

Doctrine of Family

1. The framework for the Christian family is given in the Great Shema.
 - *Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: 5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.*
2. Children are to be returned to God.
3. The modern day vision of the Christian should expand the family from a nuclear family to a Biblical patriarchal style.
4. In a patriarchal family the father becomes the leader in morals, as well as finances, and practical affairs.
5. In a patriarchal family, authority can be delegated to individuals.
6. In a patriarchal family, chores are assigned to the children, accompanied by practical lessons of life.
7. When a patriarchal family is conducted along Biblical guidelines, there is a divine legacy that is established.
8. A patriarchal family can provide close relationships, discipline, and love.