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The Home Is God's Institution By Wayne Brewer

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Closing the door on Satan:
Lesson 7 "Though Obedience"
(Hebrews 5:9)

PM Sermon:

I need thee every hour
(Ps 22:3-4)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The book of Joshua – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series – Eric Bond

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

Radio Program

"The Minister's View" on
KTTRadio.org on Tuesday's at 9
am.

The world is filled with institutions that have been created by human beings to serve various needs of humanity. Some of the institutions men have established to serve humanity are public and private schools, universities, social clubs, recreational organizations, stores, clinics, hospitals, benevolence organizations, and a host of others. Most of these man-made institutions have made a positive impact upon and in the lives of human beings, and in many cases, the world is a better place because of them. However, there is one institution that was not created, but was established by God, and that is the home. The home is God's institution.

The Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). The first verse of the Bible sets forth the fact that God created everything, and a part of creation was the home or the family. God created humanity, the first two human beings, male and female, Adam and Eve, and at the same time, he established the home. God did not create human beings and then days, weeks, months, or even years later establish the home.

It was during the creation process that God said, "Let us make man in our image..."(Genesis 1:26), and the biblical account of the creation goes on to record, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:26). Then God said to this male and female, "...be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it..."(Genesis 1:28). Within the day the first man and woman were created, God was verbally communicating with them and giving various instructions (Genesis 1:28-30). The day they were created, God talked with the first male and female, Adam and Eve, and they were capable of understanding what God said to them. It is evident they understood because when God instructed Adam not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Adam understood God's will, and then communicated it to Eve (Genesis 1:15-17, 3:1 -3, 11-12).

Biblical evidence that God established the home in the beginning is confirmed by the Genesis record, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). It is also confirmed by what Jesus said. Jesus attributed the Genesis statement to God when He said, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and the twain shall be one flesh" (Matthew 19:4-5). The statement made in Genesis, and confirmed by Jesus as being from God, indicates that the home is a divinely established institution, and that the first man and woman were fully capable of understanding their relationship and roles with one another.

The home is not the result of any evolutionary process that has come about through culture, society, or the will of man, but the home has come into existence by the creation, design, and authority of God. The Bible teaches that the home existed before all cultures, societies, or nations. Many of these have come and gone through the years, but the home still remains. Because God created the

home, and it is his institution of humanity, God has authority over the home regarding the roles and responsibilities of each person in the home. The home belongs to God.