

5th Commandment: "Honor the Heavies"

300 ANGRY Evangelical Xtian Leaders met Chaplain of US Senate
In DC with DEMAND > Children must be ALLOWED to Pray in Schools!!
Chaplain *'How many of you pray with your kids at Home?'* Answer? **NONE!**

10 Comm > TEN TIMELESS WORDS > Love God (1-4), Neighbor (5-10)
5th Comm > HONOR Your Father and Mother
CLOSEST Neighbors: Own FAMILY > Foundation of ALL Human Relations

TEACHING CENTER of OT was HOME – Duty of Parents to Train Children
HOME > 1st Hospital, 1st School, 1st Government, 1st Church > Charity Begins!

FAMILY > Birthplace of SELF-ESTEEM, MORAL VALUES, RESPECT

1. Context

2. Command

3. Consequences

1. Context

BOTH Stone TABLETS ALL 10 Laws > Our Copy, God/Emmanuel's Copy
Theologians: 'SECOND TABLE' of Law > 5-10 Loving your Neighbor
'FIRST TABLE' of Law > 1-4 LOVING GOD....BEGINS at HOME
5th Comm // HINGE between TWO TABLES

Being RIGHT WITH GOD > Requires BEING RIGHT with PEOPLE...

If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.
1 John 4.20

The first foundation of righteousness is the worship of God. John Calvin

GOOD Family Nurture > LESS LIKELY to Commit Crimes 6 – 10 Commands

Just as the relationship with Yahweh is the beginning of the covenant, so this relationship between parents and children is the beginning of the society...
Yahweh...is the giver of life...so father and mother together are channels of Yahweh's gift of life. No other human relationship is so fundamental, and none is more important.
John Durham

2. Command

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20.12

A child should be the parents' echo; when the father speaks, the child should echo back the obedience. Thomas Watson, 1692

Always Echo in MY HOME > YOU want WHAT! Are you CRAZY! No Way!

Youth today love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, no respect for older people, and talk nonsense when they should work. Young people do not stand up any longer when adults enter the room. They contradict their parents, talk too much in company, guzzle their food, lay their legs on the table, and tyrannize the elders. Socrates, 400 B.C.

a. Basis > ?? EVERY KID Asks, or Wants To > Who put *Them* IN CHARGE?

IDEA > 'My parents are not GOOD ENOUGH for me to OBEY THEM!'

Many REASONS Offered by PLEADING PARENTS -

SACRIFICES on BEHALF of Children: '*After ALL I DID for YOU!*'
KID Responds – 'You're my PARENTS and You're SUPPOSED to That!'

LIFE EXPERIENCES: '*After ALL I Have LEARNED About LIFE*'
KID > Well it's ABOUT TIME You LEARNED SOMETHING!

WHY Question?? > Learned Answer at HOME: **Because I SAID SO!**

Children, obey your parents in everything, *for this pleases the Lord.*
Colossians 3.20

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, *for this is right.* Ephesians 6.1

Respect for those in authority is respect for God, because all authority comes from him. Our respect is not based on their personal qualities or professional qualifications, but on the position God has given them. Philip Graham Ryken

HONOR > lit. Hebrew = 'heavy', 'weighty' > Same Word = GLORY of God
 'YO, I am BIG DADDY!' > Mom & Dad: HEAVYWEIGHT Champs of Home
 Because of this AMERICANS Must Make the BEST PARENTS!

DON'T GIVE Me that SASS You Waste on LIGHTWEIGHT Hommies!!

1) Jonathan > Best FRIEND of KING DAVID, Son of King SAUL

SAUL > Israel's 1st KING > Physically BIG, but SPIRITUAL MIDGET
 BAD King > LOST Kingship thru DISOBEDIENCE // also BAD FATHER

Jonathan > LOYAL Son > BRAVE WARRIOR

Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "...*Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few.*" 1 Samuel 14.6

Then Jonathan LAUNCHED One-Man Attack > Killing 20 Philistines
 SENDING Entire Philistine ARMY > RUNNING in FRENZIED PANIC

Another BATTLE vs. Philistines > King Saul > ORDERED Soldiers NOT EAT
 IF Anyone DARED to EAT > KILLED – How TROOPS be STRONG!??

JONATHAN did NOT HEAR Father's Oath > Found and Ate HONEY!

Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." So Jonathan told him, "I merely tasted a little honey with the end of my staff. And now must I die?" Saul said, "May God deal with me, be it ever so severely, if you do not die, Jonathan." 1 Samuel 14.43-44

SAUL > Father would DESTROY Own SON for a MOUTHFUL of FOOD!

Later SAUL: ANGRY Jonathan MORE LOYAL to Anointed King DAVID
 1 Samuel 20.30-33

Saul's anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse (*David*) to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send and bring him to me, for he must die!" *"Why should*

he be put to death? What has he done?" Jonathan asked his father. But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. 1 Samuel 20.30-33

JONATHAN QUESTIONS Saul's Planned MURDER of DAVID
NOT to DISHONOR Father > Tries to Persuade Father to BE HONORABLE

SUBMISSION to PHYSICAL ABUSE is NOT Part of HONORING Parents
DUTY to PRESERVE LIFE takes PRECEDENCE to CORRUPT Commands

Children, obey your parents *in the Lord*, for this is right. Ephesians 6.1

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this *pleases the Lord*.
Colossians 3.20

IN THE LORD = According to HIS WORD: Only Clear Basis of Pleasing Him

HONOR Father is NOT HAVING SEX with HIM / or STEALING for Mother
If MAN'S COMMANDS Violate GOD'S: We MUST OBEY GOD, Not MAN

Jesus: "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me"
Matthew 10.37

As SUCH > Jonathan PROTECTED Anointed DAVID from OWN FATHER

LAST GLIMPSE of Jonathan in Bible > Alongside FATHER SAUL...

Now the Philistines fought against Israel; the Israelites fled before them, and many fell slain on Mount Gilboa. The Philistines pressed hard after Saul and his sons, and *they killed his sons Jonathan, Abinadab and Malki-Shua*. The fighting grew fierce around Saul, and when the archers overtook him, they wounded him critically...So Saul and his three sons and his armor-bearer and all his men died together that same day. 1 Samuel 31.1-6

Jonathan HONORABLE SON > Died for HONOR of Dishonorable DAD

DUTY to HONOR Parents > NOT BASED on THEIR WORTH > God's Word
God's WISDOM: GAVE You *your* PARENTS > Perhaps to Lead them to Him

When Christians who need guidance cannot rely on their parents for godly counsel, they should turn to the church, which after all is our fundamental and eternal family. But even when we cannot accept our parents' advice, we still need to show them honor and respect. This means listening to what they say, caring for their needs, and strengthening the family ties in any way we can.

Philip Graham Ryken

2) Jesus > PERFECTLY Obedient Son > ULTIMATE Honor for PARENTS

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them...And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 2. 51-52

SUMMARY Statement after INCIDENT in Jerusalem at Age 12

Jesus REMAINED Behind > Listen & Learn in TEMPLE Courts > Parents Left

3 Days of ANXIOUS SEARCHING > Mary and Joseph UPSET, SCOLD Jesus

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in *my Father's house*?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Luke 2.49-50

EXAMPLE > Conflict between HEAVENLY FATHER and Earthly Parents

Mother Mary was BLESSED VIRGIN > But also JEWISH MOTHER

PUSHES her Wonder Boy to SHOW His STUFF at Wedding in CANA

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "*Dear woman, why do you involve me?*" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." John 2.3-5

DEAR WOMAN > NOT Disrespect but DISTANCE > He follows FATHER Before TURNING Water into WINE > Jesus emphasizes HIS LORDSHIP

DIFFERENCE between OBEDIENCE and HONOR

TIMELESS COMMAND: *Honor* your father and your mother...

DUTY to HONOR is BINDING for LIFETIME of PARENTS, even Memory

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Proverbs 23.22

CARE for PARENTS at END of Life // They CARED for you at BEGINNING
ONLY DIFFERENCE is PARENT'S DIAPERS are LARGER SIZE!

Duty to OBEY & Duty to COMMAND to OBEY: Linked to DEPENDENCE
OBEDIENCE Ends at INDEPENDENCE > Financial, Living, esp. Marriage

JESUS did NOT Make Wine at CANA because Mother Commanded to Do So

Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." John 2.4

HEAVENLY FATHER – Not Mother Mary – HOLDS Jesus' DAY TIMER

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him Hebrews 5.7-10

'Learning Obedience' NOT DISOBEDIENT: Stand Straight in Crooked World
STRUGGLE of Righteous Son > Even in GODLY HOME > Live Uprightly

NT SILENT > Joseph, Mary's Husband, DIED before JESUS > Mary a Widow
Jesus HONOR for MOTHER > Even during His EXTREME SUFFERING

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother... When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "*Dear woman, here is your son,*" and to the disciple, "*Here is your mother.*" From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. John 19.25-27

Jesus FOUND TIME > Even while SAVING WORLD Care for Widowed Mom

b. Blessing – When ALL CYLINDERS FIRING, Home REALLY WORKS!

COMMAND to Big COVENANT FAMILY Made from MANY FAMILIES
GOAL > Holy Households > God is MASTER of Each Person, Each HOME

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" ... *Fathers*, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6.1,4

HAPPY is the HOME where CHRIST is LORD of ALL > God is the HEAD
Fathers HONOR God by Leadership > Children HONOR God by Obedience

SISTER Letter to Ephesians > Written at SAME TIME to Different CHURCH

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the *Lord Jesus*, giving thanks to *God the Father* through him. *Wives*, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. *Husbands*, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. *Children*, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. *Fathers*, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. Colossians 3.17-21

HOME > Jesus is LORD, GOD is FATHER – Duty for ALL MEMBERS
FATHERS > Implementation of DISCIPLINE > Warned against HARSHNESS

We are called to set a godly example, for although children don't always listen to their parents, they never fail to imitate them. Philip Graham Ryken

DEEP in Subconscious > PICK UP Very TRAITS of Mom & Dad
EVEN Those things MADE YOU MAD when they DID Them to You!

HONOR? > Perhaps Seen BEST in SIMPLE APPRECIATION

‘Great meal Mom! Thank you!’ / ‘Thanks for Washing my Clothes!’

‘Thanks for BEING THERE when I needed you!’

‘Thanks for being NT Christian and not stoning me for rebellion like in OT!’

c. Breadth

Honor your father *and your mother*

Deuteronomy 5.16

Each of you must respect his *mother and father*...I am the LORD your God.
Leviticus 19.3

Listen, my son, to your *father's instruction* and do not forsake your *mother's teaching*.
Proverbs 1.8

Incl. MOTHERS > No Precedent in ANCIENT World > Bible Women's Rights

NO Possibility for SAME-SEX Parents > ONE Father AND ONE MOTHER

If anyone fails to honor his parents, is there anyone he will spare? Augustine

The fifth commandment is rich in wisdom for every sphere of our lives. If we do not have clear lines of authority to which we submit, there will be anarchy; and if there is anarchy, tyranny is close behind. At the same time, authority must be tempered by the duty rulers have to serve and defend. Michael Horton

NT Letters which QUOTE Commandment > Context: All SOCIAL Relations
CHRIST-Centered OBEDIENCE > Love God // Love Neighbor

Submit to *one another* out of reverence for *Christ*.

Wives, submit to your husbands *as to the Lord*...

Husbands, love your wives, *just as Christ loved the church*...

Children, obey your parents *in the Lord*...

Fathers...bring them up in the training and instruction *of the Lord*...

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ...

And **masters**, treat your slaves *in the same way*... he who is both *their Master and yours is in heaven*
Ephesians 5.21-6.9

PRINCIPAL Author of Heidelberg Catechism...

The duty of Elders and others who excel in wisdom and authority, is to govern and assist others by their examples, counsels, and admonitions. These persons sin and act contrary to the duties of their calling, 1. When they are guilty of folly, or of giving improper counsels. 2. When they show levity and a want of gravity in their manners, and present a bad example to others. 3. When they neglect by their counsels and authority to reprove and correct others who are under them when they see them sin and do that which is wrong.

Zacharius Ursinus

BOLD POLITICAL Statement > from CHURCH to CIVIL LEADERS
 // 'Institutes of the Christian Religion' by John Calvin > KING of FRANCE

The whip, fodder, and burdens belong to the ass; bread and correction to the servant.
 John Calvin

KIND of MESSAGE was WRITTEN and TAUGHT Publicly in Europe
 DURING Reformation > BOLD, DANGEROUS > Imprisoned, Suffered
 BIBLE: MORAL AUTHORITY > CHURCH: Transformed the SOCIETY

Bible VIEWS Society as FAMILY > Duty to GOVERN **AND** DEFEND
 POINTLESS or ABUSIVE FORCE is NEVER JUSTIFIED by GOD
 No PLACE for TYRANTS in HOME, CHURCH, or STATE

PROPHETS called Father:

Elisha saw this and cried out, "*My father! My father!* The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. 2 Kings 2.12

ELDERS called Fathers:

Stephen: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham..." Acts 7.2

I write to you, *fathers*, because you have known him who is from the beginning. 1 John 2.13

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Hebrews 13.17

KING called Father:

David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "*My lord the king!*... See, *my father*, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! 1 Samuel 24.8,11

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors... Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king. 1 Peter 2.13,17

Those IN AUTHORITY May NOT ABUSE their God-given AUTHORITY

FATHER Should RULE for BEST INTERESTS of Children // Church, State

IRONY: EUROPEAN Constitution NO MENTION of God, Ignore HISTORY

RUSSIA: DECLINING Population // 40% German Women want NO KIDS

CHRISTIAN Faith > RELIGION of History

GREAT God, Great PLAN, PAST, FUTURE >> Includes OUR Own Kids

Believers GET MARRIED, Have CHILDREN, Raise to FOLLOW JESUS

VISION God's KINGDOM > Massachusetts Bay Puritans > Religious Freedom

Moravians > Prayed for Global Missions > ROUND CLOCK for 100 Years!

House Church Leaders in China > 100,000 M's btwn China and JERUSALEM

Q. 104 What is God's will for us in the fifth commandment?

A. That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I obey and submit to them, as is proper, when they correct and punish me; and also that I be patient with their failings – for through them God chooses to rule over us. Heidelberg Catechism

3. Consequences

Honor your father and your mother, *so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.* Exodus 20.12

OBEDIENCE to 5th Commandment > In Your OWN BEST INTERESTS
COVENANT Formula > NOT Rocket Science > Want Blessing? OBEY!
Want OPPOSITE? Just DO the Opposite!

a. Cursing

If anyone curses his father or mother, he must be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother, and his blood will be on his own head. Leviticus 20.9

If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who does not obey his father and mother and will not listen to them when they discipline him, his father and

mother shall take hold of him and bring him to the elders at the gate of his town. They shall say to the elders, "This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us. He is a profligate and a drunkard." Then all the men of his town shall stone him to death. You must purge the evil from among you. All Israel will hear of it and be afraid. Deuteronomy 21.18-21

NOT RASH Act of VIOLENCE or ABUSE > Plan of CAREFUL JUSTICE

The covenant between God and his people upheld the privilege, responsibility, sanctity and security of Israelite family life... This law was intended to serve as a severe deterrent. We have no evidence anywhere in the Old Testament that any Israelite son suffered death by stoning for this offence. Raymond Brown

LAW – Honor of God, Dignity of Parents, Protect Children, Preserve Society

One of the clear signs of decadence in any society is when it loses a healthy sense of respect for the older generation. Alexander Solzhenitsyn

The 1960's was the generation that destroyed the American family... We might not have been able to tear down the state, but the family was closer. We could get our hands on it. And... we believed that the family was the foundation of the state and the collective mind... We truly believed that the family had to be torn apart to free love... And the first step was to tear ourselves free from our parents. Annie Gottlieb

How DESTROY NATION? > Destroy FAMILY >> Begin by Disobey Parents

SIN just as GRIEVOUS in the NT -

There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, *disobedient to their parents*, ungrateful, unholy, without love... 2 Timothy 3.1-3

They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; *they disobey their parents* Romans 1.28-30

NT Word 'LIFE' – esp in JOHN > ETERNAL, ABUNDANT in Jesus

LIFE WITHOUT God > HANDED Over > Let's Us GO OUR OWN WAY!

b. Blessing > Pepsi Generation about to ENTER the PROMISED LAND

Honor your father and your mother...so that you may *live long and that it may go well with you in the land* the LORD your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 5.16

Our reward for obeying the fifth commandment will be the blessing of a warm and harmonious family life – and that is a rich blessing indeed. Bill Hybels

LIVING LONG in LAND >> Living BIG > FAT of the Land, ABUNDANCE

MOSES Gives VIVID PICTURE of LIFE BLESSED by GOD...

If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock--the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out... Deuteronomy 28.1-6

HONOR Parents > Honor their LORD JESUS as Savior >> LIVE FOREVER!

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, *for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.*

Proverbs 3.1,2

NOT Automatic Guarantee that GOOD Boys and Girls will live to 100

NOT Automatic PROOF Children who DIE YOUNG have MISBEHAVED

ABUNDANT LIFE Not Necessarily LONG > Faithful were MARTYRED

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17.3

BAD FAMILY?? > Dishonorable Parents, No Parents, Absentee Parents???
 SUBJECT of MUCH PAIN and REGRET > WHAT NOW??

Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.
 Psalm 27.10

NOT Paralyzed by PAST > Groveling in GRIEF> Move On, Work Harder

BASIS for HOPE for our FAMILY - NOT Counseling, Therapy, Sermons
 ONLY HOPE IS IN JESUS CHRIST

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
 2 Corinthians 5.17

PASTOR very Disappointed with SON > Failing to CLEAN HIS ROOM
 Pastor: ‘Son, I clearly told you to clean your room, why didn’t you LISTEN?’
 Son: Made BEST EXCUSE – Still, NOT CONVINCING > Was WRONG!
 Pastor: Why should God accept You, if this is HOW you DISOBEY!
 Son > Must have been Hearing GOOD SERMONS > God accepts Me in Jesus
 JESUS Obeyed Perfectly for ME > Jesus DIED for ME! > In Him: FORGIVEN

GOOD NEWS > All of us – ALL our MESSY ROOMS, Unclean HEARTS
 SAVIOR > Obeyed Parents on Earth > AND FATHER in HEAVEN

NIGHT BEFORE He DIED, Jesus PRAYED...

I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.
 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you
 before the world began. John 17. 4-5

MOST OBEDIENT Son in ALL HISTORY > Gruesome DEATH in Early 30’s

Father Answered > thru GLORY of Cross, Resurrection, Ascension, Exaltation

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
 did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
 but made himself nothing,
 taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death-
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

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