

“Helpful Hints for a Happy Home”

II Samuel 23:1-5

Introduction: In the context of the Scripture, we see the last words of David. Last words are the most important words of people because it is a brief discourse of their life lived on the earth. This is the case in the words of David. The sweet psalmist reflects over his life and shares with hearers his pleasant life with the Lord. Notice:

1. The Song of David v. 1- *“Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,”*
2. The Speech of David v. 2- *“The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue”*
3. The Saviour of David v. 3- *“The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God”*
4. The Sight of David v. 4- *“And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain”*
5. The Sorrows of David v. 5- *“Although my house be not so with God...”*

Body: It is amazing that in the last words of David, after offering a great description of the Lord, he refers to his house being out of order. Certainly, our homes can be heaven on earth or it can be troublesome to our daily lives. David did not have a happy home that he could live in at the close of his life. However, we can learn a few principles from the life of David that we may have a happy home. Observe:

I. David’s Communion

A. David’s Example I Samuel 13:14- *“But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart...”*

B. Our Exhortation

1. We must have Scriptures Deuteronomy 6:6-7- *“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 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”*
2. We must have Supplication I Thessalonians 5:17- *“Pray without ceasing”*
3. We must have a Sanctuary Psalms 27:4- *“One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple”*

II. David’s Companion

A. David’s Example II Samuel 6:16- *“And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king*

David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart”

B. Our Exhortation

1. The Bride

- a. She is to Submit Ephesians 5:22- *“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord”*
- b. She is to Subject Ephesians 5:24- *“Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing”*

2. The Bridegroom

- a. He is to Lead Ephesians 5:23- *“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body”*
- b. He is to Love Ephesians 5:25- *“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it”*
Ephesians 5:28- *“So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself”*
- c. He is to Leave Ephesians 5:31- *“For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh”*
- d. He is to Learn I Peter 3:7- *“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered”*

III. David’s Children

A. David’s Example II Samuel 14:24- *“And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face”*

II Samuel 14:28- *“So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face”*

B. Our Exhortation

1. Be Careful with our Children Ephesians 6:4- *“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath...”*
2. Be Cultivating our Children Ephesians 6:4- *“...but bring them up in the nurture...”*
3. Be Cautioning our Children Ephesians 6:4- *“...and admonition of the Lord”*

Conclusion: In these last days of apostasy and compromise, we should devote our time to developing our homes. Our relationships should be right with each other that we may serve the Lord. Recollecting old vows and fulfilling them should be our goal if we are to expect a happy home. One of the vows we should consider is our marriage vow. Remember: