words.

  - ❑ God
  - ❑ Jesus
  - ❑ Bible
  - ❑ Church

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Parents must practice what they teach!

- As parents, **we** must respect and reverence our heavenly Father.
- As parents, **we** must respect God's word.
- As parents, **we must** respect the worship and classes.

Conclusion

- Always teach your family to…
  - Respect God.
  - Respect God’s word.
  - Respect God’s worship.