

EXODUS

Out of Egypt to Meet with God

Honor your Father & Mother

Exodus 20:12

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in Heaven, Father of all authority, dominion and glory. You deserve all worship, reverence and obedience. We come this morning, Father, acknowledging and confessing our resistance and critical hearts as it comes to authority. We have seen so little godly, humble, good authority. And yet all authority in our broken world is broken. We must confess this morning that our real problem with authority is not what we see around us but our what is inside of us. Our problem with authority is that we really don't want any authority in our lives. Even the authority of your perfect and good Word is subverted in our hearts. We confess our disobedience, our rebellion, our hearts desire to revolt against anyone or anything that seeks to have authority over us. Would you grant us grace this morning, Father, that we might with humble and submissive hearts receive your Word when it says, "honor your father and mother". Would you grant us repentance to turn from our opposition and faith to trust you, our heavenly Father. For you have placed us under all the broken authorities in our lives: our parents, our bosses, our government. These and so many more have been given to us by your wise providence that we might submit to them as to your authority for your glory and for our good. So give us faith in Christ that we might honor Christ and thus honor and revere your blessed, holy, and just name in Heaven. Amen & Amen

OUTLINE

1. The Practice (20:12a)
2. The Promise (20:12b)

Central Textual Truth

God's people are to honor their God given authorities of father & mother.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to honor Christ's authority by honoring their parents authority.