

Home for the Holidays

The Hope of Jesus for Those Who Struggle with Past Shame

Did you know that God will B_____ your family if you are faithful to Him?

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing. - Psalm 37:23-26 (NIV)

Unfortunately, there are also negative effects if we R_____ God.

I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations."- Exodus 34:7 (NLT)

But for those who love and obey God, the B_____ upon one's family are tremendous!

You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands. - Exodus 20:5,6

One Example of Generational Blessing

<p>Jonathan Edwards: Puritan Preacher from 1700s.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 US Vice President • 1 Dean of a law school • 1 Dean of a medical school • 3 U.S. Senators • 3 Governors • 3 Mayors • 13 College presidents • 30 judges • 60 doctors • 65 professors • 75 Military officers • 80 Public office holders • 100 lawyers • 100 clergymen • 285 college graduates 	<p>Max Jukes: Lived same time as Jonathan Edwards. 42 different men from NY Prison system had lineage traced back to him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 murderers • 60 thieves • 190 prostitutes • 150 convicts • 310 paupers • 440 alcohol addicts • Of 1,200 descendants studied, 300 died prematurely
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If you could choose your family, what would you choose? Would you choose a family with ...

- Liars
- Thieves
- Products of Incest
- Enemy Nations of God
- Foreigners
- Adulterers
- Rape Victim
- Murderer

Central to the Christmas story is **R**_____. God purchased us from spiritual slavery to set us free and adopt us as His own. The price was the torture and crucifixion of His son, Jesus Christ.

*But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born from a woman, born under the law, to **redeem** those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. – Galatians 4:4-5 (MEV)*

The law pronounced **A_____ in the Human Race **G**_____ and enslaved to sin, but God wants to provide a **H**_____ for His adopted children.**

See Story of the Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-24

No matter where you've come from or where you've been, or what you've been through, God wants you **H**_____.

Answers: Bless; Reject; Benefits; Redemption; All; Guilty; Home; Home for the Holidays

