



commonwealth in a little volume. The way to make godly parishes, and godly countries, and godly kingdoms, is to make godly families. When sin as a plague spreads abroad, it begins in families: one atheistic family defiles and destroys many, it sends a son into one house, a daughter into another, a servant into a third, and every one of them, like infectious persons poison those with who they converse: like a nest of foxes they destroy and devour all the country over. As one house on fire often burns down many; so, one profane family injures many: one godly family, on the contrary does good to man. As one hive of bees sends forth swarms and honey into many parts of the county; so, one religious family sending Christian children and servants abroad...may bring much honor to God, and be helpful to the eternal welfare of many souls.

Who could adequately estimate the importance of the family to human life? The family is where grace, mercy, love, protection, guidance, instruction, necessities and other benefits are first expressed and experienced. The family is where economics, business and work in general are first learned. The family is the school where the native language, the basics of life and most of all spiritual values are to be learned. The family is the church in miniature where worshipping God is first learned and where eternal verities are taught. The family is at times a welfare agency where fellow members are helped out in time of need. The family is a hospital where wounds, sickness and suffering are ministered under loving care. The family is a bank where the use of money is first learned. The family is the place where child care is first learned. The family is the first culture and place for sociological interaction. The family is a government where elementary law and respect for law is first learned. The family is the bastion of protection and security from the storms of life.

There is **no** substitute for the family!

- Rev. William Jay

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*All who would like to stand for the 3<sup>rd</sup> song are welcome to.*

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# Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*Exalt the LORD our God, and  
worship at his holy hill; for the  
LORD our God is holy.  
Psalm 99:9*

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.