

II. Homes where the Lord is Welcome

A. Defining the Concept

By this idea it is understood that God is appreciated and the inhabitants live in respect of His presence.

Now obviously,,,,,

And if anyone wants to test the matter it may be done by:

1. Seeing how the Lord's Name is used
2. Determining if He is a participant in family affairs
3. Does the conduct conform to what would be seen if an actual, physical, visible person were to be present.

There are some practical analogies..and I will begin with this one and class attendants may add some of their own:

"I wouldn't have said it if I thought he could hear me!"

B. The Home of Abraham and Sarah

1. Background Material:

- the family (Gen. 11-12)
- the move (Gen 12)
- the promise (Gen 12)
- a reaffirmation (Gen 15)
- an unhappy circumstance (Gen 16)
- covenant renewal and promise (Gen 17)

2. The Divine Visit (and/or Visitor) (Gen 18)

- the purpose
- the reception
- the renewed promise (18:9 ff)
- the reality of friendship (18:16)

3. Where God is welcome, there is:

- assurance
- confidence
- direction