

☞☞☞ **Jeremiah 7 context**, empty worship, "temple of the LORD" but lack deeds, idolatry, description of family centered on the worship of the **Queen of Heaven vs. 18**, therefore Θ will judge.

Application We either have Θ or idol! An idol is any person, place, thing that takes priority of our heart's love, allegiance, commitment above + before Θ . These passages are not about pagans who don't know Θ ; they are about Covenant people of Θ , You + Me! **Discover idols by asking: What keeps us from Family Worship?**

Q. So what? Why does it matter?

2. ONLY THE LIVING AND TRUE GOD IS WORTHY OF YOUR FAMILY'S WORSHIP, AND OUR FAMILIES ONLY WORK AS THEY ARE DESIGNED TO WHEN GOD IS AT THE CENTER OF EVERY FAMILY MEMBERS ♥ + THE FAMILY ITSELF

(1) Argument from Relevance = our ♥'s work, our family's work, when Θ is our love, center of gravity **My Discovery Thoughts on Family Worship, J.W. Alexander**

(2) Argument from Truth = Θ rescued and redeemed you, He is jealous for your ♥ + love, his is hurt + angered by your spiritual adultery **Joshua + Jeremiah**

3 Covenant Nurture ... 5 Biblical Arguments

1. The model ▶ based on Θ 's covenant w. us
2. The dynamic ▶ every family worships something

Why does this matter to all people... to you?

② ARGUMENT #2

Every person is a worshipper and every family worships something. Only the Living and True God is worthy of your family's worship, and our families only work as they are designed to when God is at the center of every family member's ♥ and the family itself, but our sinful hearts always default to idols. Christian parents must continually deconstruct family idols and establish the worship of God in their homes empowered by the LORD Jesus Christ who lived, died + rose to make us worshippers of God.

1. EVERY PERSON IS A WORSHIPPER AND EVERY FAMILY WORSHIPS SOMETHING.

☞☞☞ **Joshua 24 context**, Covenant Renewal @ Shechem, Θ 's rescue of Patriarchs from idolatry, Θ 's rescue of Israel from slavery + gift of promised land, **Joshua** "put away idols" ... "as for me + my house" ... "you are not able"

3. OUR SINFUL ♥'S ALWAYS DEFAULT TO IDOLS. SO CHRISTIAN PARENTS MUST CONTINUALLY DECONSTRUCT FAMILY IDOLS AND ESTABLISH THE WORSHIP OF GOD IN THEIR HOMES, EMPOWERED BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WHO LIVED, DIED + ROSE TO MAKE US WORSHIPPERS OF GOD

☑ Joshua, the great leader of Israel, is the example of this decision, courage, leadership.

☑ But Jesus, the Ultimate Joshua came to make us worshippers, our families worshipping families

Samaritan Woman, John 4

☑ What should I do? Call your family together to worship God in your home; 3 elements: (1) WORD, (2) SONG, (3) PRAYER

☑ Be continually renewed in your commitment as parents b/c your ♥ + kids ♥ default to idolatry

Our story in 2010... My repentance today!