

4. This home is marked by Bible teaching, attention to spiritual duty, and a personal promotion of the faith believed.

C. The House of Samuel: 1 Samuel 1-3

1. The account
2. The Home
  - a. His parents 1:1
  - b. His family circumstance 1:2
  - c. The Petition and a Promise
  - d. The home, brief, is marked by these things:
    - (1) a dedicated mother
    - (2) an understanding father
    - (3) a committed couple
    - (4) an obedient child
3. The result: Samuel becomes a well-trained and disciplined servant. We do not know of the other family members but here is a case where the faith is committed from parents to child for the continuance of the testimony.

D. A Negative Home Illustration: Gideon's Home: Judges 6-9

1. His life is fascinating and we cannot take it up in detail in this study. We can note some of the things about the home from which he came and the home he established.
2. His father's home: the idol and Gideon's service...Judges 6
3. His career: Judges 7-8
4. His great mistake: 8:27
5. His progeny: 9:1 ff

You will see a complete disregard for truth and the law of God on the part of the son who succeeds him in his prominence. There are many examples like this in the Old Testament and we can neither be judges nor personal critics. We have our own homes and responsibilities:

E. Conclusion and Summary