**Household Salvation**

**Luke 19:1-9** 1 Then *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. 2 Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that *way.* 5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7 But when they saw *it,* they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” 8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I **restore fourfold**.” 9 And Jesus said to him, “**Today salvation has come to this house,** because he also is a son of Abraham.

There was no Hebrew or Greek word for family. By **metonymy**, “oikos” or house stands for family in the most comprehensive manner. We might say, “The White House said…” **1 Tim 3** says elders must rule their **house** well; **Lk**. speaks of a **house** divided; **Mt**. teaches that demons seek to return to their **house**. All refer to a family.

**“Today, salvation has come to this house” as a Principle of Faith:**

**1 Corinthians 7:14** 14 For the unbelieving husband is **sanctified** {hag-ee-ad-zo} by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is **sanctified** {hag-ee-ad-zo} by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are **holy** {hag-ee-os}.

**One is enough for God to consecrate all (set apart to Him). The OT example:**

**Genesis 7:1** 1 Then the Lord said to Noah, “Come into the ark, **you and all your household**, because I have seen *that* you *are* righteous before Me in this generation.

**Hebrews 11:7** 7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, **prepared an ark** **for the saving of his** **household**, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

God “consecrates” our family butwe preparefor their saving and escape. We are moved by reverence for God, not by sight:Noah never saw rain; Joshua never heard a trumpet blast demolish a city wall. God gives the “pattern”. We hear and obey.

**Genesis 9:8-10** 8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: 9 “And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that *is* with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

**The Lord wants to save all that you gather. NT examples:**

**Peter recounts the saving of the Gentiles:**

**Acts 11:13-15** 13 And he (**Cornelius**) told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, ‘Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, 14 who will tell you words by which **you and all your household will be saved**.’ 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.

**Acts 10:2** 2 a devout *man* and **one who feared God with all his household**, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

**Acts 10:24** 24 And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had **called together his relatives and close friends**.

**Oikos: family, friends, neighbors (as in Exo 12, “a lamb for a house…including our neighbors).**

**Acts 10:44** 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

**Acts 16:14-15** 14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us.* She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. 15 And when **she and her household** were baptized, she begged *us,* saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” So she persuaded us.

**Acts 18:7-8** 7 And he departed from there and entered the house of a certain *man* named Justus, *one* who worshiped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. 8 Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, **believed on the Lord with all his household**. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.

**Acts 16:24-25** 24 Having received such a charge, he (the jailer) put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

God inhabits (is enthroned on) the praises of His people. That is, His governance or throne is brought to bear.

**Acts 16:26-31** 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. 28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.” 29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will **be saved, you and your household**.”

**God will spare no expense to save**. **Get your entire family saved. Then (v.32):**

**Acts 16:32** Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his **house**. {**Promote the word of the Lord.}**

**Acts 16:33** And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And **immediately he and all his family were baptized**. **{Then, bring them into the waters of new birth.}**

**Acts 16:34** Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his **household**. **{Then, bring them into fellowship with the assembly of the brethren.}**

**By faith Noah brought all his oikos into covenant with God who makes covenant with a household and with their “Seed”. So did all these others… and Abraham:**

**Genesis 17:1-2** 1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.”

**Genesis 17:7** 7 And **I will establish My covenant between Me and you and** **your descendants after** you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, **to be God to you and your descendants after you.**

**Genesis 17:9-14** 9 And God said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and **your descendants after you** throughout their generations. 10 This *is* My covenant which you shall keep, **between Me and you and** **your descendants after you**: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; 11 and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. 12 He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. 13 He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”

**God “consecrates” our family but we are to prepare** for their saving and escape.

**Exodus 4:20, 24-25** 20 Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand… 24 And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him. 25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast *it* at *Moses’* feet, and said, “Surely you *are* a husband of blood to me!”

**God makes covenant with a household and their “Seed”. Like Moses and these others, however, we must do our part in preparing them for God’s salvation and covenant.**

**Prayer foundation:**

**Joshua 24:15** 15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve… But **as for me and my house**, we will serve the Lord.”

**Jonathan Edwards’ Righteous Legacy (versus Max Jukes from the same years)**

*I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.  Now choose life, so that you and your children may live. ~Deuteronomy 30:19*

An investigation was made of 1,394 known descendants of Jonathan Edwards, of which 13 became college presidents, 65 college professors, 3 United States Senators, 30 judges, 100 lawyers, 60 physicians, 75 army and navy officers, 100 preachers and missionaries, 60 authors of prominence, one Vice-President of the United States, 80 public officials in other capacities, 295 college graduates, among whom were governors of states and ministers to foreign countries. Jonathan Edwards' descendants did not cost the state a penny.

Max Jukes:  Born 1700 — An atheist, who married an immoral woman that dabbled in the occult.  Of their 1200 descendants, 310 were professional vagrants and died paupers; 440 wrecked their lives through debauchery; 130 went to jail, 7 for murder, average sentence, 13 years; more than 600 became alcoholics; 60 were habitual thieves; 190 became public prostitutes; and only 20 became tradesmen, 10 of whom learned their trade in prison. The Jukes descendancy cost NY State $1,250,000.