

Description

The Open Heaven 11 June 2025 devotional for today is CLEAVE AS ONE III.

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OPEN HEAVEN 11 JUNE 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: CLEAVE AS ONE III

MEMORISE:

And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. Mark 10:8

READ: Deuteronomy 6:6-8

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.

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I'll conclude my discussion on this topic by stating that God wants His children to enjoy their marriages, as we see in today's memory verse. However, for this to happen, they must cleave to their spouses. When you want to glue two objects, they must be in close proximity.

When couples live in different states or countries for a long period of time, their children are usually affected negatively and may end up being raised by only one parent or other people. God instructed parents to train their children (Proverbs 22:6), but this cannot be effectively done virtually or by proxy.

Parents' physical presence greatly impacts the quality of training and also strengthens the bond between them and their children. When both parents live in the same house with their children, it is easier for the couple to monitor and correct them as required.

Zeruiah's story is one of the most pathetic accounts about families in the Bible. Zeruiah was David's sister, and she had three sons – Joab, Abishai and Asahel. Throughout the Bible, I observed that there was no mention of their father (1 Chronicles 2:16), and I'm inclined to think that this was because he was not as involved in the family as a good father should be.

Although the boys grew up to become mighty men, they exhibited weaknesses that became their undoing. Asahel was a swift runner, and at one time, he ran until he was killed (2 Samuel 2:12-32). Joab's hot temper made him go against his boss and uncle, David, until David placed a curse on him (2 Samuel 3:26-29). Abishai was rash in his attempt to kill God's anointed, Saul, and David had to caution him (1 Samuel 26:5- 12).

Another person in the Bible whose children didn't turn out well was Eli. In my studies, I observed that there was no mention of his wife's role in raising their children, so I was not surprised that they became sons of Belial (1 Samuel 2:12).

Living in different locations might be unavoidable for married couples sometimes, but this should only be for short periods of time. Single parenting is highly challenging, and I pray that God will give all single parents the strength and wisdom to raise their children according to His will.

When both parents are alive and well, it is important that they work together to raise their children in the way of the Lord.

OPEN HEAVEN 11 JUNE 2025 KEY POINT

It is important for all parents to be actively involved in raising their children in the way of the Lord.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Psalms 34-37

HYMN 33: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH!

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 11 JUNE 2025 COMMENTARY

The Glue of Godly Presence

Today's devotional concludes a powerful series on marital cleaving by emphasizing that **physical presence is the adhesive of covenant relationships**. Just as glue requires contact to bond, marriages and families disintegrate when spouses live separately. Through biblical examples and divine wisdom, we'll explore why **togetherness is non-negotiable** for raising godly offspring.

1. The Divine Blueprint for Family Structure

A. The Mathematics of Oneness (Mark 10:8)

- "One flesh" implies:
 - Physical proximity
 - Emotional intimacy
 - Spiritual unity
- Modern violation: "Married singles" living separate lives.

B. The Training Mandate (Deuteronomy 6:6-8)

God's instruction requires:

- 1. Parental Availability ("when you sit, walk, lie down")
- 2. Constant Modeling (truth "bound" on hands and forehead)
- 3. Visible Faith (doorposts and gates)

Warning: Virtual parenting cannot fulfill this command.

2. Case Studies of Parental Absence

A. The Tragedy of Zeruiah's Sons (1 Chronicles 2:16)

- Observation: No mention of their father.
- Resulting Flaws:
 - o Asahel: Reckless speed ? untimely death (2 Samuel 2:23)
 - o Joab: Uncontrolled anger ? generational curse (2 Samuel 3:29)

Abishai: Rash violence ? nearly killed God's anointed (1 Samuel 26:8)

B. Eli's Parental Failure (1 Samuel 2:12)

- Missing Mother: No record of wife's influence.
- Consequence: "Sons of Belial" who:
 - Despised sacrifices
 - Seduced women at the temple door
 - Died on the same day

Modern Parallel: Children raised by nannies/screens often replicate these patterns.

3. The High Cost of Separation

A. On Children

- 1. Identity Confusion: Lack of unified parental voice
- 2. Moral Vacuum: Single parents struggle to be both nurturer and disciplinarian
- 3. Generational Curses: Absent fathers often produce absent fathers

B. On Marriages

- 1. **Emotional Erosion** (Proverbs 27:19)
- 2. **Spiritual Vulnerability** (1 Corinthians 7:5)
- 3. **Missed Blessings** (Psalm 133 where brethren dwell in unity)

4. Practical Solutions for Modern Families

A. For Couples Considering Separation

- 1. Financial Decisions:
 - No career advancement justifies family fragmentation
 - God blesses obedience over income (Matthew 6:33)
- 2. Relocation Rules:
 - Never exceed 6 months apart (devotional wisdom)
 - Always choose family over geography

B. For Single Parents

- 1. Divine Help:
 - "Father to the fatherless" (Psalm 68:5)
 - Seek church family support
- 2. Intentional Practices:

- Establish godly mentors
- Double prayer covering

C. For Together Families

- 1. Daily:
 - Family altar (morning/evening prayer)
 - Meal times without devices
- 2. Weekly:
 - Sabbath rest together
 - Ministry service as a unit

Prayer for Family Restoration

"Father, we repent for every decision that prioritized money, career, or convenience over our family covenant. Heal the fractures in our homes. Where we've been absent—emotionally or physically—restore us with Your mercy. Make our households living examples of Deuteronomy 6 faithfulness, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Conclusion: The Time to Rebuild is Now

- 1. Married Couples:
 - o Cancel any long-term separation plans
 - Schedule a family vision retreat
- 2. Churches:
 - Create support systems for struggling families
 - Preach boldly against career idolatry
- 3. Society:
 - Advocate for family-friendly work policies
 - Celebrate parental presence over professional success

Final Warning:

A generation is at stake. As goes the family, so goes the church and nation.

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