

## Dedicating Your Home to God



### How To Bless Your House

The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God."

2 Sam 6:12

*Blessing a house (or an apartment or wherever you live) is simply taking the authority over it that belongs to you and dedicating it to the Lord. It is inviting the Spirit of God to come and everything else to leave.*

#### A. Our Home and God's Care—A Biblical Background

1. The Bible teaches us that a home is far more than a physical building. *Proverbs 24:3-4*
2. We need God's presence, power and direction for our lives and homes to be fruitful. *Psalms 127:1*
3. The Bible indicates that it is important to dedicate our homes to God. Before going into battle, the men in the Bible were warned to dedicate their homes! *Deuteronomy 20:5*
4. God told his people to write his word on the doorposts of their homes. (See sidebar) *Deuteronomy 6:6-9*
5. When a person dedicates their house to God, they trust that God responds to their commitment. When Solomon dedicated the temple, God responded by speaking to him. *2 Chronicles 7:15*
6. In his teachings, Jesus presented home life as a model of what it means to live a life in God's presence and love. *John 14:1-3*
7. The Psalmist saw God's care in a similar way. *Psalms 91:1-2*
8. How will we use the homes God has loaned to us?  
Dedicating our homes to God is not a one-time act. It is an ongoing ministry! *Hebrews 13:2*

#### B. Dedicating Your Home To God

1. Making the decision to follow God. *Joshua 24:15* Like Joshua we must decide who we will serve in our homes.
2. Your house has a history! Just like you have legal access to your house now, someone had legal access before you. No matter what happened, it is by YOUR authority in Jesus Name that determines the atmosphere from now on.
3. Clean your house and keep it clean! As you go from room to room ask the Holy Spirit if there is anything in that room that grieves Him.
4. Take authority—what to do and say!  
As blood was applied to the door posts on the Passover night—you may want to apply oil to all the doors and windows of your house.

Pray over each room asking God to use it for His glory. Thank God for providing you with a place to live. Ask for His angels to be posted at all the doors and windows. Speak out loud that you are countering any curse in this house with the blood of Jesus and you are taking authority in the Name of Jesus.

### The Mezuzah

Deut 6:6-9

*"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."*

The word "mezuzah" is Hebrew for doorpost. Moses commanded that the Word of God should be written on the doorposts of every house in order to keep His words constantly in their minds and in their hearts. At a later time the Jews took this literally, by placing Scriptures (*Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21*) on a small parchment scroll within a cylinder and upon each post of every room in their houses. The first word in the Scripture is "Hear" and in Hebrew is "Shema".

The most often recited Hebrew blessing starts with, "Baruch atah Adonoy...." [Blessed are you oh Lord]. Adon (Adonai) Means master or Lord and has the root A-D-N which means 'threshold.' According to Jewish custom every threshold requires a mezuzah so that as you pass from room to room you are reminded to think on the holiness of God and your relationships.

**Does each room of your home reflect the presence and power of God?**