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Introduction

- I. What protects our homes in the face of constant assault?
- II. Text reminds us to be regular and faithful in our family worship.

Family Worship

I. The Activity

- A. Besides the weekly activity of public worship, God calls us to gather for family worship.
 1. Joshua expresses his resolve, as a father, to make sure his family worships the Lord
 2. An important part of serving the Lord is gathering in our homes for family worship.
- B. The Bible makes clear throughout that families ought to worship in their homes.
 1. Old Testament is full of examples of this.
 2. The New Testament also emphasizes this practice of family worship
 3. This good practice of family worship has continued in the church until today.

II. The Elements

- A. The head of the home ought to lead in family worship.
- B. Secondly, this family worship should be done regularly.
- C. Family worship is worship. So it must have the elements, marks, of proper worship.
 1. Bible reading and instruction.
 2. Another important part of family worship is prayer.
 3. Family worship ought to be done with reverence and awe.

III. The Motivation

- A. There is no profit in serving idols.
- B. There is nothing better or higher in all the world than fellowship with our God.