

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#19] *Honor Your Father & Mother* – Deuteronomy 5:16

Sermon Outline – December 10, 2017

Children's Sermon: Doing What You are Told

Who likes doing what they are told?

Illustration: Being told to do something I was already doing!

Romans 8:7–9

⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for *it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot*. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, **if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you**. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Submission to authority is not only right, it is beautiful!

Presumption

A form of self-confidence, which makes overconfident assumptions concerning one's importance and rights. It is... a form of arrogance that is unacceptable among believers, whose lives should be characterized by humility.¹

The First Four Commandments (5:6–15)

Putting our Jesus glasses on

Notes:

1. There is only one God
2. Idolatry: How we represent God
3. God's Name: How we speak of God
4. Sabbath: How we Trust God for life and blessing

#5 Honor Parents (5:16; Cf. 14:22–16:17)

Honor: *kabēd* in Hebrew, literally signifies 'to be weighty, heavy, of great value and worth'.²

Exodus 21:17

“Whoever **curses** (dishonor) his father or his mother shall be **put to death**.

Why put to death!? (**Israel = The Kingdom of Heaven**)

Curses/dishonor: be slight, swift, trifling³

¹ Manser, M. H. (2009). *Dictionary of Bible Themes: The Accessible and Comprehensive Tool for Topical Studies*. London: Martin Manser.

² Currid, J. D. (2006). *A Study Commentary on Deuteronomy* (p. 549). Darlington, England; Webster, New York: Evangelical Press.

³ Brown, F., Driver, S. R., & Briggs, C. A. (1977). *Enhanced Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon* (p. 886). Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Furthermore...

“**Honor**... is not something that can be commanded if it remains only an attitude or disposition. ...to ***honor demands action***. The command to honor therefore is a command to demonstrate in tangible, empirical ways the respect people must have for their parents.”⁴ (bold mine)

¹⁶ “**‘Honor** your father and your mother, ***as the Lord your God commanded you***, that your days may be long, ***and that it may go well with you*** in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

What was Israel to Understand? And Us?

1. Honor Parents
 - a. Children be obedient to parents
 - b. Parent’s train-up under God’s authority
 - c. Adult children, care for aging parents (Cf. 1 Tim. 5:8)

Ephesians 6:1–4

¹ Children, **obey** your parents ***in the Lord***, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴ Fathers, ***do not provoke your children to anger***, but bring them up in ***the discipline and instruction of the Lord***.

2. Honor Human Authority

Deuteronomy 17:12–13

¹² The man who acts ***presumptuously*** by **not obeying** the priest who stands to minister there before the Lord your God, or the judge, **that man shall die**. So you shall ***purge the evil from Israel***. ¹³ And all the people shall hear and fear and not act presumptuously again.

3. Honor God

Ephesians 5:10

¹⁰ and try to discern ***what is pleasing to the Lord***.

Ephesians 5:22–23

²² Wives, **submit** to your own husbands, ***as to the Lord***...

⁴ Merrill, E. H. (1994). *Deuteronomy* (Vol. 4, p. 153). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

Ephesians 6:5–9

⁵ Bondservants, **obey** your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, *as you would Christ*, ⁶ not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ rendering service with a good will *as to the Lord* and not to man, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. ⁹ **Masters, do the same to them**, and stop your threatening, knowing that **he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven**, and that there is no partiality with him.

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Honor/submit to human authorities as to God.



Jesus is Our Submission/Obedience

Jesus' Authority & Submission

Ephesians 5:25

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, *as Christ loved* the church and gave himself up for her...

John 19:10–11 (Cf. Philippians 2:8)

¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” ¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Submission to God is Beautiful!



Submission to God's Authority

Romans 13:1–2, 7

Let every person *be subject to the governing authorities*. For **there is no authority except from God**, and those that exist have been **instituted by God**. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities **resists what God has appointed**, and those who resist will incur judgment. ...

⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Submission to Unjust Human Authority (Cf. 1 Peter 2:13–25)

From the Ugliness of the Abuse of Authority by the Jewish Counsel & Pilate to the Beauty of Submission to God in the Garden (Cf. Luke 22:42)

The Heidelberg Catechism

QUESTION 104

What does God require in the fifth commandment?

ANSWER.

That I show all honor, love, and faithfulness to my father and mother, and to all in authority over me; submit myself with due obedience to all their good instruction and correction, and also bear patiently with their infirmities, since it is God's will to govern us by their hand.

The Westminster Catechism

Q. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors or equals. (Ephesians 5:21-22; 6:1, 5, 9; Romans 13:1; 12:10)

Q. 65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongeth to every one in their several places and relations. (Romans 13:7-8)