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- Ex. 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.”
- Deut. 5:16 - “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.”

# The First Commandment with Promise

- The fifth of the 613 commandments given to Moses by God on Mount Sinai, is to honor father and mother. Note what it means:
  - Rendering honor to parents
  - Recipients of honor are the parents
  - Results of honoring our parents

# Rendering Honor To Parents

- Respect and honor; what does it mean to show it to others?
  - Lev. 19:32 - “You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD.”
  - 1Peter 2:17 - “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”

# Rendering Honor To Parents

- Esther 6:7-9 - “And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor, 8 let a royal robe be brought which the king has worn, and a horse on which the king has ridden, which has a royal crest placed on its head. 9 Then let this robe and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that he may array the man whom the king delights to honor. Then parade him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him: Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!”
- Then it means the same toward parents

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- Obey and follow their leadership; what does it mean when done to others?
  - Num. 27:20 - “And you shall give some of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient”
  - 1Tim. 6:1 - “Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.”
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- Help and support; what does it mean to help and support others?
  - Prov. 3:9 - “Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase”
  - Rom. 13:7 - “Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.”

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- 1Tim. 5:3, 17 - “Honor widows who are really widows... 17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.”
- Then it means the same toward parents

# Recipients Of Honor Are The Parents

- From the beginning: Noah's son Ham
  - Gen. 9:22-25 - “And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. 24 So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. 25 Then he said: Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren.”

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- From the Law of Moses
  - Ex. 21:15, 17 - “And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death... 17 And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.”
  - Lev. 18:7 - “So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, bowed down, and kissed him. And they asked each other about their well-being, and they went into the tent.”

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- Deut. 27:16 - “Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt. And all the people shall say, Amen!”
- Deut. 21:18-21 - “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 who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, 19 then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. 20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard. 21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.”

# Recipients Of Honor Are The Parents

- From the wisdom of Solomon
  - Prov. 1:8 - “My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother”
  - Prov. 6:20 - “My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother.”
  - Prov. 30:17 - “The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.”
  - Prov. 28:24 - “Whoever robs his father or his mother, And says, It is no transgression, The same is companion to a destroyer.”

# Recipients Of Honor Are The Parents

- From the New Testament
  - Eph. 6:1 - “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”
  - Col. 3:20 - “Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.”

# Recipients Of Honor Are The Parents

- Matt. 15:1-6 - “Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, 2 Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread. 3 He answered and said to them, Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, Honor your father and your mother; and, He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death. 5 But you say, Whoever says to his father or mother, Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God -- 6 then he need not honor his father or mother. Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.”

# Results Of Honoring Our Parents

- To honor parents is to honor God because:
- Keeping the commandments of God honors Him
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- To honor parents is to honor God because:
- God is the Creator of the family
  - Gen. 2:18, 21-24 - “And the LORD God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him... 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man. 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

# Results Of Honoring Our Parents

- God said honoring parents is conducive to a better life in this world
  - Prov. 3:1-2 - “My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; 2 For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.”
  - Eph. 6:1-3 - “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: 3 that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

# Results Of Honoring Our Parents

- If it is true that obeying God produces a better life, then it only makes sense that the same would happen with parents
  - Deut. 30:16, 20 - “In that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess... 20 that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

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- In one sense, parents are God's proxies for children in this world
  - Psalm 103:13 - "As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him."
  - Eph. 6:4 - "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."
  - Heb. 12:6 - "For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."

# Results Of Honoring Our Parents

- They are given, not merely for our protection, preparation, and instruction for adult life, but to learn about God's love through the love of our parents.
  - The first place we experience love is when we are infants in the arms of our mothers and fathers
  - The first place we learn forgiveness and grace is from the hearts of our parents
  - The first place we learn security, hope, and joy is in the countenance of our fathers and mothers

# Results Of Honoring Our Parents

- Parents, you stand in God's place, responsible to teach your children about God's love, grace, forgiveness, peace, wisdom, and hope through your love, forgiveness, peace, and joy.
- Woe upon you if you withhold that from them, or fail to show it to them, or abuse your power over them
- **BUT THIS LESSON IS FOR CHILDREN!** Because your parents are God's proxies on your behalf, the love and respect you give them is also given to God

# Results Of Honoring Our Parents

- What did Jesus say about that?
  - Matt. 25:34-40 - “Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’”
- How you treat your parents is a reflection of how you treat the Lord.