

God Values Family

Deut. 5:16

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Life Change: We honor the Lord by honoring family

Aristotle was right!

The parts of God's dynamic: **Ex 20:12; De 5:16**

You give honor

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You receive long life and prosperity

God is the Giver

Parental respect is part of worship **Lev 19:1-3**

God's family dynamic continues after the Law Eph 6:1-4

Children obey

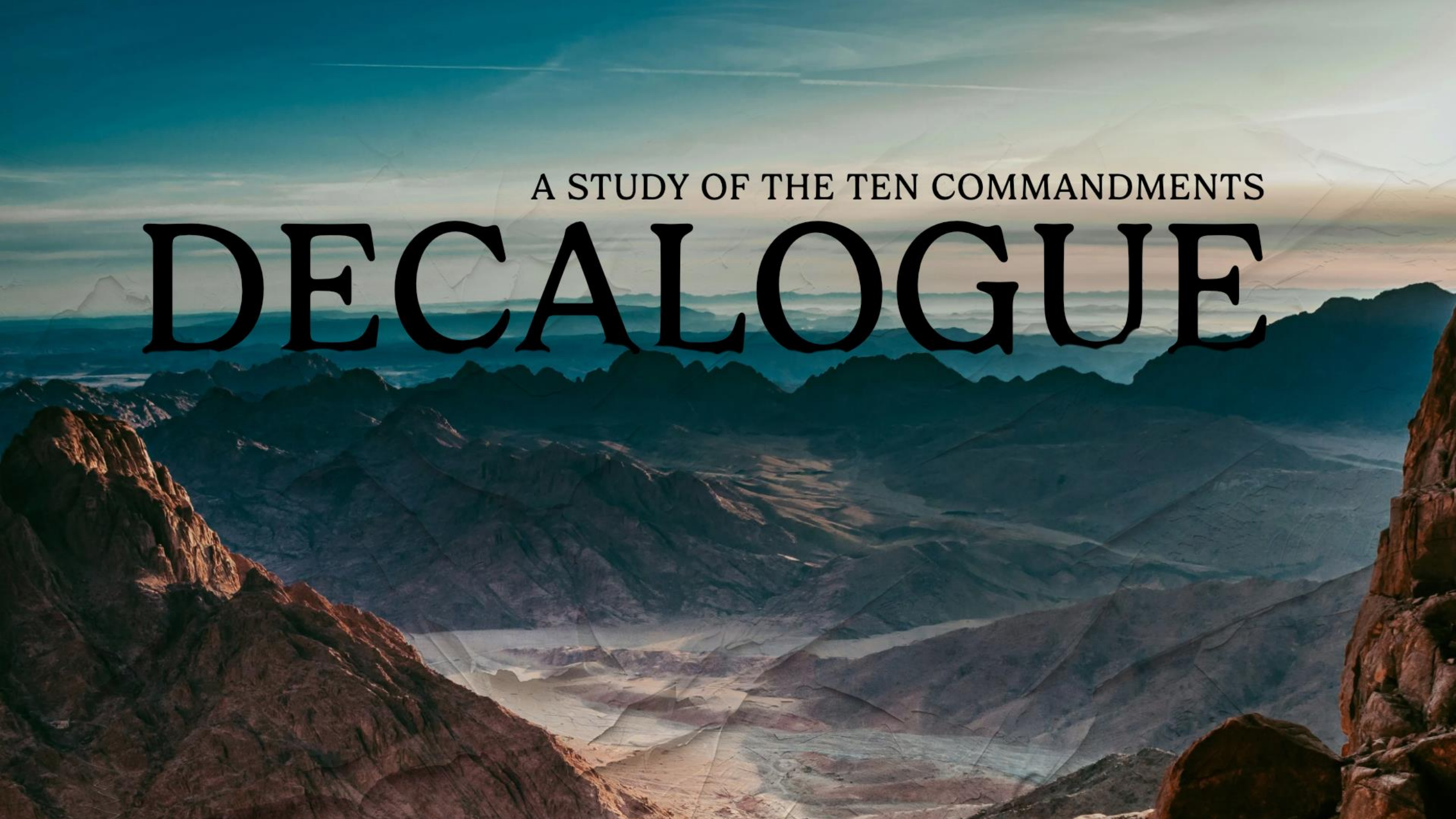
In the Lord

Parents don't stir up anger

Train, don't react

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A STUDY OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
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Over 2300 years ago, the Greek philosopher Aristotle reasoned that space – whether the cosmos, a house, or a cell too small to see – all space is comprised of relationships. Things matter, but the relationship between things defines space and determines place. He wrote:

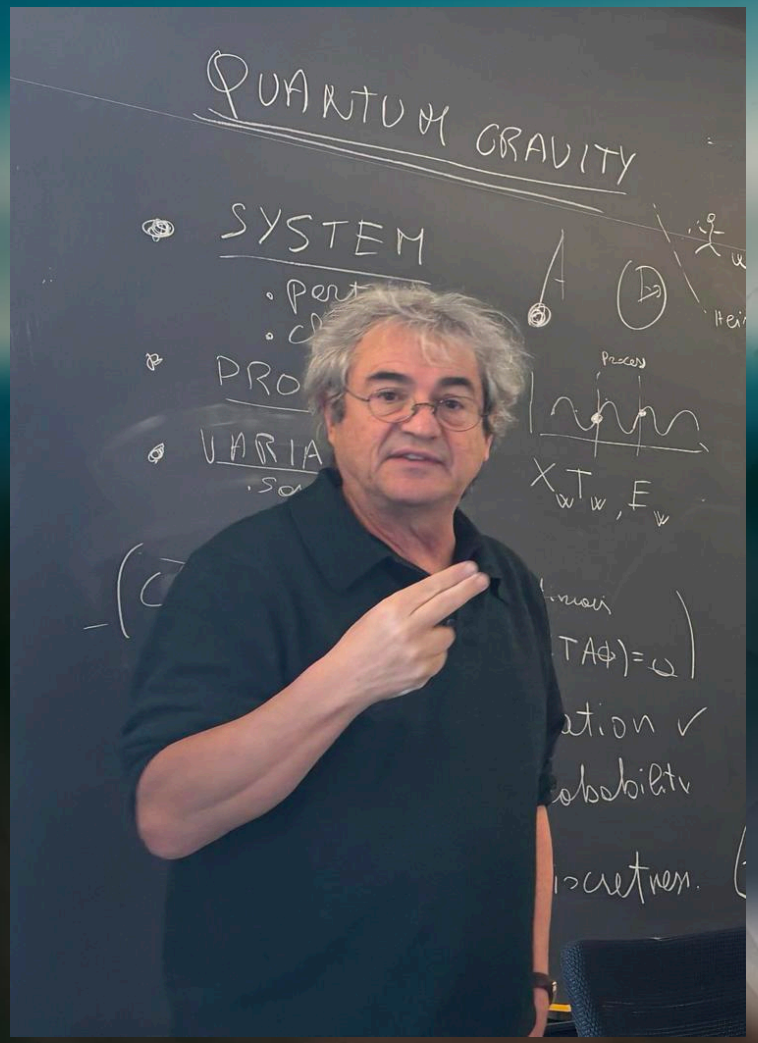
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– Aristotle, *Physics*, IV:208



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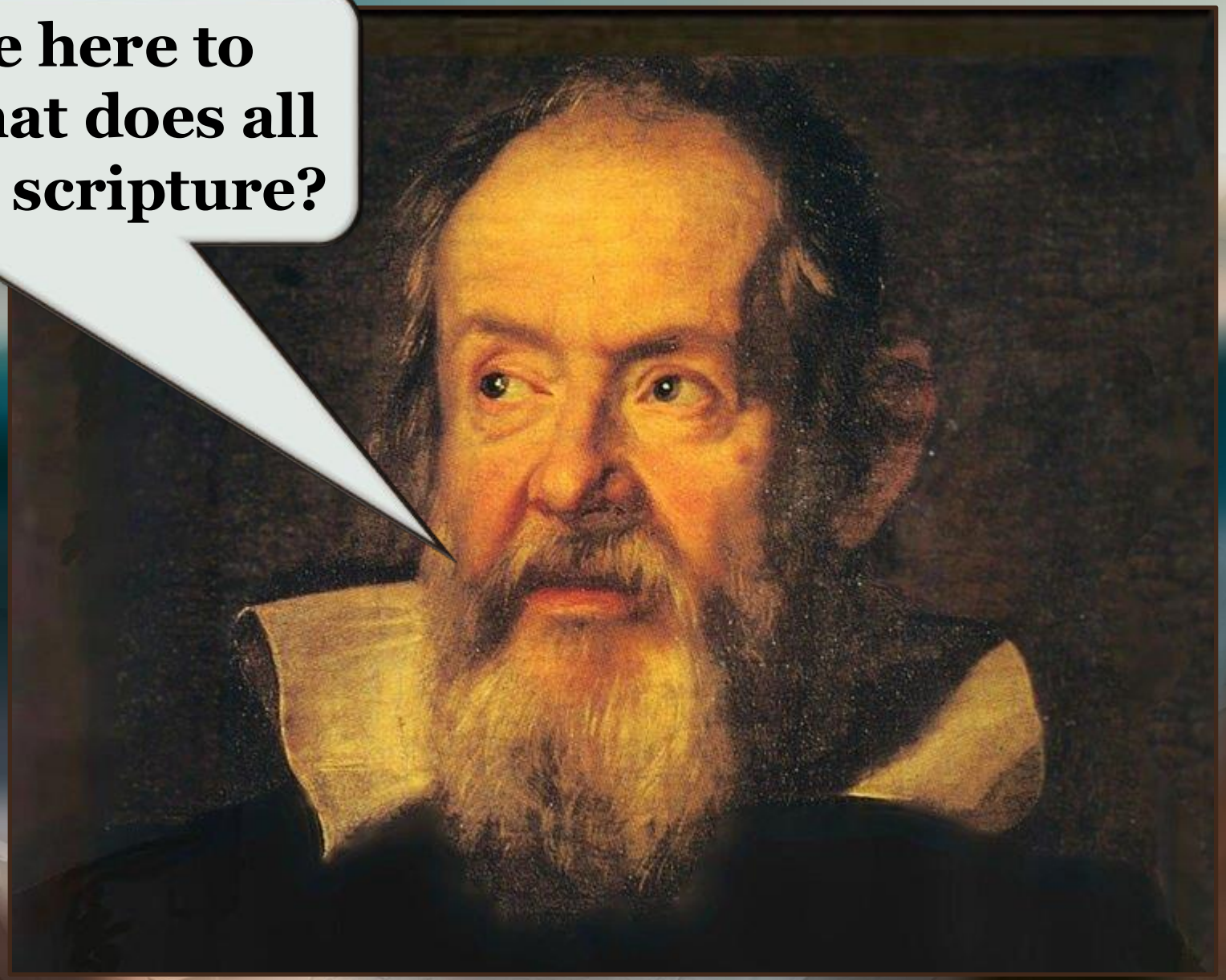
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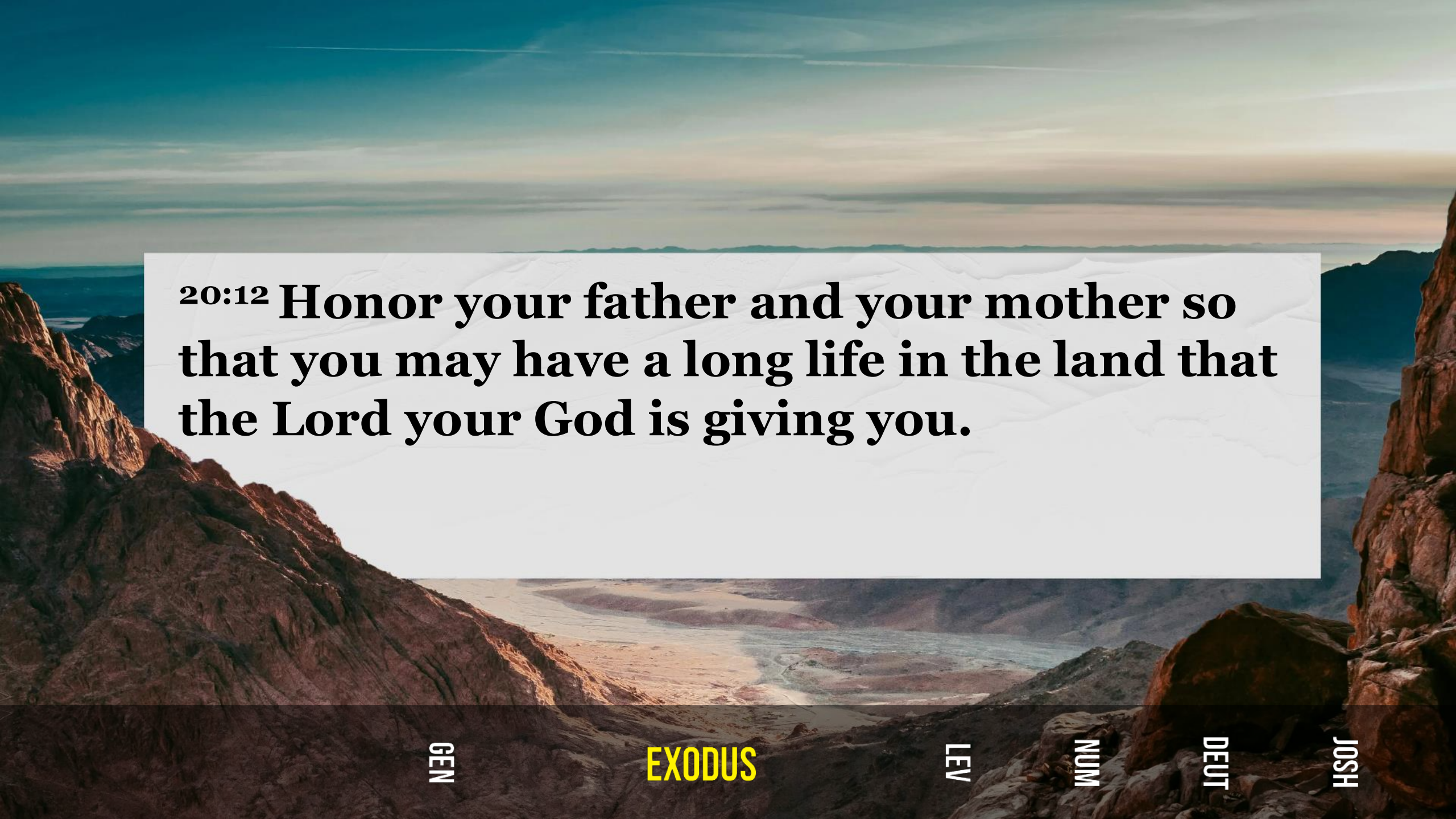
All space is comprised of woven relationships…Aristotle [foresaw] that space is a relation between things…There can be no space if there are no things or events, just as there is no family if there are no people who form it…Aristotle did excellent physics. – Carlo Rovelli, *On the Equality of All Things*

courtesy Princeton

I thought we were here to study the Bible. What does all this have to do with scripture?



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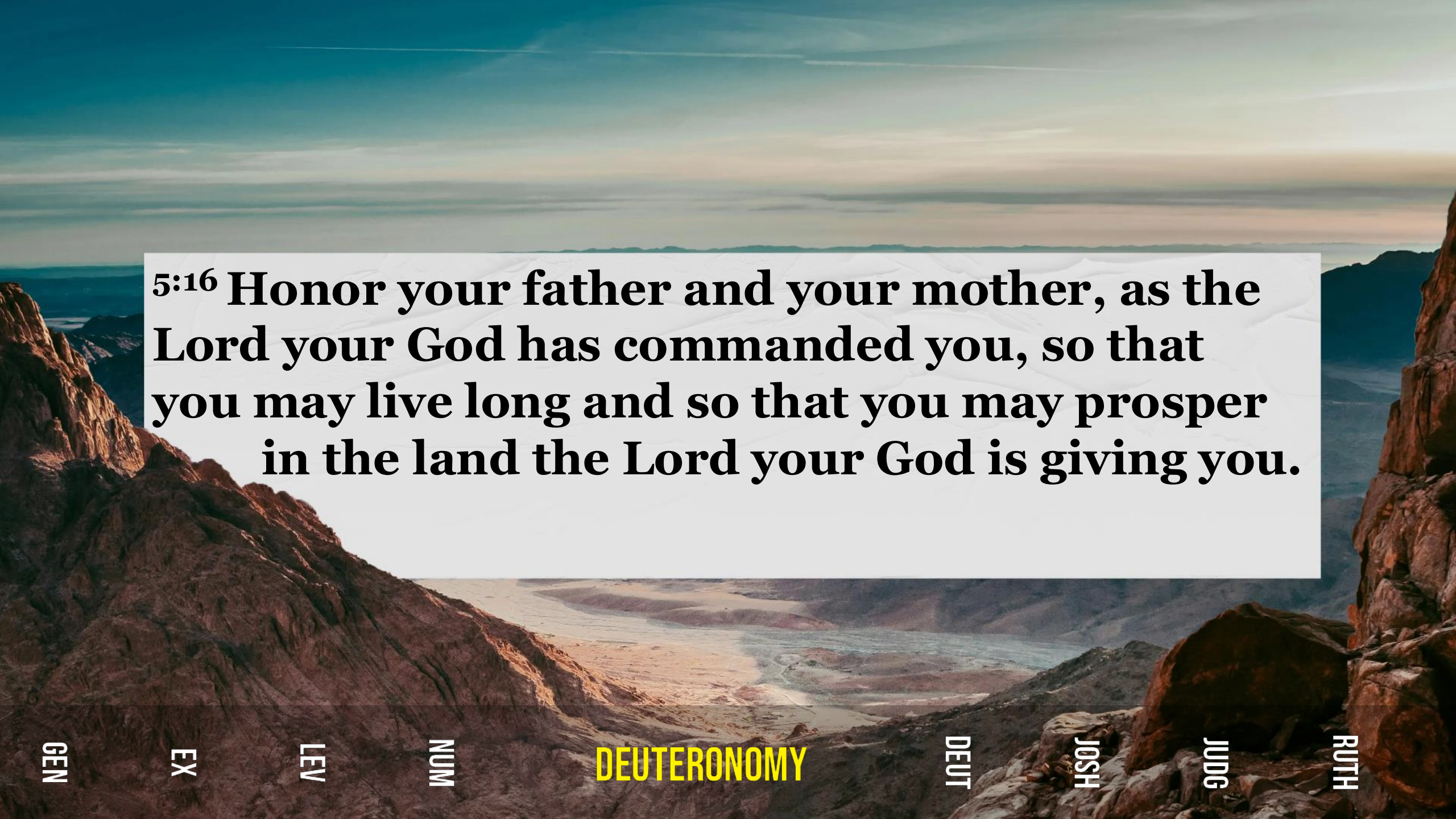
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place

Exodus 20 CSB



courtesy daily highlight


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Deuteronomy 5:16 **Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and so that you may prosper in the land the Lord your God is giving you.**

How can we know the difference between scriptural honor and mere traditionalism?

Here's your flowers!



Here's your alcohol!



courtesy istock; vedalia

- **What did most of your culture consider the proper way for a 10-year-old to address his/her father?**
- **What were the generally accepted responsibilities of a 20-year-old son toward his mother?**
- **What are the most common ways in that culture for a 30-year-old daughter to show honor to her father?**
- **What are the cultural expectations of a 40-year-old toward his/her aging parents?**

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Deuteronomy 5 CSB

courtesy StarTrek.com

The Vulcan salute, first seen in the episode "Amok Time," is perhaps one of pop culture's most enduring images. It has become shorthand for not only the *Star Trek* franchise, but a greeting for fans from all walks of life to find each other. Accompanied by the phrase "Live long and prosper," the salute is as key to *Star Trek* as starships, warp capabilities, and the phrase "to boldly go where no one has gone before."

From Leonard Nimoy: The idea came when I saw the way Joe (Pevney, the episode's director) was staging the scene. He had me approach T'Pau and I felt a greeting gesture was called for. So, I suggested it to Joe, who accepted it immediately.

The inspiration came from my childhood. I grew up in an interesting inner-city neighborhood in Boston…The population was mostly immigrants. Maybe 70% Italian and 25% Jewish. My family attended services in an Orthodox Jewish Synagogue, or "Shul." We were especially attentive to the high holidays: Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Since I was somewhat musical, I was hired as a young boy to sing in choirs for the holidays, and I was therefore exposed to all of the rituals firsthand.

I still have a vivid memory of the first time I saw the use of the split-fingered hands being extended to the congregation in blessing. – Leonard Nimoy with StarTrek.com



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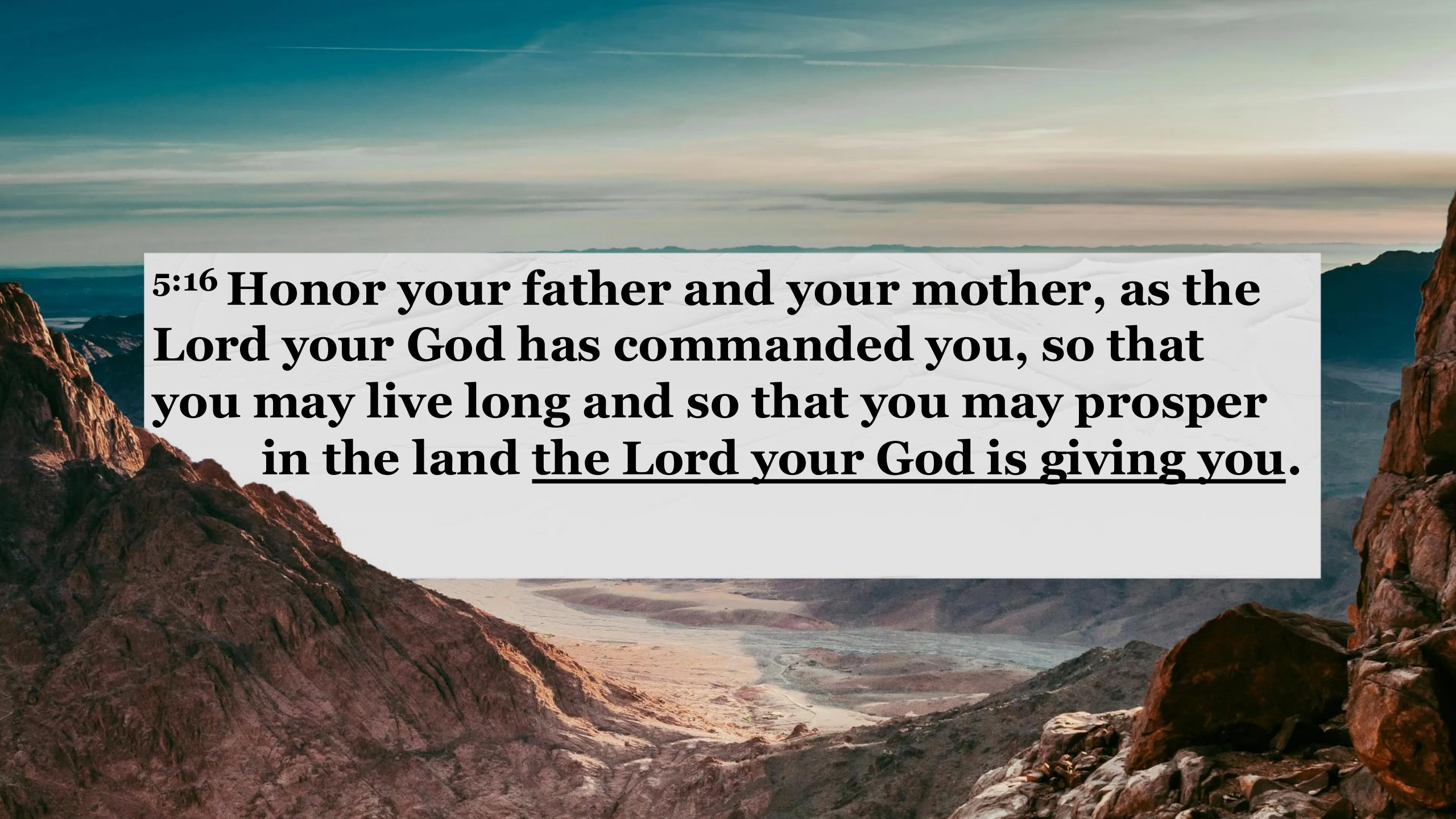
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courtesy Forbes

USA 2019-2026

Top 50% wealth distribution: 54% increase

Bottom 50% wealth distribution: 68% increase



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12 Exalt the Lord, Jerusalem;
praise your God, Zion!
13 For he strengthens the bars of your city gates
and blesses your children within you.
14 He endows your territory with prosperity;
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

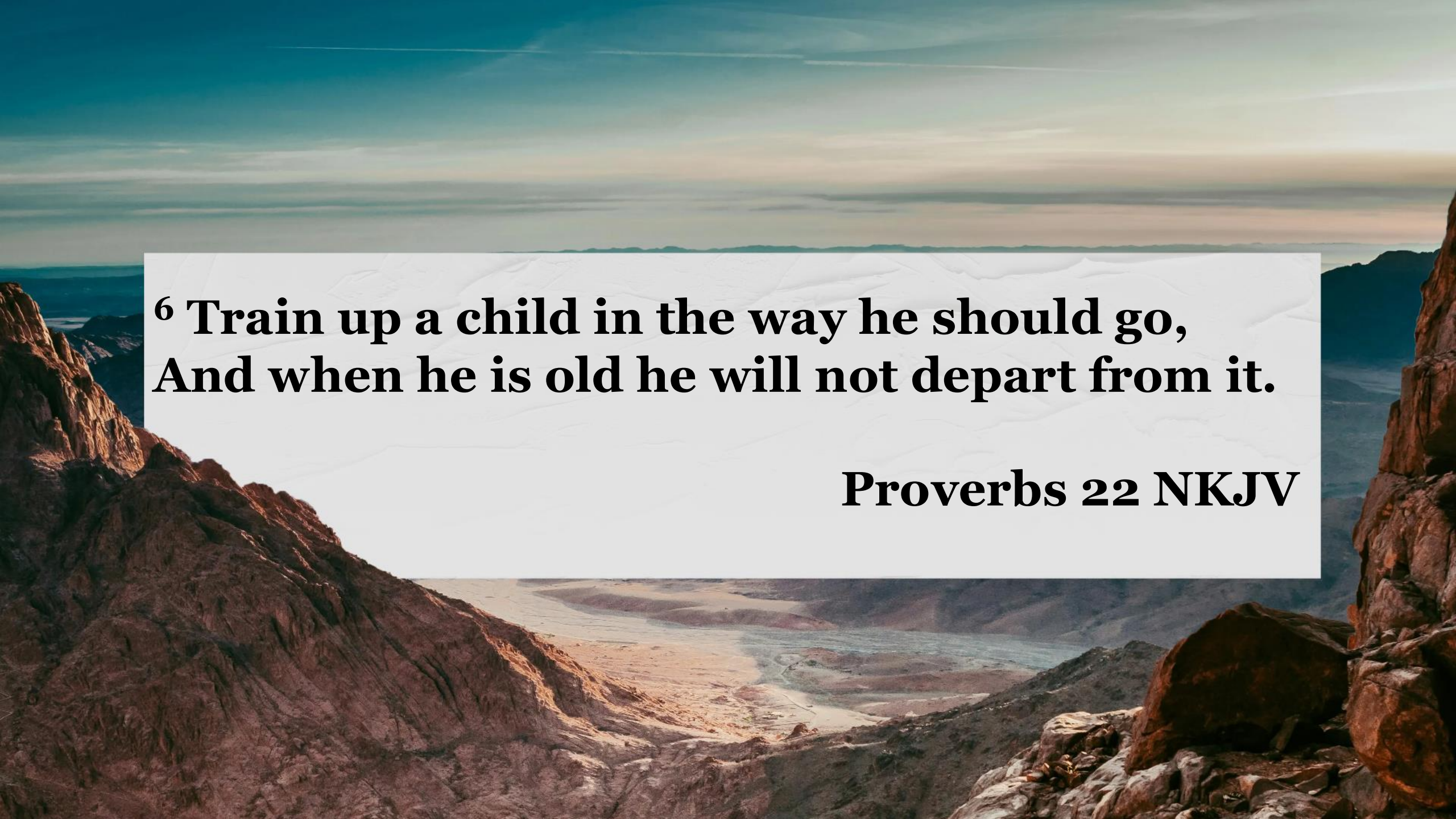
Psalm 147 CSB

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6 Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.

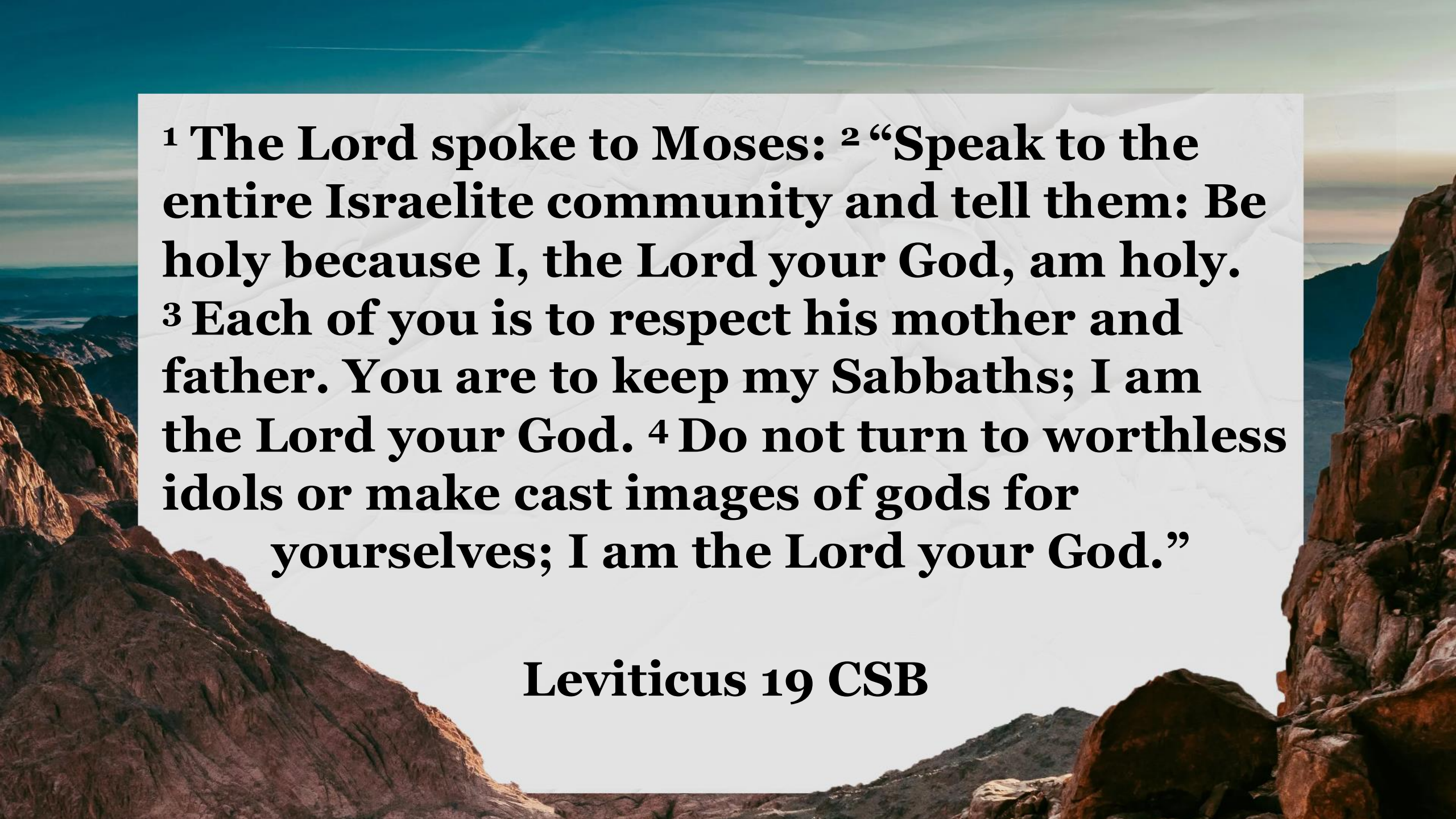
Proverbs 22 NKJV

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Philo of Alexandria
Nuremburg Chronicle
1493

The honoring of parents is not merely a matter of social relationships, but a function of one's respect for God. Filial piety is not so much a matter of refraining from harming others [but] a fundamental virtue that naturally follows honoring God, his Name, and his Day.
– Philo, *Decalogue* 106–107



Courtesy You Tube

Tell me about your family.



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Family sin must not be coddled!

That said, even the most dishonorable parent can be appropriately honored in some way.



So what are some ways we commit parricide; i.e., we commit idolatry instead of honoring parents as part of YHWH worship?

courtesy StarTrek.com

Childish dishonoring that ruins worship

- Purposefully disregarding clear directions.
- Calling a parent names.
- Rolling eyes over parent's stupidity.
- Agreeing in words and then disobeying in actions.

Adult dishonoring that ruins worship

- Blaming them for all one's struggles.
- Cutting off good, but imperfect, parents.
- Laughing at parents' degeneration.
- Hiding parents away.

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Ephesians 6 CSB

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Greek: ὑπακούω hypakouo = originally, open the door; later, obey

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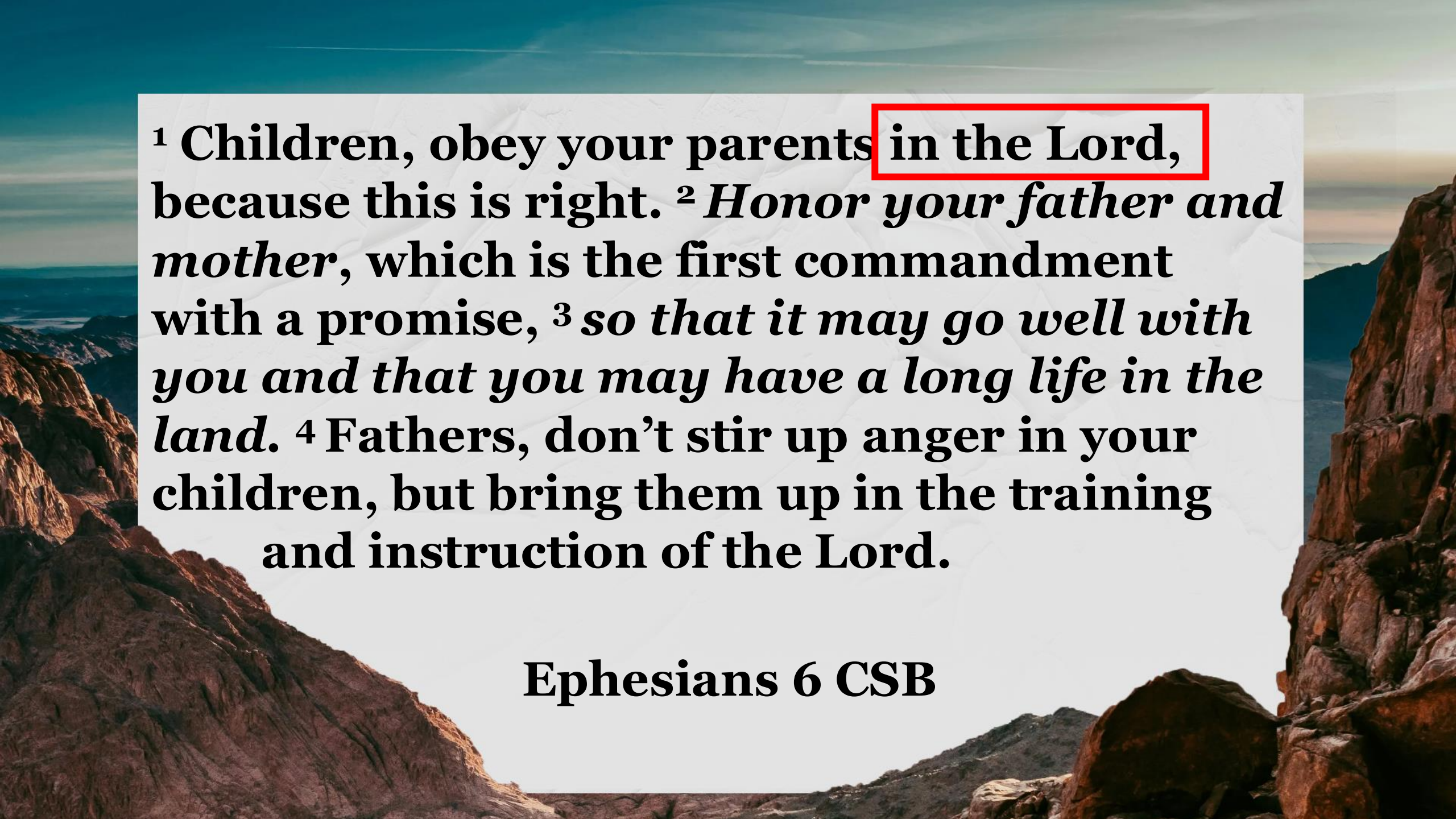
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“Gentle parenting” may have some fine attributes, but delayed obedience is not biblically acceptable.



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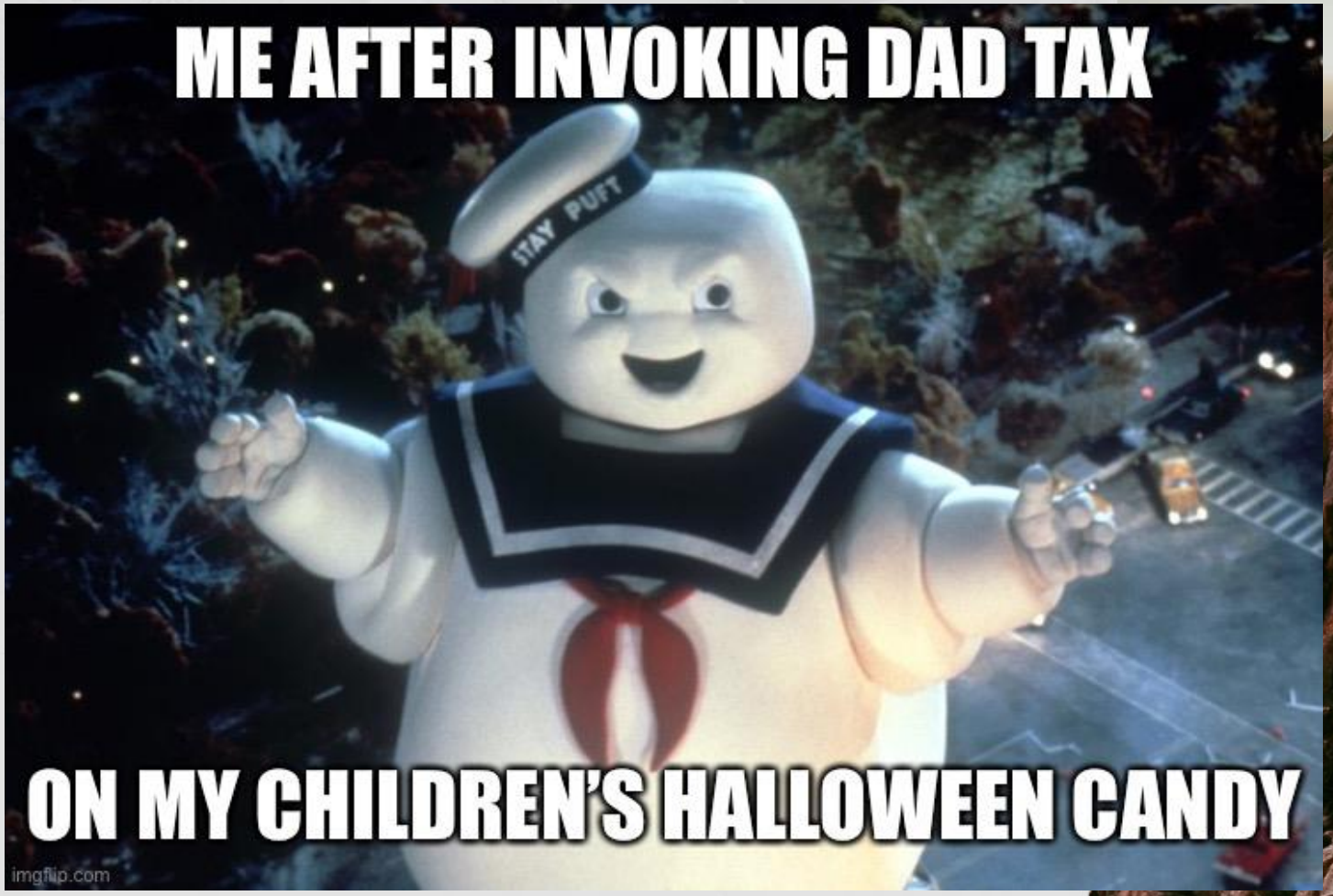


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After the anger rises up but before you respond, ask yourself: "What in this situation has provoked the anger? Is it a matter of my wants being thwarted, or is it a sin that needs to be nipped in the bud before it becomes a pattern in the child's life?" Then respond accordingly.
– Tim Keller, "Forgiving & Forgiven"

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Train.
Don't react.

Ivan IV
(Ivan the Terrible)
1st Tsar of Russia



courtesy Brittanica



Friday, 16 November 1581
Ilya Repin
1885

courtesy State Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow

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“God reveals the truth that a person’s existence in place is directly tied to that person’s relationships.” Which word best describes my relational place in family?

Unrooted Shallow Flourishing Bitterroot

I treat my parents with gravitas; that is, with respect and honor.

Rarely **Only when they earn it** **Actively** **Never, and it's their fault**

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Y/N	**I enjoy life and prosperity in Christ in the place where He has planted me.**


I gratefully remember that God is the Provider.
Rarely
Sometimes
Regularly

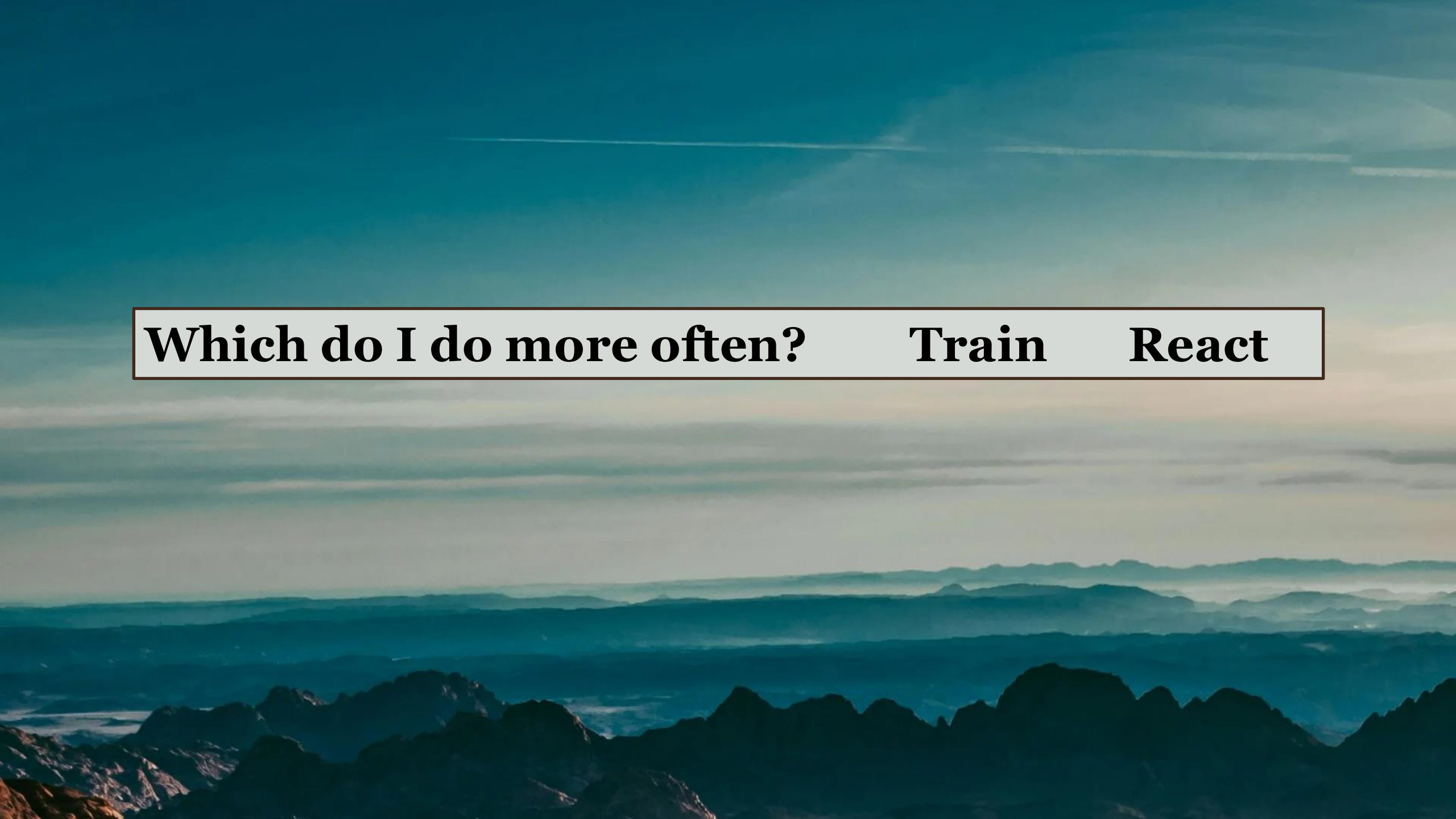
Which am I more likely to do?

- **Coddle a family sin pattern, calling wrong “right.”**
- **Give up on finding a way to honor a dishonorable parent.**

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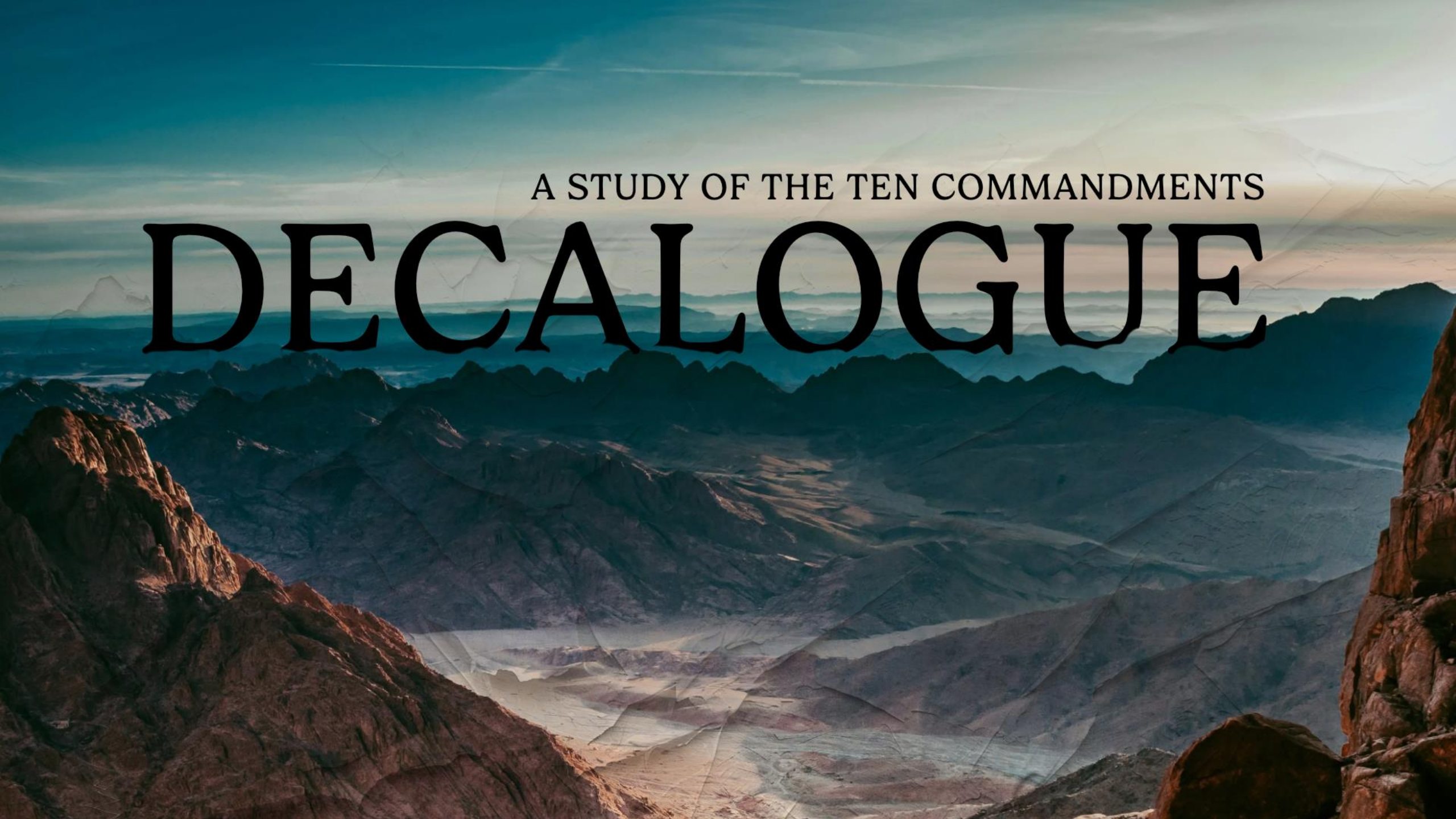
Y/N Do my children/grandkids/nieces/etc. have any legitimate reason to dub me "Wayne the Terrible?"


Which do I do more often? Train React

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