

Bereans Bible Institute

Module IX – The Christian Home

Lesson 3 – The Man's Responsibilities as Head of the Home

- I. Marriage IS a covenant with God (Gen. 2:18-24); marriage without God is fornication
- A. the Man as head & the wife as 'helper'
 - B. the man leaves parents to establish a new household
- II. The MAN alone is responsible before God for the spiritual direction of his family (relationship and obedience to God). He must NOT bow to pressure and manipulation from his wife.
- A. Adam (Gen. 3:17) – Because you listened to the voice of your wife.
 - B. Noah (Gen. 6:13-18; Gen. 7:1) God required Noah to make the decision for his family.
 - C. Abraham (Gen. 12:1-8; Heb. 11:8-10) Abraham left his house & family to dwell in tents. (Gen. 22:1-5; Heb. 11:17-19) Abraham took Isaac for a sacrifice.
 - D. Jacob (Gen. 31:17-21; Gen. 35:1-15) – Jacob confiscated the idols; Jacob made the decision to follow God.
 - E. Moses (Exodus 4:19-27) – the Lord sought to kill Moses because he placated his wife.
 - F. Joshua (Josh. 24:14-15) – As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
 - G. New Testament (1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:22-24; 1 Pet. 3:1-6)
- III. The MAN is responsible as teacher & disciplinarian of the children (by word & example)
- A. Abraham (Gen. 18:19)
 - B. Moses (Deut. 6:1-9)
 - C. Joshua (Josh 4:1-7)
 - D. Eli (1 Sam. 3:11-14)
 - E. New Testament (Eph. 6:1-4; Heb. 12:5-11)
 - F. God still holds the man responsible, regardless of whether his wife is compliant or obstinate (ex. Moses & Zipporah)