



In the May 2020 edition of “The Atlantic”, David Brooks wrote an article entitled, “THE NUCLEAR FAMILY WAS A MISTAKE.” He went on to say, “The family structure we’ve held up as the cultural ideal for the past half century has been a catastrophe for many. It’s time to figure out better ways to live together.” The word “family” has either been maligned or re-defined in our current culture. Words like, *patriarchy* and *masculinity* are often used to create a negative image of what has often been called the “traditional family.” If you want to see the ongoing efforts to re-define marriage and family, just turn on your television or watch a movie.

God’s Word teaches that the family, “as ordained by God, is the basic institution in society.” Unfortunately, healthy biblical families are not the norm, they are the exception. Today, we begin a series of messages called “Family.” The purpose of this series is to help us understand God’s plan and purposes for the family. We begin with a biblical worldview. We continue by clearly understanding all God teaches in His Word regarding marriage and family.

1. **The current cultural crisis is symptomatic of a deep-seated spiritual crisis.^[2]**

2. **A Biblical view of marriage.**

[2] *God, Marriage, and Family* by Andreas J. Kostenberger, p. 15.

3. **A Biblical view of family.**

4. **The Church as “family”.**

Take away:

1. **We must have a gospel response to brokenness and sin.**
2. **We must have a greater commitment to a biblical standard for marriage and family.**