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Men Lead Your Family in Thanksgiving

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Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day in the United States, a tradition that began in the early 1600s by Christians who migrated to America. Today I'll share some observations and thoughts that I am musing over as I think of the state of our families, the Church, and our nation, and our need for restoration to GOD and each other.

I think remembering, obedience to GOD, giving thanks to Him, building or rebuilding, and the vital role of men in leading in Godly ways have been connected from the beginning.

When GOD created Man – Adam and Eve – He created Man as male first, naming his identity in Hebrew as “zakar,” meaning to remember (Genesis 1:27; 2:7). “Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man . . .” (Genesis 2:15-16) – commands which he was responsible to keep and communicate to his wife, which he did (Genesis 3:2-3). When Eve was tempted by the serpent and disobeyed the command of GOD, and Adam stayed silent and also ate the forbidden fruit, the LORD God came first to Adam as the head and foremost responsible to bring accountability and correction, but held each one accountable (Genesis 3).



From the beginning, GOD gave Adam and all men the primary responsibility to remember and impart His Words, and be the spiritual leaders of their families. This one factor has a greater impact on the destiny of families and nations than any other single factor. Yet just as Eve and their children also had a duty to remember GOD and His Words, so GOD calls all men, women and children to remember Him and His Words, but the primary duty begins with men, as it did with Adam. This is the beginning of the design and order of GOD for mankind.

Upon this foundation, it has been the practice of Israelites for the husband/father to lead and remember GOD's Words, particularly on the Sabbath and at Passover and other annual feasts, with his wife, children and guests participating.

To prepare young boys for manhood, it remains the custom of the Jews to transition a boy to manhood at age 13 through the Bar Mitzvah, during which he reads or recites passages of Scripture and other holy words.

“And Jesus said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things new and old’” (Matthew 13:52).

On this Thanksgiving Day, I encourage each man as head of your household to take up your God-given mantel of responsibility, read the Words of GOD from the Scriptures, and lead your family spiritually in any way the Holy Spirit directs you.

Your leadership should model Jesus Christ, which is loving and strong, humble and courageous, holy and righteous, and full of grace and truth. His character and ways are not domineering, manipulative, legalistic or controlling. Jesus is our Lord, Savior, Leader, Teacher, and Friend, but He said: “I am among you as the one who serves” (Luke 22:27). So should we be.

PRAY that men will rise up and take their mantels of leadership and follow the life and example of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, and lead their wives and children well. And that by doing so we will begin to restore the order and peace of GOD in our families, spheres of influence, churches, and nation.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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