

Sermon Delivered....

FAMILY REUNION

(Exodus 18:1-12)

We have a duty and a calling of evangelism—to share the Gospel message with those who are lost. The most important place to bear that witness is with our immediate Jerusalem.

I. OUR EVANGELISTIC OPPORTUNITY BEGINS WITH MINISTRY (v. 7)

1. The Amalekites and Midianites were closely related.
 - Jethro was a Midianite.
 - Moses had undoubtedly witnessed to Jethro before.
2. Jethro was not yet a believer.
 - He was still a priest of Midian
 - Moses had one thing on his mind—witness to Jethro!
3. The truth of Moses' belief was revealed in his behavior.
 - Moses loved and respected Jethro and Jethro knew it.
4. The greatest hindrance to our evangelism is sometimes our attitude.
 - God has called us to share the love and message of Christ, especially with our family.
 - Care for them
 - Show hospitality, show unconditional love
 - There is a difference between unconditional love and unconditional behavior.

II. OUR EVANGELISTIC RESPONSIBILITY IS TO TELL THE TRUTH (vv. 7-12)

1. After exchanging pleasantries and checking on welfare, Moses got down to serious business.
2. The word “told” in v. 8 in Hebrew. Is the word for “proclaim”
 - Moses preached or shared the good news of salvation
 - He gave the whole gospel (v.1 “all” ; v. 8. “all”)
3. Look how thoroughly God centered this explanation is.
 - That's what got Jethro's attention. Notice he rejoiced in all that God had done.
 - It's not enough to love someone without giving them the good news.
 - Like Moses, we have a personal testimony of salvation
 - And that's based on the word of God. Our testimony based on the promise and truth of God's Word:
 - It expresses the truth of sin and accountability
 - It expresses the truth of Jesus' sacrifice
 - It expresses the truth of faith and repentance.

God promised to send a light unto the gentiles. Jethro was outside of Israel but was converted. Everyone from every tribe and tongue are able to sit down together as one family. We all can break bread together to celebrate the grace of Jesus who delivered us from sin and death.