

Anyone who reviles his parents must die

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

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Exodus 20: 12

God gave us ten rules, ten words to live by. The first four of these we have already

discussed which have a relationship to Him about having one God, no images and worship-
ing Him on His day and not profaning that name.

The last five of the commandments deal with the relationship which we have with other
people, with those about us, and the first four are duty to God and the last six are
duty to other people. But the fifth commandment is a centerpiece of God's law, Here

is the way it reads: "Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long in
the land which the Lord your God gives you." The second division begins with the home

and it begins there because God has been around long enough to know that if respect to
authority is ever to be learned it will be learned in the home.

God set up this pattern for men to live together, first the man and woman would come
together in marriage and then out of that union there would be children to come. They
would love and have care and the parent would be the first measure of authority that
the child would come to know. This is the greatest influence in society today to learn
to respect, and this helps a person all the way through democracy. Think about it,
here is a baby, he must first be carried by his mother, later he learns to walk by hold-
ing her hand then he learns to walk alone and then he matures he gets older and he must
develop these things while he is in the home.

He will never be happy in the world unless he in his relationship to his father and his
mother begins to obey. The tragedy begins with the child in his relationship with him-
self. The notion that happiness always comes when you let a child have his way is not
exactly the way the Bible puts it.

One day a family had a large number for a meal and they put over on the side a little
table and there they placed the little girl with her own food, while the other folks ate
at the big table; and she decided to have her own prayer and say her own blessing

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and so here is what she said: "I thank thee O Lord that thou didst prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies".

Now the older that little girl gets, she will understand the wisdom of discipline, but quite often a child will run and call to the mother and say "mother, what can I do Now?" And her mother will say do this, and she will answer "but I don't want to do this", and her mother will say well do that, and she will reply "but I don't want to do that", her mother is busy doing something else; alright, do whatever you want to do, to which the little girl answers with a whine "I don't want to do what I want to do".

This is a sample of the most miserable people and unhappy people, those who are very undisciplined and where this has never gotten into life. This is one of the secrets of the home that we know how to undertake this. The way to have friends is to be a friend they tell us. The way to make a marriage and to live together is to be willing to share.

Now if you are willing to break every law in the land, then you will never learn obedience.

Many years ago the matter of minding your children didn't mean obeying them somebody has said.

I Where does this authority come from?

We must realize that authority has to be used in the home

You watch a group of children sometime and they will say let's play school and one will say I'm the teacher, and immediately he will say, give me that stick.

Now if you ever watch a crowd of people together and something is going on and one of them inevitably will want to be the leader of the crowd and he will demand the authority.

And of course, one will want to be the teacher, but also in that crowd playing school there will be one boy who will want to be the bad boy, who will kick against the authority over all the school. Now that's a miniature of the way it takes place in the human race and in the home. There is a sneaking desire among people to play the bad boy. Charlie McCarthy

used to have that radio program and the little brat always sasssed his elders, that's very typical.

In the army, or in football you have to have somebody who calls the signals, somebody must have the authority.

We must trust the hospital, the hospital must trust the routine orders of the doctors to follow charts and to follow regulations. They must do this all the way from the operating room all the way down to the least procedure that takes place there must be somebody who respects authority.

But there is a constant objecting on the part of people to obey, we want to grab authority as we can and we want to dodge the responsibility. We don't want to give the police officer or the tax collector who gives an order.

There are people who want to hog all the authority. There are a lot of people who will almost kill themselves in a campaign of back-slapping and speech-making and wooing the masses and hillbilly songs and kissing baby's, knifing opponents just to get authority. If they can't get authority, they will steal it as much as they can, they will become dictators if they can. So we have a divine contract here and who wrote it, God wrote it; Honor thy father and thy mother. He uses the word honor in preference to the word obey.

For whenever an order is given all those who hear it look up questioning. There are a lot of things they want to know before they obey. Who gave that command, what right did he have to give it, is it lawful, did we ourselves give him that power or did he steal it from someone else. Where did any man get the power to command us anyway? So like Baby Snooks on the radio we say why, why, why, and we become professionals at this.

And the frustrations of children sometimes go on for years and they do not realize, thank God that we are free people and that each member is an individual member of the home.

And wisely, God chose the family as the ideal institution in which to lay down this simple law of obedience based on honor.

There is something significant here, the fact that God does not place this commandment

in the negative. He did not say thou shalt not dishonor thy father.

Thou shalt not steal, etc. But here He did not say, thou shalt not have false love for your parents, no, he makes a gracious appeal with a sweet guarantee that He gives us.

Like charity it starts within the home. The well trained and obedient child becomes loyal to this authority. There is no other inheritance that is left a child that could compare to this kind of training. And it is regrettable that we have neglected this. Too many parents have found that authority and the responsibility of this is something they just scrugg their shoulders at. They know all about the administration of a corporation or a garage or a farm or some business but they do not have time to develop the characters of their own sons and daughters. God knew that if authority was going to be established, it must be established in the home.

Therefore where did this authority come from? I'm happy to tell you that I know-- from God. God is the one who decided on this, not some man, not your Daddy, but God set it up this way.

If a child wants to know by what right his parents can tell him what to do, "you must because your Mother said so" and you wonder when did this silly custom start anyway. I believe that it is about time to remind our children that this commandment was started when God spoke all these words.

Children obey your parents, but He does not stop there, He says, obey your parents for it is right, yet He does not stop there He goes on, obey your parents for it is right in the Lord. This word gives not only the right authority, the source of this authority, but He makes it an obligation

II. What does this commandment have to say to parents about being honored?

Now if one is going to respect you and have authority and if you wish that your children should respect you, you must prove yourself worthy of their respect.

Someone described a juvenile boy as one who comes to the place where he thinks he can do

as his father does.

The commandment is not one that declares that the father is a dictator type, but it is one that has some pull for the father and mother. They have to be honorable if they are going to be honored. It means that parents ought to be honorable.

I read an amusing story about a mother who carried her little boy to the zoo, he was asking about each of the animals, when he saw some little ones in a cage he asked "what are thoes?" the mother told him they were little wild cats. He then asked, "why are they wildcats?" we know the answer, she said, "their mama's and papa's were wildcats".

Usually children are the reflection of their parents because it is the most natural thing in the world for a child to be reverent toward his parents as the way his parents lives and the principles he lets guide him.

In the newspaper in Milwaukee they conducted an essay contest among boys on the theme "My Pop's Tops". One boy wrote, "every child loves their fathers because if it were not for their fathers, where would they be, nowhere, that's where they'd be, if it was not for fathers you wouldn't see hardly no children around Milwaukee".

Some Body said speaking the Catholic Seminary it was a home for unwed fathers!
Now you suspect about that boys paper what he was thinking about.

They had another experience I read of that Dr. Redhed told about in Dobbs Ferry, New York in children's they had 400 boys who lived who had had trouble getting along at home that lived there. They asked the question, what makes a good parent? The good qualities were listed in this order: truthfulness, honesty, justice, courtesy, a quiet voice, affection was in sixth place. Other things in consideration were calmness, adventureness, a sense of humor, firmness, even temperedness.

The things they did not like came in this order: nagging, impatience, grudges, broken promises, fussiness, complaining, irritability, bossiness, self-pity, always too tired to listen,

One fourteen year old boy put it like this, if I were to pick my own parents, they would

be so different from those I have now, they may as well live on another planet. They would be understanding, fair, lenient in punishment but fair in judgment, not necessarily forgetful, but forgiving.

I read about a minister who ruled his children with an iron hand and of course his daughter began to rebel against this exacting discipline. He knew the bible and he began to quote the bible. He said from the book of Ephesians it says "Children obey your parents".

But unfortunately for the preacher his daughter also knew the bible and answered, "yes, but it says in the very next text, 'fathers provoke not your children unto wrath'".

Therefore if the fathers and mothers are going to be honored they must have a Godly life themselves.

General Douglas MacArthur expressed it "by profession I am a soldier and take pride in that fact but I am prouder to be a father. My hope is that my son when I am gone will remember me not for battles but in the home repeating with him one simple prayer, Our father which art in heaven."

I think these two things that I have mentioned are part of this commandment. We must reckon with the authority that is given from God and then it is a rule for fathers and mothers to live by under God's guidance.

It would do well for parents to remember that they are trustees of their children yet so many fathers and mothers think of themselves as owners and become possessive parents and so often that they have wrecked even their marriages and their children's lives. They, if they think of owner parents, an owner who drives his children, then they will miss the point.

America in the years gone by were bound with their children as workers at the spinning wheel, baking bread, making clothes, making furniture, curing meat. The old taught and governed the young, the young honored the old because of their knowledge and they were useful responsible members of the household and housework today has been reduced to a dull, crude sort of

of labor. It seems to be tiring and un-rewarding to the average housewife that she turns the radio on to take her mind off of it.

Roman III. What does this commandment have to say to children in the home?

There are a vast number of people today who think it is natural to hate your in-laws, that it is immature to ask your parents advice about your marriage, that it's abnormal to value any of the knowledge and wisdom that your father and mother may have in the way of understanding or in discussing something with you.

I am sure that there are many children who have trouble with a father who gets drunk or a mother who stays on alcohol all the times and who finds criticism is the thing that they thrive upon, and of course this child will be thankless in many ways because of his parents. There is so much strife that it is inevitable that the screaming in the home and the fussing and cheating makes it difficult for it to become ideal. Just a few years ago the family in America may have been a twelve room affair. They designed the homes larger to take care of the grandparents, the maiden aunts and uncles and all the parents and the children. But today there are no such structures, and you are lucky if you can get the family into the home that has been built today and there is hardly any room at the end for any extras.

No doubt, some of this industrialism of making money has brought on the breakdown of this commandment, and many things have destroyed.

As some young people have no regard at all, one boy called his daddy an old man because he was getting bald, but if he stuck his head in a bottle of ink, he could make a ball point pen.

This fifth commandment may be distinguished from all the others as it brings together this connection and the child and the father are brought together.

What does it say about the duties of children to parents?

First, honor, second-obedience, and third-care for their necessities.

In what way do children today in a modern time violate this commandment?

First, I have indicated a lack of respect for the father in calling him an old man or calling him governor or by some other name. This lacks honor.

If a child in his speech so answers back that it is irreverent and disrespectful, it breaks this commandment by his speech. Third, if a child disregards an injunction by the parents solemnly laid upon him by his daddy, then that's a violation. It's an amazing thing to me how much smarter many children are and feel that they can manage better than their fathers can instruct them.

Now the parents are going to have to tell you about bed time, they are going to have to tell you about pets in the house, they are going to have to tell you about taking a bath regularly, they are going to have to tell you about your dates and how to manage your time and how to apply yourself in school.

It's violated also when a child does not care about the necessities of his parents. I think you - as in Matthew 15: 36, He said to the pharisees, "you make void the law of God by your tradition, you say with reverence to any part that it is devoted to God, but you cannot take care of your mother and father, you are becoming hypocrites".

Now I think there are limitations to this commandment. I think that if a parent commands a child to steel, does the law say that he ought to obey his parents. I think there would be a limitation that children obey their parents in the LORD, in the sphere of God's law they need to do this.

Mother Estranged for yrs from only Daughter who did not marry to suit her
Today Orthodox Jew Mowrns As Dead A Child Not Marries outside their faith! looks on child as Dead!

I am sure the duties of parents to children is to love them, nurture them, that is care for them physically, mentally and spiritually. They are to do this and instruct them in matters of religion and are to discipline them when they disobey. The love of the parent over the child is never justified except in this way. The parent should never provoke his child to

W's Senator - said for yrs estranged from my only Daughter, not marry to please me, Pride has kept her from my arms & heart!

I think a mother violates her place of honor in the child's life by the cares of society to the neglect of her children, but she is to live in good works before God.

Roman history there is a story about a very wonderful woman with her jewels who came to exhibit her finery to a dignified woman matron, Cornelia, and Cornelia sent for her two boys and they were brought to her. Holding one in each arm she said, "these are my jewels, I shine in these boys, I live in my children".

Now parents evade God's law when they fail to become the agency of teaching the child and having him to develop through them.

Many parents say I will turn this over to the Sunday School, I will turn this child over to the preacher.

There were many parents in the old testament, there are many stories about those who disobeyed this law, 1 Samuel 3: 11-14 "And the Lord said to Samuel, behold, I will do a thing to Israel, at which both the ears of everyone that heareth shall tingle, in that day I shall perform against Eli, all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever."

Now let me give you a run-down on how to honor your father and mother. First, respect for them - never lift your hand against them and never say a word of ill-repute.

Second, fear them Leviticus 19: 3 *Revere Parents - don't turn to idols, submit to Earthly Fathers Discipline, also to God's training - we begin to really live!*

Third, reverence for them - Hebrews 12:9 *The eye that mocks the father - scorns the mother, will be picked out by the raven of the valley & eaten by vulture*

Fourth - Never despise them - Proverbs 30: 17 *be picked out by the raven of the valley & eaten by vulture*

Fifth, Obey them - Ephesians 6: 1, 3 Come when you are called, go where you are sent and refrain from what they forbid you. *Children Obey Parents - long life, full of blessing*

Sixth, always submit to them - Proverbs 6: 20-22 That is their corrections, to their instructions, and do it in a spirit of love. *Bird Teaching of Father your heart - Tie to Neck - as well as Down They watch over you - When you Wake They will talk to you like a lamp.*

Seventh, Accept your parents God - Genesis 18: 19 This is the glorious thing in God's commandment for a son or a daughter to say, I gladly accept the God of my father and of my sainted mother. *I have chosen Abraham He will charge his children to keep The Way of the Lord*

Eighth - Matt. 15: 4 Jesus "In instance, God's Law is Honor your Father & Mother; anyone who reviles his parents must die." - impet - Vital

Now Christian can be trusted, he will do right, he will tell his children what is right.

Precinct Promise

superiority - outstanding -
Supreme!

III. What are the promises of this great, great commandment which we have been talking about?

The answer is that you may live long in the land, long on the earth and that's a tremendous proposition, to be obedient to your parents is a life-preserving and life-giving and life-extending in this natural life here in this world and on this earth in which you live.

Proverbs 6: 20-22 says: "My son, keep thy father's commandment and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou walkest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee."

Another memorable fulfillment of this promise is found in Jeremiah 35: 18-19, where he spoke to the house of the Rechabites: "Because ye have obeyed the commandment of your father and kept all the precepts, therefore God said, the son of Rechab should not want a man to stand before me for ever."

What about the last part of that promise?

Geikies, Hours With The Bible, gives testimony that in 1862 he found a tribe of these Rechabites near the Dead Sea, still living, flourishing just as Jeremiah had described them. It shows the power of obedience in this world and this law of life.

Those who have violated it have suffered and have not received the promise. Proverbs 30:17 says "the eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it."

Dr. Adam Clark when he was a child, "my mother, a Scotch woman, knew the teaching of God and the enforcement of this law in family life, one day told me that if I did not obey her" as she looked at him and pointed a finger at him and quoted that Proverb. He said it frightened me because the next day I was in the woods and a raven lit in a tree cawing and cawing and I threw up my hands over my eyes and ran home crying, Oh my eyes! Oh my eyes! Now religious instructions to their children in Deuteronomy 7: 7 elaborated on this commandment that the parents should teach all of this law to the children and they shall

wake up and when they shall walk out of the gates it shall be a part of their home-life a part when they walk, a part when they sleep and it is going to be inscribed on the doors and the windows, "Honor thy father and thy mother". When he steps out of his bedroom there is the inscription, when he goes through the gate he sees, honor thy father and thy mother.

It's tragic when a young person doubts his parents, sometimes between the ages of four and seventeen. They say at four a person knows all the questions and at age seventeen he knows all the answers. You know that's where the word sophomore comes from, it's a moron, it means a wise fool - someone who thinks he knows it all and you can't tell him anything. Fortunately, these sophomores become seniors.

One day a boy told his father, he says, "you've learned more in five years than anybody I ever say," when his father asked him how that was, the son answered, "when I was sixteen I didn't think you knew anything and now that I'm twenty-one, I think you know just about everything that is to be known."

Now this scripture says that the young man is going to listen to his father. Now if he is going to be like the prodigal son who goes on sowing his wild oats and cutting a wide path and stepping out of the traces, are his days going to be long on the long? No, somewhere along the way life is going to cut him down and disease is going to take over.

What are we to honor, thy father and thy mother. They gave birth to you, they've educated you, they've provided you in your weakness, they love you, they watch over your interest. How are you going to honor them, with your respect, with true reverence, with your constant affection and love. Speak well of your parents, do the best you can for them in old age. Never cause them pain by doing evil. Always commend them to God.

Joseph, though he was governor of Egypt, though he had been mistreated many, many ways; when his aged father came to him he bowed himself down to the earth before his father Jacob.

Solomon, the most magnificent of all earthly kings, honored his mother with the same reverence rising up to meet her, bowing himself to her, giving her the place of honor and at the right hand. And yet behold a greater than Solomon is here.

Here was Jesus on the cross, still had his mother in his heart and he turned her over to John the beloved to take and perform the loving care for her.

Honor thy father and thy mother by accepting your parents God.

In 1954, January, 24 American soldiers repudiated their nation and publicly announced that they were staying in the communist world. This was the first time in history that wholesale defection and turncoats had taken place.

Why, why did this happen? Investigators began a search for the answer. They tried to find the cause of this staggering fact.

Here is what they found: 16 of the 21 came from broken homes, fathers and mothers were not honorable in the beginning, thus their children were not taught this commandment.

Sixteen were described as unloved, unwanted, withdrawn, without friends.

If we were going to estimate just what happened here, what would you say?

There can be but one answer. If this nation is going to survive we must pay attention to this commandment. Theodore Roosevelt said, "my father was the best man I ever knew".

Albert Schweitzer said the happiest hours were those that I spent on Sunday afternoons with my father.

Thomas Carlyle after the death of his mother in writing his devotion "Oh pious mother, kind, good, brave and as truthful a soul as I have ever found in the world, your poor old Tom has fallen very lonely, very lame and broken in this pilgrimage of his. You cannot help him by a kind word anymore, but from your grave in the churchyard yonder you bid him trust in God and that also he will try to do for the conquest of the world and of death and hell does verily lie in that.

Yes, the enriching human ties that we hallow here are something that may abide forever.

I think there is very little that I could add tonight to this great commandment. It has meant a great deal in my life, for I have thought many times of what my father and mother have sought to give me in the way of trying to struggle to get an education and have a better chance in life than they had, and through it all I had instilled in my heart the deep abiding need always to respect and to honor their wishes.

I wonder how you feel about this commandment in your own life. There is one word that sums it up and that is unity, and how may you best honor your parents. By showing your respect and your love for their God, I think would be one of the greatest ways which you could honor them. "A house is built of logs and stone, of tiles and post and piers, a home is built of loving deeds that stand a thousand years." When you become a part of the family of God, that will stand all the test.

Soviets Enlist Americans For 10 Comm. Study

Four scholars from the Academy of Sciences have launched a project of study the impact of 10 Comm. on Individuals & Society!
Four scholars from American Evangelicals enlisted to help.

Sociologist Mikhail Matskovsky attended conf. in Chicago last fall. impressed by a paper given The Need for Moral Standards in Society

Americans visited in Jan. in connection with 10 Comm project.
A growing search in Soviet Union for a value system to replace Communist principles.

Looking for system

1. on absolute basis,
2. & deep respect for human life & human dignity
3. & Nurturing human liberty & responsibility.

Interest in learning about Christianity -

Research on The 10 Comm. project

Dave Wilberson - Father Pentecostal Preacher in humble little ch. other side tracks. - They sing 2 verses Amazing Grace Train Passed, Pres. High School Students came to Dave - Decided your Father's ch. Sun night.

Dave to Dad - Preach Best Sermon, Tell Priest not let boys so hard. & Dad please don't sing Honey in the Rock, that song bring down power every time - Dad said we'll let God have the way.

Dave Chained The Grinthal - Sun. night came

Priest told murder priest - sang Honey in Rock Dave came down Dad prayed & heaven on his face

Next day 5 students Dave - now Father Presley said it on the line!
I wish my preacher would do that - we should never be ashamed of our Parents.