

"The Fifth Commandment"

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled "The Fifth Commandment." Following are some of the scriptures that I read.

Grace and expectations

Exodus 20:2—"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

Exodus 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."

Leviticus 19:3—"Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God."

Avoiding revenge

Someone could ask: What if your parents don't deserve honor?

My answer: "Honor your Heavenly Father by avoiding revenge upon your physical parents."

Proverbs 19:26—"He who mistreats his father and chases away his mother Is a son who causes shame and brings reproach."

Mark 10:29-30—"So Jesus answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.' "

Romans 12:17—"Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men."

Romans 12:19—"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord."

Romans 12:20-21—"Therefore if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Obey "in the Lord"

- *Ephesians 6:1-3*—Paul wrote that believers should follow their parents "in the Lord."
- *Colossians 3:20*—Paul wrote that believers should obey their parents in "all" things.
- *Acts 4:19*—Believers follow God rather than men.
- *Acts 5:29*—Believers follow God rather than men.

Honor with actions

- *Proverbs 10:1*—Wise children make parents glad.
- *Proverbs 23:22-25*—Parents of the righteous rejoice.

Honor with words

- *Exodus 21:17*—Avoid cursing parents.
- *Proverbs 31:28*—Be children who praise parents.

Honor with money

- *2 Corinthians 12:14*—Early in life, parents lay up money for their children.
- *1 Timothy 5:4*—Later in life, children can help their parents financially.

1 Timothy 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."

Mark 7:10-13—"For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'

[Exodus 20:12]; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death' [Exodus 21:17]. 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, making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

Help the fatherless

- Exodus 22:22-24
- Psalm 10:14-18
- James 1:27

Example of Son of God

- *John 8:49*—The Son of God honored His Father.
- *John 19:26-27*—The Son of God provided for His mother.