

SO, WHAT DOES HONORING MOTHERS LOOK LIKE?

Deuteronomy 5:16-22

[Deuteronomy 5:16-22](#) (NKJV) 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

God wants us to give honor to whom honor is due, and specifically we are going to look at the importance of honoring our mothers. When we honor those God has placed in authority over our lives, we attract God's favor and blessings. This morning, we want to honor and celebrate the gift God has given us in MOTHERS!

I. WHAT IS HONOR?

- Honor is defined as: “value, appreciate, esteem, respect, regard favorably. To value, to see as weighty and precious.” (John Bevere, Honor's Reward).
- We are living in a day and age when authority is no longer honored.
- God's Word, however, commands us to give honor where honor is due (Rom. 13:7).

The fifth commandment may be the least understood of God's Ten Commandments. It seems direct without much room for interpretation—simply do this—respect your father and mother. However, the commandment is much deeper than it appears on the surface. A careful study of its placement as the hinge-pin connecting the first and second divisions of the law (Commandments) reveals the mystery of its complexity. Simply, if we cannot honor earthly parents; then we will not Honor God (by keeping His first four and last five commandments)!

II. WHO ARE WE TO HONOR? (Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; Ephesians 6:2)

- PARENTS: “Honor your father and mother.” (Eph. 6:2).
- This is the first authority we are placed under.
- Mothers know intuitively that each child possess great and wonderful possibilities. Possibilities that can only be realized through her care, love and sacrifice.
- Some of us are not raised by our biological mothers. Yet that does in no way diminish the mother-child bond and love connection. Things like war and disease and social discord result in many children being left in need of mothers.

III. WHY IS HONOR IMPORTANT?

- “Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:2-3).
 - There is a blessing and a reward that comes from honor.
- God has honored Mother's and been careful to draw our attention to them because He has a special place in His heart for them.
- While God is the life giver, a Mother is a life bearer. She must care for the life God has entrusted to her with her whole body, mind, and spirit. Everything she experiences is also a shared experience with her child. Mother and child are connected physically, emotionally and spiritually.

IV. SO, WHAT DOES HONORING MOTHERS LOOK LIKE? (Psalm 139:13-14)

- “Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’ (Proverbs 31:28-29)
- “Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” (Proverbs 31:31)
- “Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding. The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.” (Prov. 23:22-25)

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