

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Honouring your Parents

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:12

*Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

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REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Exodus 20:12. What does it mean to honour your father and your mother? How would you define the term "honour"?

What promise did God give to those who obey this commandment? By implication, what consequences should be expected for those who do not obey the commandment?

How does God's promise in the fifth commandment apply to Christians today? If someone keeps the commandment, does God's promise guarantee that they will experience long life and prosperity in the land? Why or why not? How should we understand and apply the commandment and the promise to our lives today?

What happens to societies and cultures in which children characteristically fail to show proper honour to their parents? What are the broader societal impacts of disobeying the fifth commandment?

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ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How does our culture generally understand the roles of parents and children today? How does our modern view of parenting compare and contrast with the biblical view?

Why do you think our culture has trouble with the idea of parental authority?

How would you describe your relationship with your own parents?

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APPLY THE TRUTH

Why is it so important to God that children honour and obey their parents? Why is this commandment in his "top 10 list"?

On a practical level, what might it look like for you to show proper honour to your parents? What do you do when a parent is not particularly honourable?

If you have children, how might you instruct them to show proper honour to you as their father or mother? What challenges and obstacles have you encountered as you seek to train and discipline your children?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

How might you show honour to your parents this week?