

Parenting with Promise # 8

# Exodus 19<sup>1-8</sup>

## Accepting our children

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### Introduction

Should our acceptance of our children be “unconditional”?

Does God accept us “unconditionally”?

Myth: “God hates the sin but loves the sinner”

Being ..... Availability

Wisdom ..... Appreciation

Power ..... Alluring

Holiness ..... Acceptance

### 1. What does God's holiness demand?

Rejection of sin

Rejection of sinners

### 2. How does God accept us?

Only in His Son

Are there conditions attached?

God loves His children but hates their sin

### 3. How are we to reflect this to our children?

Unconditional acceptance of them personally

Unmitigated rejection of their sin

The problem of performance-based acceptance

### Conclusion

Treasuring our children

### Discussion

What are some ways of conveying unconditional acceptance to our children?

What are some ways in which this truth can become clouded in our homes?



### Questions answered

- What is wrong with the statement “God hates the sin but loves the sinner”?
- What is right about this statement?  
In what context is it true?
- What does God's holiness demand?
- How then can God accept us?
- Are there conditions attached to our acceptance with God?  
If so, what are they?
- How are these conditions fulfilled?
- Is faith an additional condition that we must fulfil?
- How does the Bible represent faith as part of a package deal?
- What is the basis of our assurance of salvation?
- Should our acceptance of our children be “unconditional”? Why?
- What is it that we are accepting concerning our children?  
What are we refusing to accept?
- How would you answer the suggestion that unconditional acceptance should mean no rules or requirements?
- What is the problem of performance-based acceptance of our children?
- How is it helpful to view our children as a treasure?



### Things to pray about

- Resting and delighting in the unconditional acceptance we receive from God
- Responding to this acceptance with gratitude and love.
- Reflecting this to our children and seeking to encourage them in it.