

MORNING WATCH - THIRTEENTH DAY**Andrew Murray:**

"And the sons of Job went and held a feast in the house of each one upon his day. . . . And it was so . . . that Job sent and sanctified them and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings. . . . For Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned." (Job i. 4, 5.)

Here you have the ideal of a pious, God-fearing father. It is not enough for him to shun evil himself; he fears greatly that his children may perhaps sin against God. As the head of the household he sends and summons them to himself in order to sanctify them: He rises up early in the morning to offer burnt offerings for them. Splendid example of a pious father, and of the piety which does not serve God for itself alone, but also cares for the children.

Father! How do' matters stand in your household are you faithful in taking your children to meet every morning around God's Word and in going with them to God in prayer? Oh, be sure to do it. Evening prayers are not enough. In the morning all is fresh; the morning is the beginning of the day, and influences the whole day. To prevent evil is better than to confess it when done. Let the whole household every morning begin the day with God, and receive God's blessing for the day.

Christian! If you wish to live each day and all the day as a child of God, be sure not to forget the solitary communion with God in the early morning. If you wish to have God's blessing in your house, do not forget morning prayers with your household.