

Oakland Church of Christ Sermon Series  
Sunday, January 2, 9, 16, 23

Bible Class 9 AM  
Worship Service 10 AM

# PRIORITIES



1. GOD
2. FAMILY
- 3.

# Family – God’s Divine Design

- **Genesis 1:27-28:**

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- **Genesis 2:24** - <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

# God's Divine Order

- **1 Corinthians 11:3** - <sup>3</sup> But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

**CHRIST**

**HUSBAND**

Protect  
Family

Lead the  
Family

Provide for  
Family

**WIFE**

Comfort

Teach

Nurture

**CHILDREN**

Love  
Parents

Obey  
Parents

Joseph, Mary, Jesus  
Our Example

# FATHERS ARE LEADERS OF THEIR FAMILIES

- **Ephesians 5:23** - <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

# THE EXAMPLE OF JOSEPH

- **Matthew 1:20-21** - <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
- **Matthew 1:24-25** - <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

# JOSEPH LEADS BY EXAMPLE

- **Luke 2:4-7** - <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



# FATHER'S PROTECT

- **Matthew 2:13-15** - <sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod.

# Mothers

- MARY'S EXAMPLE OF FAITH AND ACTIONS
- **Luke 1:38** - <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

# Mary's Song

- **Luke 1:46-48** - “My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

# A Mother's Example

- **Proverbs 31:25-27** - <sup>25</sup> Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
<sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
<sup>27</sup> She looks well to the ways of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

# Godly Families Worship Together

- **Luke 2:22-24** - <sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

# Children

- **Psalm 127:3** - <sup>3</sup> Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

# Jesus in Jerusalem

- **Luke 2:45-46** - <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

# Jesus – Obedient to His Parents

- **Luke 2:51-52:**

<sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.



# Caring for the Elderly and Family Members

- **Mark 7:9-12** - <sup>9</sup> And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup> But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God) — <sup>12</sup> then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup> thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

# Caring for the Elderly and Family Members

- **1 Timothy 5:8** - But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.