

So are the ways of everyone who gains by violence; It takes away the life of its possessors.

Proverbs 1:19

Store In My Heart Matthew 25:46

These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

All of life boils down to this. No matter who I may be as I walk through this world one of these two fates awaits me. Yet how I live here on Earth will determine which fate is mine. I can decide to receive life for all eternity by giving myself to the service of God while I live here on Earth.

If I refuse to give myself to God, either by active choice or just not choosing, I have confined my eternity to a place of torment and punishment. Not acknowledging that I must make a choice is just as damning as actively refusing to serve God. The consequence is the same.

Eternity is real. I get to determine where I spend that forever time that comes after I pass from this life. Eternal punishment or eternal life, it is up to me! (And You!)



"Home" What Is It?

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Our society and nation, as well as the whole world is plagued with a variety of religious, social and political problems which I believe, for the most part, are directly traceable to problems in the home. Arnold J. Toynbee (1889-1975), a professor of history and the University of London, said: "Homes are the building blocks of civilization." An unknown author penned these words: "Home is the chief school of human virtues." From these two quotes we are made to realize the tremendous importance of the home. But just what do we mean when we use the word "Home"? Today we use the word "home" rather loosely to designate a variety of different ideas, and such is generally the case in the Scriptures. The context in which the word home is used must determine just what is meant. In this article I want to examine the idea or ideas conveyed by the word "home" and specify just what I am referring to in my usage of the word "home". Then in future articles I plan to look at various aspects of the home, as will be defined for our consideration, and how they relate to us and our relationship to God.

When you hear someone use the word "home" what is the first thing that comes into your thoughts? Sometimes we think of a "home place" where our parents or our grandparents live or maybe the place where we currently live. Pliny the Elder said: "Home is where the heart is." So, in a sense, "home" can be wherever a person may be. Two definitions from Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary of the word "home" are: (1) One's dwelling place; abode of one's family (7) The social unit or center formed by a family living together; used as an adverb: to the place where it belongs. So, "home" can be persons, place or thing. From Phyllis Theroux in an article titled The Meaning Of Family in Parents Magazine; May 1988 comes the following quote about home or family. "It is about a certain sustained knowing and consciousness that exists between its members, a security that comes less from the roof over our heads than the place in our lives that we make for each other." And another quote (the author of which was not given) was taken from a workbook God's Way For Man by Carroll C. Trent. "Home is the place where a world of

strife has been shut out and a world of love shut in. Home is where the great is small and the small is great. Home is the place where faults are hidden and virtues are exalted. Home is where our stomachs get three meals a day and our hearts get a thousand. Home is the place where we complain the most and have the greatest blessings. Home is the father's kingdom, the mother's world and the child's paradise. Homes are vestibules of heaven."

From the Scriptural standpoint there are at least two Greek words that are variously translated: "home", "household", or "family". In **Acts 21:6** the word "home" is used, according to Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionary, "as pertaining to self, that is, one's own;" which could refer to one's material possessions or to one's own people. The same Greek word is used in **1 Timothy 5:4** where it seems to me, the word "home" refers to one's own people. In fact, the Revised Version renders the Greek word as "family" in that text.

Obviously, the word "home" is used in more ways than the ones referred to above. However, for the purpose of our study in this series of articles we will be using the word "home" with reference to the family unit and not some material structure made out of wood, brick and mortar. It is my conviction that the God of heaven instituted the home (family) in the very beginning of creation. And this unit (family or home) is the very basic institution of our society. We also understand that the home/family is composed of individuals who have the God given ability to think, reason and understand, thereby reaching various conclusions which affect the structure, working methods and accomplishments of this basic institution of any society. And with this ability comes responsibility and accountability.

What or who makes up this institution, how do the various parts of this institution relate to and influence each other and how did God intend for this unit to function. As we continue to look at this basic building block of civilization, we will endeavor to answer these as well as other questions relating to the home (family).

(This is the first of twelve articles on the home Dad, wrote for StraitWay in 2003. I plan to include these in this bulletin over the next year or so. We will have some duplication since I learned from him but hopefully, they will provide further study for each of us as I continue the sermon series on the family. As I have mentioned before, the home, or family, is God's foundational organization for mankind. If we fail to follow His plan for the home, it will be much more difficult to please Him. DLH)

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For Our Information

Brenda Keisler is finished with physical therapy but still has other procedures upcoming to help with her pain.

JoBeth Henderson has a consultation with her radiologist this week.

Paula Laubach will start physical therapy for her knee.

Tommy Robinson's right lung has collapsed, and he has cancer in his back.

Sunday @ 5 - **Jeremiah 2:14** Wednesday @ 7 - **Luke 1:46**

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