

2024 BIBLE STUDY SERIES
THEME: "GET YOUR HOPES UP!"

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KINGDOM-LED RELATIONSHIPS: CHILDREN
Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-4

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Reflection Question

A. How do you define the word honor?

B. What does it mean to honor your parents as an adult?

C. Why is it important for children to obey and respect their parents?

Important Emphasis

The place where the commandments of God were given to Israel was unique. They received them in the wilderness. The wilderness is defined as the place of preparation. I don't believe that this is by coincidence. God prepares us from our foundation into our future. "The divine promise of law has been a central theme in the wilderness journey." Mark 1:12-15

What is it that God is preparing you for? How you handle your basic relationships will certainly impact your future interactions.

Gratefulness for the Guidance- What is your disposition when you are being given guidance Proverbs 12:1-3. As we receive instruction from our parents what is our public and private disposition of submission to them. We should consider Placing ourselves in the mindset of gratefulness which creates an atmosphere of being blessed to have an opportunity to receive impartation. This is vital because with the same spirit you receive instruction from your parents will be the same energy that you will present to God.

What is peculiar to note is that the Word Honor in the translations is never change from the NLV, NRSV, KJV, Message, NASB.

The order has been set through the statement of Exodus 20:1 Then God spoke these words. "The perspective on human rights in the Decalogue and its demand for singular allegiance to God echoes throughout Scripture and in ongoing Jewish and Christian tradition."

Legacy that is Laid- God proposed law as the basis for the divine-human relationship, promising the Israelites health in exchange for their obedience. And God guaranteed the promise with a revelation: "I am Yahweh, your healer." No interhuman relationship is so basic as that between children and parents It is a fundamental order of creation.

Length ones Life – Honor: to weigh heavy on; weighty imperative verb. In all dealings with parents, respect, esteem, having regard and concern for, and showing affection, considerateness and appreciation are the order of the day.

Lord Lending Power: God gives three things here in the text. God Gives parents, God Gives presence, and God Gives promises.

Important Emphasis – May 22, 2024 (additions from 5-15-2024)

The Blessing of the Lord turned to Bitterness

Genesis 4:1 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she Said “I have gotten a manchild with the help of the Lord.”

The Lord Helps

Psalms 46:1

Psalms 121:5

Psalms 107:19-21

Health of Cain Proverbs 3:7-8

Harvest of Cain Matthew 9:38

Heir of Adam (Cain) Deut. 21:15-17

Hostility of heaven by Cain James 4:4

The Drama of Cain the Triangle of Brother/ God/ Sin

Walter Brueggemann suggested that this family is at worship! John 4:24 “Life can be unfair but God is free” Life is not a garden party but a harsh fellowship among watchful siblings.

Cain- The Etymology for Cain’s name is to get, to create the name is given as praise to God

Abel- The Etymology for Abel’s name is vapor, nothingness. Without the possibility of life. Look at the reversal. Abel is revealed as a man of faith. Hebrews 11:4

As with Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau yet come, the first-born does not fare well in Genesis!

Abel was a keeper of flocks. What is amazing was the question God asked of Cain. Where is your brother? His reply am I my brother’s keeper! WOW!

Does the Lord have regard for what you are doing? Abel is taking care of others, while Cain is taking care of the ground. Is this point toward himself in some way?

Key terms

Attitude
 Commandment
 Consequences
 Decalogue
 Disobedience
 Disrespect
 Father
 Honor

Integrity
 Judgment
 Mother
 Obey/Obedience
 Promise
 Remember
 Respect
 Ten Commandments

Outline

- III. Kingdom-Led Relationships: Children** (Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-3)
 - A. Kingdom-Led Children Honor God (Exodus 20:12)
 - B. Kingdom-Led Children Honor Their Parents (Exodus 20:12)
 - C. Kingdom-Led Children who Obey and Honor Their Parents are Blessed (Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-3)

Introduction

Hardly a day goes by when there is news of people engaging in public disturbances that go far beyond “free speech” and social justice activism to the destruction of property and physical harm to others with whom they disagree. There is increased anger and polarization, senseless crime sprees, internet trolling, and all types of personal intimidation. Different political and religious ideologies cannot be discussed without viewing others as incredibly ignorant or evil. This _____ is occurring amongst all age groups. Where are the image of God champions for our children and young adults to _____? Proverbs 29:18 says “A nation without God’s guidance is a nation without order. Happy are those who keep God’s law.”

Exploring the Text

¹² *“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which, the LORD your God gives you (Exodus 20:12 NASB 1995).”*

A. Kingdom-Led Children Honor God

“Honor your father and your mother...” (Exodus 20:12a)

This is a command of God. We “honor” God by obeying His commands. There are consequences for disobeying God’s commands (**Proverbs 17:11; Romans 13:1-7; 2 Timothy 3:1-7**). However, there are blessings for those who obey God’s commands (**Psalm 1:1-2; Matthew 7:24-27**).

B. Kingdom-Led Children Honor Their Parents

“Honor your father and your mother...” (Exodus 20:12a)

The biblical command to _____ your parents first appears in Exodus 20:12 as commandment #5 in the Ten Commandments or the _____ (another name for the Ten Commandments lit., the “ten words”) (Exod. 34:28; Deut. 4:13; 10:4) that were delivered to Moses (Exod. 20:1–17; Deut. 5:6–21).

This commandment to honor your parents also appears in **Deuteronomy 5:16**. The basic idea of the Hebrew word translated as "honor" is to _____ to, and in the context of honoring your parents, this makes good sense. They have weight because of the position they hold in your life: you would not be here without them.

If they were and are wonderful, wise, godly parents, that only enlarges the _____ they hold in your life. But even if they were not, they still hold a weighty place by virtue of the fact that you exist because of them. Some psychologists have pointed out how there is something fundamentally wise about this command because to _____ your parents entails _____ and _____ your own existence and that will create all sorts of issues that will make your life miserable. Thus, as with many of God’s commands (actually with all of them!), honoring your father and mother is right because it is good for your well-being. It enables human flourishing!

Adam Clarke presses the reader with a question and some actions to take to correct his or her acts of dishonoring a parent: “Art thou guilty? Humble thyself therefore before God, and repent. 1. As children are bound to help or support their parents, then parents are bound to educate and instruct their children in all useful and necessary knowledge, and not to bring them up either in _____ or _____ (**Proverbs 22:5**). 2. They should teach their children the fear and knowledge of God (**Ephesians 6:4**). For how can they expect affection or dutiful respect from those who have not the fear of God before their eyes? Those who are best educated in the Word of God and trained up in it, are generally the most _____ toward their parents. Heathens also taught or indoctrinated respect to parents.

Understanding the Text

1. Where in the Bible does the command to “honor” your parents first appear?
2. What is another name for the Ten Commandments?
3. What is the basic idea of the Hebrew word translated as “honor?”
4. What does dishonoring your parents involve?
5. Children who are well educated in the knowledge of the Word of God and trained in how to follow it are generally most what toward their parents.

Exploring the Text

C. Kingdom-Led Children who Obey and Honor Their Parents are Blessed (Exodus 20:12b; Ephesians 6:1-4)

"...that your days may be prolonged in the land which, the LORD your God gives you (Exodus 20:12b NASB 1995)."

Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³ SO THAT IT MAY TURN OUT WELL FOR YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. ⁴ Fathers do not provoke your children to anger but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:1-4 NASB 1995).

In the Old and New Testaments, God's command to honor and obey parents is connected with a blessing (promise). This, as the Apostle Paul observes, **Ephesians 6:2**, is the first _____ to which God has annexed [captured] a _____; therefore we may learn in some measure how important the duty to honor our parents is in the sight of God. In **Deuteronomy 5:16** it is said, "...that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you."

Jesus "*modeled*" both honoring one's father and receiving honor from one's father. Jesus came to glorify His Father and God the Father glorified Jesus (**John 13:31-32**).

Understanding the Text

6. Why is a child's obedience to his or her parents pleasing to the Lord? (6:1)
7. What was promised to Israelite children who obeyed their parents? (6:2-3)
8. What does God want fathers not to do? (6:4)

9. How should children be reared and nourished? (6:4)

10. How is the Lord to be the center of parent-child relationships? (6:4)

Life Application

- What will you do to enhance your relationship and support of your parents' close relative, or elderly loved one who may need care or attention?

- What will you do to repair a relationship with an elder parent or relative that you are estranged from?