

Today, we continue in our series on the 10 commandments.

In the last few weeks, we discussed the importance of keeping the 4 commandments that concern God, so we can fulfill the rest.

No Other God – No God in our Own Image –
No Name in Vain – Sabbath

We then spoke on the commandments:

Thou shalt not Commit Murder or Adultery.

Today I want to talk about the 5th Commandment:

Exodus 20:12 **Honour** thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

The Word Honor is a rich word. It means to give weight to, significance, recognition, and like.

You can clearly see that this commandment is given to us after the 4. This divine appointment is because **parents are the first example and sign to children to honor a higher moral authority.**

This commandment is not a commandment that is left in the past, but also given to us today as Christians:

Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, **obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.**

(2) **Honour** thy father and mother;

(which is the first commandment with promise;)

(3) **That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.**

Go well with thee, live long is not about a personal promise but a societal promise. A family or society that does not honor parents is doomed.

It is important that parents help children with this commandment.

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the **training and admonition of the Lord.**

We help our children honor us when:

1. We live the Godly example.
2. We discipline our children when they act up.
3. We hold a family unit, or at least, when possible, hold a cordial relationship with the father or mother of the child.

How we treat our parents leaves a seed of how our children will treat us. Dishonor is a seed. And it always produces a harvest. (Farmers Son)

When parents grow older, or when we do, it can sometimes become easier to dishonor them.

Yet we are told:

Proverbs 23:22 Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

We can find all kinds of excuses to dishonor our parents. Even in Christ's time, people made excuses to dishonor their parents.

Mark 7:9-13 He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. (10) For Moses said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER'; and, 'HE WHO CURSES FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM BE PUT TO DEATH.' (11) 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), (12) then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, (13) making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

We are warned that in the last days:

2 Timothy 3:1-2 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: (2) For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, **disobedient to parents**, unthankful, unholy,

Today We live in a world where:

- Kids roll their eyes at parents
- People mock their parents online
- Parents are treated like burdens
- Many adults carry bitterness toward the ones who raised them.

Some people dishonor their parents without lifting a hand. They dishonor with tone, mocking, sarcasm, and disrespect.

Noah and Sons – Shem, Ham, Japheth

In Conclusion,

Some people have pain because their parents abandoned them, abused them, were addicted, absent, or cruel.

How do you honor someone who hurt you?

- Honor does not mean you call sin “OKAY.”
- Honor is not the same as trust.
- Honor may include boundaries, spoken with a clean heart.

Honor is about respect. Watching your mouth, your demeanor, and manners around them.

When you honor your parents, you are honoring and obeying God. God chose them to be the first authority in your life. Even if they weren't perfect, God still commanded honor.

We are not to be like the world but rather be the examples:

1 Peter 2:12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, **by your good works which they observe**, glorify God in the day of visitation.