

# Fifth COMMANDMENT HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER

## LESSON #6

READ: Exo.20:12

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

1. The Ten Commandments can be divided into two sections.
2. The first four deal with man's relationship with God.
3. The last six deal with man's relationship with man.
4. Thus, man's obligations are both vertical and horizontal.
5. We learn from a study of the Ten Commandments that God will not be pleased until we meet our obligations to both man and God.
6. The Deut. account Deut.5:16 READ differs slightly and is restated a little differently in Lev.19:3 READ
7. This is the first of the commandments dealing with man's relationship to man.
8. This should tell us something about its importance.
9. Also, keeping the first four would make it easier to keep this one.

### LET'S LOOK AT THE WORD HONOR.

1. HONOR = Respect, reverence, high esteem, and to acknowledge worth or value.
2. When people address their parents as the old man or old lady, they are in violation of this law.
3. Lev.19:32 READ,
4. 1 Tim.5:4 READ,

### WHY SHOULD WE HONOR OUR PARENTS?

1. Some reasons:
  - a. Because they gave us life.
  - b. They sustained us.
  - c. They cared for us when we could not care for ourselves.
  - d. Out of sheer gratitude, we should want to hold our parents in high esteem.
  - e. Honoring our parents prepares us to honor God.
  - f. God commands it.

## HOW SHOULD WE HONOR PARENTS?

1. By obeying them. Prov.1:8 READ,
2. Eph.6:1-3 READ,
  - a. What did Paul mean by in the Lord?
    - i. Could it be that these verses refer to children who are in the Lord or that children should only obey parents that are in the Lord?
3. No, the phrase, in the Lord, refers to that which is in harmony with God's will.
  - a. Col.3:20 READ,
  - b. The consequences of failing to obey parents, was disastrous in the Mosaic Age. Deut. 21:18-21 READ:
  - c. NOTICE Rom.1:30-31 READ Gives a list of people who are worthy of death, among this list is, "those disobedient to parents".
4. Is there ever a time to disobey your parents?
  - a. Yes, when they hinder one's obedience to the will of God children must put God first. Matt.10:37 READ, Matt.6:33 READ.
5. We honor parents by not cursing them. Exo.21:17,READ, Lev.20:9 says about the same but adds, "his blood shall be upon him."
  - a. By not mocking them or despising them. Prov.30:17 READ.
  - b. A failure to strike one's parents offers them the reverence and respect they deserve. Exo.21:15 READ.

## WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE THE VALUE OR WORTH OF OUR PARENTS BY CARING FOR THEM IN TIME OF NEED.

1. What are we going to do with them when they get old and helpless? The Bible has a lot to say about this:
  - a. Prov.23:22 READ.
  - b. 1 Tim.5:4, Vrs.8, Vrs.16, READ.
  - c. Dear friend, when our parents cannot walk, we should carry them.
  - d. When they cannot feed themselves, we should feed them,
  - e. when they cannot dress themselves, we should dress them.
2. Jesus set the example for all of us to follow.
  - a. Luke 2:51 READ
  - b. Even while on the cross Jesus thought of taking care of his mother. Jn.19:27 READ,

## **PARENTS SHOULD LIVE HONORABLY IF THEY ARE TO BE HONORED.**

A great example would be Eunice.

Paul said she had an unfeigned faith, and had passed it on to Timothy.

From a babe Timothy had known the sacred writings which were able to make one wise unto salvation.

(2 Tim.1:5).

Abraham was an honorable father worthy of the honor that God requires of parents.

Gen.18:19 describes him, READ

Parents who should be honored are those who discipline their children. Eph.6:4, READ

Parents who wish to be respected should also be parents who give their children the leadership that they need. Prov.22:6, READ

### **A. CONCLUSION:**

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#### **NOTICE THE BLESSINGS CONNECTED WITH KEEPING THIS FIFTH COMMANDMENT.**

1. From Exo., Deut, and Eph. we learn that it's observance is connected with the Promise land.
2. Length of days and happiness are also promised to those who keep this commandment.
3. Today this would be connected with going to heaven our promise land and the full life in Christ Jesus we are promised in Jn.10:10.
4. The way to start is to give your life to Christ then be faithful.