

Jesus is Lord! (Romans 10:9)

Topic:
#21- Honor your Father and Mother

- all verses are from the ESV unless otherwise stated

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Honor your parents

Non-Western cultures treat their parents differently than people in the U.S.

Does the commandment to honor the parents apply ONLY to children living in the home?

The Southeast Asian muslim says 'no'

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The 5th commandment

Deuteronomy 5:16 (Exodus 20:12)

“Honor your father and your mother, as Yahweh your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that Yahweh your God is giving you.

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Matthew 19:16-22 [Luke 18:18-23; Mark 10:17-22]

And behold, a man ran up and knelt before him [Jesus] and asked him, “Good Teacher, **what good deed must I do to inherit eternal life?**” And Jesus said to him, “... If you would enter life, **keep the commandments.**” He said to him, “**Which ones?**” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, **Honor your father and mother**, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “Teacher, **all these I have kept from my youth.** What do I still lack?” And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: If you would be perfect, go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he was extremely rich.

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For those of you who are NOT parents ..

What does it mean to honor your parents?

Simple question to ask yourself ...

IF you were a parent how would you want to be treated?

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Exodus 21:17

Whoever curses [**dishonors**] his father or his mother shall **be put to death.**

Leviticus 20:9

For anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely **be put to death**; he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood is upon him.

Deuteronomy 27:16

‘Cursed be anyone who **dishonors** his father or his mother.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

Proverbs 30:11

There are those who **curse** their fathers and **do not bless** their mothers.

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Deuteronomy 21:18-21

¹⁸ “If a man has a **stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey** the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, ¹⁹ then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, ²⁰ and they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; **he is a glutton and a drunkard.**’ ²¹ Then all the men of the **city shall stone him to death with stones.** So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

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Does this seem extreme?

Just as Exodus 21:17 & Deuteronomy 21:18-21 are parallel, so too is the law about a seduced girl

Exodus 22:16,17

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Deuteronomy 22:20,21 (plus context)

Why the severe punishment?

Because God sees broken relationships as serious crimes

God cares more about broken relationships than He cares about someone stealing

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Matthew 15:1-6

¹ Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ² “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” ³ He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever **reviles** father or mother **must surely die.**’ ⁵ But **you say**, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “**What you would have gained from me is given to God,**” ⁶ **he need not honor his father.**’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made **void** the word of God.

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Mark 7:9-13

⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever **reviles** father or mother must surely **die.**’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “**Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban***” (that is, given to God) — ¹² then **you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother,** ¹³ thus making **void** the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

* Something dedicated to God under the Law of Moses

Revile: mock, ridicule, scold

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How does Jesus feel about such behavior?

Where is the crime?

Who was to blame?

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How did the Pharisees get around the 5th commandment?

Numbers 30:2-12

A father can annul the vows of his daughter or his wife, no mention of sons.

- Maybe this is how

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Is this talking about teens?

Who?

If you are living out of the home, maybe you are already a parent, and your parents are still living, do you honor your parents?

What are some ways you can?

Do you have something that could easily be used to honor your parents or do you claim it as 'corban'?

Do you honor them because you realize God is a God of relationships?

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What if your parents are out of the will of God?

Do you curse or bless?

Can you honor God by your obedience to His will and yet honor your parents who are outside of His will?

How?

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Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

If you are a parent, do you illustrate what 'honor' looks like by telling **your** personal stories to your children?

What if your parents have passed away?

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Encouraging to love & good deeds

What kind of God is Yahweh?

Is Jesus concerned about broken relationships?

How concerned are you?

Do you honor your parents whether ...

- you are still living in the house?
- you are living on your own?
- you are have a family?
- your parents are in or out of the will of God?
- your parents are living or dead?

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Next time ...

Take time to listen to Jesus

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