



**BABY DEDICATION IS A CEREMONY  
IN WHICH BELIEVING PARENTS, AND  
SOMETIMES ENTIRE FAMILIES, MAKE  
A COMMITMENT BEFORE THE LORD  
TO RAISE THAT CHILD ACCORDING  
TO GOD'S WORD AND GOD'S WAYS.**

**DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5 “HEAR, O  
ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD, THE  
LORD IS ONE! <sup>5</sup> YOU SHALL LOVE  
THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL  
YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR  
SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR  
STRENGTH.**

**DEUTERONOMY 6:6 “AND THESE  
WORDS WHICH I COMMAND  
YOU TODAY SHALL BE IN YOUR  
HEART.**

**DEUTERONOMY 6:7 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.**

RESPONSIBILITIES INVOLVED IN  
BABY DEDICATION

CHRISTIAN PARENTS WHO DEDICATE A  
CHILD ARE MAKING A PROMISE TO THE  
LORD BEFORE THE CHURCH  
CONGREGATION TO DO EVERYTHING  
WITHIN THEIR POWER TO RAISE THE CHILD  
IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD.

**PROVERBS 1:7 THE  
FEAR OF THE LORD *IS* THE  
BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE, *BUT*  
FOOLS DESPISE WISDOM AND  
INSTRUCTION.**

**WE RAISE OUR CHILDREN SIMPLY...  
PRAYERFULLY... & CONSISTENTLY...  
PREPARING THE CHILD...  
SO THE CHILD CAN MAKE A  
DECISION ON THEIR OWN TO  
SURRENDER TO AND FOLLOW GOD.**



**PARENTS WHO MAKE THIS VOW,  
OR COMMITMENT, ARE  
INSTRUCTED TO RAISE THE CHILD  
IN THE WAYS OF GOD AND NOT  
ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN  
WAYS.**

SOME OF ***THE RESPONSIBILITIES***  
INCLUDE TEACHING AND TRAINING  
THE CHILD IN GOD'S WORD,  
DEMONSTRATING PRACTICAL  
**EXAMPLES OF GODLINESS,**  
DISCIPLINING THE CHILD  
ACCORDING TO GOD'S WAYS, AND  
PRAYING EARNESTLY FOR THE CHILD.

**AN EXAMPLE OF BABY  
DEDICATION**

**IN SCRIPTURE... HANNAH A  
BARREN WOMAN, PRAYED FOR A  
CHILD: 1 SAMUEL 1:11**

1 SAMUEL 1:11A THEN SHE MADE A  
VOW AND SAID, “O LORD OF HOSTS,  
IF YOU WILL INDEED LOOK ON THE  
AFFLICTION OF YOUR MAIDSERVANT  
AND **REMEMBER ME**, AND NOT  
FORGET YOUR MAIDSERVANT...

**1 SAMUEL 1:11B ...BUT WILL GIVE  
YOUR MAIDSERVANT A MALE  
CHILD, THEN I WILL GIVE HIM TO  
THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF HIS  
LIFE, AND NO RAZOR SHALL  
COME UPON HIS HEAD.”**

**1 SAMUEL 1:15 BUT HANNAH  
ANSWERED AND SAID, "NO, MY  
LORD, I AM A WOMAN OF  
SORROWFUL SPIRIT. I HAVE DRUNK  
NEITHER WINE NOR INTOXICATING  
DRINK, BUT HAVE Poured OUT MY  
SOUL BEFORE THE LORD.**

**HANNAH WAS IN THE TEMPLE  
WORSHIPING AND PRAYING. ELI  
THE PRIEST SAW HER AND  
THOUGHT SHE WAS DRUNK.**

**1 SAMUEL 1:16 DO NOT  
CONSIDER YOUR MAIDSERVANT  
A WICKED WOMAN, FOR OUT OF  
THE ABUNDANCE OF MY  
COMPLAINT AND GRIEF I HAVE  
SPOKEN UNTIL NOW.”**



1 SAMUEL 1:17 THEN ELI  
ANSWERED AND SAID, “GO IN  
PEACE, AND *THE GOD OF ISRAEL*  
*GRANT YOUR PETITION* WHICH  
YOU HAVE ASKED OF HIM.”

1 SAMUEL 1:18 AND SHE SAID, "LET YOUR MAIDSERVANT FIND FAVOR IN YOUR SIGHT." SO THE WOMAN WENT HER WAY AND ATE, AND **HER FACE WAS NO LONGER SAD.**

**WHEN ELKANNAH AND HANNAH  
RETURNED HOME, SHE BECAME  
PREGNANT.**

**WHEN GOD ANSWERED  
HANNAH'S PRAYER BY GIVING  
HER A SON, SHE REMEMBERED  
HER VOW, SHE GOES TO THE  
TEMPLE TO ELI THE PRIEST  
PRESENTING SAMUEL TO THE  
LORD:**

1 SAMUEL 1:26 AND SHE SAID, "O  
MY LORD! AS YOUR SOUL LIVES,  
MY LORD, ***I AM THE WOMAN***  
WHO STOOD BY YOU HERE,  
PRAYING TO THE LORD.

1 SAMUEL 1:27 FOR THIS CHILD I  
PRAYED, *AND THE LORD HAS  
GRANTED ME MY PETITION*  
WHICH I ASKED OF HIM.

1 SAMUEL 1:28 THEREFORE ***I ALSO  
HAVE LENT HIM TO THE LORD;*** AS  
LONG AS HE LIVES HE SHALL BE  
LENT TO THE LORD.” SO THEY  
WORSHIPED THE LORD THERE.

# THE CEREMONY

AT TBC WE DEDICATE OUR  
CHILDREN BY RETURNING THEM  
TO THE LORD IN OBEDIENCE TO  
GOD'S WORD.



**AT TBC WE DO THIS AS A  
CHURCH FAMILY IN A WORSHIP  
SERVICE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE  
THE CHURCH IS GOD'S DRIVING  
FORCE TO BRING ABOUT HIS WILL  
IN THE EARTH.**

**NATHANIEL AND CHEYENNE...**  
**PLEASE COME FORWARD WITH**  
**RAYLAN...**

**TODAY THIS FAMILY... THESE  
PARENTS... NATHANIEL &  
CHEYENNE LEM WITH THEIR  
FAMILY BRING  
RAYLAN THOMASLEM  
BEFORE THIS CONGREGATION  
AND TO THE LORD.**

CHURCH FAMILY **[STAND]** ... DO  
YOU COVENANT WITH THIS  
FAMILY TO COME ALONGSIDE  
THEM TO GIVE SUPPORT,  
TRAINING, ENCOURAGEMENT,  
AND LOVE?

RESPONSE: I WILL. **[SEATED]**

**WOULD THE FAMILIES OF THESE  
PARENTS PLEASE STAND?**

**AS RAYLAN'S PARENTS AND  
FAMILY DO YOU UNITE YOUR  
HEARTS AND EFFORTS IN  
BRINGING, SUPPORTING, AND  
*DEDICATING RAYLAN TO  
THE LORD?***

***RESPONSE: I WILL [SEATED]***

**HOLDING RAYLAN...**

**ASK THE PARENTS...**

**NATHANIEL AND CHEYENNE...  
DO YOU COVENANT WITH GOD  
AND YOUR CHURCH FAMILY TO  
RAISE RAYLAN**

**PARENTS RESPOND: WE WILL**



**UPON THE CONFESSION OF  
YOUR MOUTH TO DEDICATE  
YOUR CHILD TO THE LORD...**

**I RETURN HIM TO YOUR  
LOVING CARE...**

**TO THE ELDERS AND  
CONGREGATION:**

**IF THE LORD IS GIVING YOU A  
WORD FOR THIS CHILD OR  
FAMILY, COME TO AN ELDER**

**CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND  
AND STRETCH YOUR HANDS  
TOWARD THIS FAMILY...**

**PRAY FOR DAD, MOM, GRANDS**