

Three Homes We All Should Have

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The word home is indeed a precious word.
1. Every soldier at his duty post thinks of home.
 2. Every traveling vacationer thinks of home.
 3. Every business traveler thinks of home.
 4. Every college student thinks of home.
 5. Every camper thinks of home.
 6. Every worker thinks of home.
- B. The word “home” can have a most pleasant meaning. Among the various definitions of “home” are these:
1. “A place where one lives.”
 2. “The physical structure within which one lives.”
 3. “A dwelling place together with the family or social unit that occupies it.”
 4. **“An environment affording security and happiness.”**
 5. **“A valued place considered to be a refuge or place of origin.”**
- C. Bro. W. E. Skipper in *Vol. 1* of his *Sermon Charts and Outlines*, said on page 6. “To God, the home is a Christian family living happily together. “
- D. While it is natural to think of the concept of “home” to pertain to our family unity and place of residence, I want to call to our attention that there are three homes each of us should have.
1. Domestic Home
 2. Spiritual Home
 3. Heavenly Home
- E. Anyone can have a domestic home, but not all have the other two (Spiritual and Heavenly).

DOMESTIC HOME

- A. The domestic home is **a divine institution (or relationship) established by God for man’s good and God’s glory.**
- B. Wherever one lives that is his home.
1. Diogenes lived under a tub. Alexander came to see him. “Is there anything I can do for you?” “Yes, stand over a little bit, you are blocking my sunlight.” Diogenes was at home.
 2. Much is being said about homelessness in America today.
 - a. I have spoken with a number of homeless individuals.

- b. They homeless in the sense that they do not have a house, apartment, modular home, condo, townhouse, etc.
 - c. Nonetheless, wherever they reside for the moment, that become their home for the moment.
- C. The home is the oldest institution on earth.
- 1. God designed it for the accomplishing of His purpose of human kind.
 - 2. Humanity needed the benefits that such a home would provide.
- D. Purposes of the home.
- 1. **Companionship.**
 - a. **Genesis 2:18** – Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."
 - b. **Matthew 19:5-6** – Jesus said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?

So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."
 - 2. **To perpetuate the human race.**
 - a. **Genesis 1:28** - So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
 - b. Marriage is the honorable avenue through which children are to be brought into the world.
 - 3. **To provide training for the children brought into the home.**
 - a. This purpose is education in nature.
 - b. **Proverbs 22:6** – Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.
 - c. **2 Timothy 1:5** - When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

THE CHURCH – Our Spiritual Home

- A. When we are adopted into the family of God (Ephesians 1:5), we are added to the Lord's Church and then given spiritual association with other members of God's family in a local congregation.
- B. Concerning the Church.

1. The church is a kingdom. **Colossians 1:13-14** - He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
2. The church was built by Christ. **Matthew 16:18** – And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
3. The church is made up of the saved.
 - a. **Acts 2:47** - . . . And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.
 - b. **Ephesians 5:23** - . . . Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.
4. The church is God’s education institution. **2 Timothy 4:1-2** - I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.
5. Identify with a local congregation of the Lord’s Church. Some suggestions:
 - a. Make sure it is the Lord’s church.
 - b. Place membership.
 1. Do not be a spiritual orphan.
 2. Work with elders as they watch for your souls.
 3. Make your desire to place membership known.
 - c. Use your talents to strengthen the congregation and build up the Lord’s Church.
 - d. Attend faithfully. **Psalms 122:1** - . . . I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

HEAVEN – The Eternal Home

- A. Heaven will be the home of redeemed souls **John 14:1-3** - Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.
- B. Heaven will be a place of comfort. **Revelation 21:4** - And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
- C. Heaven will be an eternal reward.

1. **1 Peter 1:4** – . . . An inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.
2. **2 Corinthians 5:1** – For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

CONCLUSION:

- A. God always looks after His children’s good.
 1. He has provided the foundation and structure for good domestic homes.
 2. He has provided the Lord’s Church and specific congregations to accommodate the areas where our domestic homes congregate.
 3. He has provided a Heaven when death removes us from both our domestic home and our spiritual congregation.
- B. Jesus is the Way for all of this to come together. **John 14:6** - I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- C. Listening friends . . . you can have:
 1. A good domestic home and family.
 2. You can have membership in a wonderful local congregation.
 3. You can have a home in Heaven when your sojourn on this earth has passed.
- D. **God’s Plan For man’s Salvation.**