

HONORING PARENTS

The Ten Commandments

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family of seven) answered, "thou shall not kill."

TEXT: Ex. 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

INTRODUCTION:

A. The 10 commandments are divided in two sections.

B. 4 deal with man's relationship to God.

1. Worship God.
2. No idols.
3. Not take God's name in vain.
4. Worship Him by keeping the Sabbath.

C. The last 6 deal with man's relationship to man.

D. Thus, man's obligations are two fold.

1. Vertical-God.
2. Horizontal-man.

E. We can never please God until we meet both obligations.

F. This commandment is repeated in the New Testament.

1. Matt. 15:4 .
2. Matt. 19:19.

3. Eph. 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

G. The first commandment that deals with relationship toward people deals with

your parents.

1. Could be important.
2. Could be they are the first people you ever deal with.
3. If one does not learn how to honor and respect his parents it will be hard for them to respect anything.

- a. themselves.
- b. law.
- c. God. etc.

H. Let's notice this commandment in this order.

1. What is honor?
2. Why honor them?
3. How to honor?
4. The blessings of honoring.
5. Parents will be honored if they will live honorably.

BODY:

I. HONOR.

A. Honor means- reverence, respect, highly esteem, to acknowledge the value or worth there of.

B. When people address their parents as the Old Man or Old Lady they are in violation of this law.

1. Lev. 19:3a "Everyone of you shall revere his mother and his father. . ."
2. Lev. 19:32. **`You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I [am] the Lord.**
3. 1 Tim. 5:4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.

II. WHY SHOULD WE HONOR OUR PARENTS?

A. They gave us life!

1. One boy said, "I never asked to be born." His dad replied "It's a good

thing because I would have said NO."

2. In this day of over 1 million abortions per year we should be thankful they gave us life.

B. They sustained us.

1. They cared for us when we could not care for ourselves.

2. We were totally helpless.

3. You never know what your parents went through until you have children.

C. Out of gratitude- 2 Tim. 3:1-5 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

D. Someone has suggested that honoring our parents prepares us to honor God.

1. There is a sense in which our parents were our first gods.

2. We looked to them to supply our every need, just as a Christian should look to God in heaven to supply our needs.

III. HOW SHOULD WE HONOR PARENTS?

A. Obey them.

1. Prov. 1:8 "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother."

2. Eph. 6:1-2 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:

3. What does "in the Lord" mean?

a. Some say if the parents are in the Lord.

b. Some say if the children are in the Lord.

c. The phrase "in the Lord" refers to that which is in harmony with God's will.

4. Col. 3:20 **Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. not** "parents obey your children."

5. Consequences of disobedience.

a. Deut. 21:18-21-O.T. **If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, "then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. "And they shall say to the elders of his city, `This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' "Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.**

b. Rom. 1:30-32.-N.T. backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

6. Should you ever disobey your parents? YES,YES.

a. Matt. 10:37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

b. Matt. 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

B. Not Cursing Your Parents. Lev 20:9 `For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him.

C. Not Mocking- Prov. 30:17. The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to [his] mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

D. Not Striking- Ex. 21:15. And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

E. By Caring For Them In Time Of Need.

1. When old and helpless.

2. The heathen left them to die.

3. The new-heathen leave them in a nursing home.

4. Some of the Jews were doing this- Mk. 7:9-12 He said to them, "[All] [too] well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me [is] Corban"--' (that is, a gift [to] [God]), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother,

5. The Bible has a great deal to say about this.

a. :Prov. 23:22. **Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.**

b. 1 Tim. 5:4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.

c. 1 Tim. 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

d. 1 Tim. 5:16 If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

6. When they C/N walk we should carry them.

7. If they C/N feed themselves we should feed them.

8. When they C/N dress themselves we should dress them.

9. Jesus set us an example.

a. Lk. 2:51-52 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

b. Jn. 19:27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own [home].

IV. THE BLESSINGS.

A. Ex. 20:12. "day may be long"

B. Eph. 6:3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

V. PARENTS WILL BE HONORED IF THEY WILL LIVE HONORABLY.

A. Parents Set Examples.

1. 2 Tim. 1:3-5 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as [my] forefathers [did], as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

2. 2 Tim. 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

3. Gen. 18:18-19. **"since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."**

B. Parents Must Instruct- Eph. 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

C. Parents Must Lead- Prov. 22:6 " Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it"

D. Parents Must Discipline- Eph. 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your

children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

CONCLUSION:

A. We Should Honor Our Parents.

B. Rom. 1:30-32 Backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.