

12 - The Fifth Commandment - Exodus 20:12 - 2014-04-13

Call to Worship: Ephesians 5:18b-20

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:21-6:9

Sermon: "The Fifth Commandment" Exodus 20:12

Benediction: Revelation 7:12

Exodus 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.

INTRO

Second table: love for your fellow man "great commandment . . .second like it . . . hang"

Why to love our fellow men?

God to Noah: because created in God's image

Moses, Jesus: "as yourself" because the truth is that the next person is essentially just as valuable as you are

Greatest love: Jesus laying down His life

other such acts not quite the same

BODY

I. What it means to honor someone.

A. Hebrew: consider as heavy

heavy not light

full not empty

solid not hollow

B. Greek: valuable; costly

C. to agree with God as to a person's value, and act accordingly

II. What the commandment requires

A. the commandment requires you to act appropriately in all of your relations with other people; to do the duties of your situation in life, while giving proper honor to other people as to their situations in relation to yours

B. the commandment is given as "honor your father and mother" since this is the most basic of human relations; your relation with your parents was your first

C. the commandment does not, of course, command you to honor your parents while leaving you free to dis-honor everyone else; instead, it commands you to do what is right in your relations with every person

III. What these several relations are, and how the Lord commands us to treat them

A. FAMILY

Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church. (Ephesians 5:25)
Wives are to reverence their husbands. (Ephesians 5:33)
Mothers are to love their children. (Titus 2:4)
Fathers are to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
(Ephesians 6:4)
Children are to obey their parents. (Ephesians 6:1)

B. WORKPLACE

Slaves are to obey their masters as they would obey Christ (Ephesians 6:5)
Masters are to treat their slaves justly and fairly (Colossians 4:1)

C. CHURCH

All submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:21)
Elders are to shepherd the flock willingly, watching over them (1 Peter 5:2)
Members are to obey their pastors, submitting to them (Hebrews 13:17)

D. STATE

Government officials are to do good to the people by punishing those who do evil (1 Peter 2:14)
All of us are to subject ourselves to those who govern for the Lord's sake (Romans 13:1;
1 Peter 2:13-14)

E. HUMAN RACE

Every person is to honor all of his fellow men ("Honor all." 1 Peter 2:17a)

IV. APPLICATION

- A. It is needful for those in authority to train those under their authority to submit to their authority!
- B. A good understanding of this commandment corrects us from our tendency to despotism.

CONCLUSION

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

How much did Judas and the chief priests think Jesus was worth? (Matthew 27:9)
How much honor did the Lord Jesus receive in his own home town? (John 4:44)
How much honor does the Lord Jesus really deserve? All!

How valuable does God consider you to be? ("bought with a price" 1 Cor 6:20)

Q. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honour and performing the duties belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors (Eph. 5:21), inferiors (1 Pet. 2:17), or equals (Rom. 12:10).

Q. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglect of, or doing any thing against the honour and duty which belongeth to every one in their several places and relations (Mt. 15:4-6; Ez. 34:24; Rom. 13:8).

Q. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory, and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment (Deut. 5:16; Eph. 6:2, 3).

Chantry:

guards the sanctity of your family

1 Peter 5:1-7 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: (2) Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for

dishonest gain but eagerly; (3) nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; (4) and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. (5) Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." (6) Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, (7) casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

“There is no authority except from God.”

Downs:

Even after we leave the home and are no longer under the authority of our parents.

see Leviticus 19:3