

Exodus 37 - Fifth Precept Family Builds the Nation

Exodus (Names) - Changing the World
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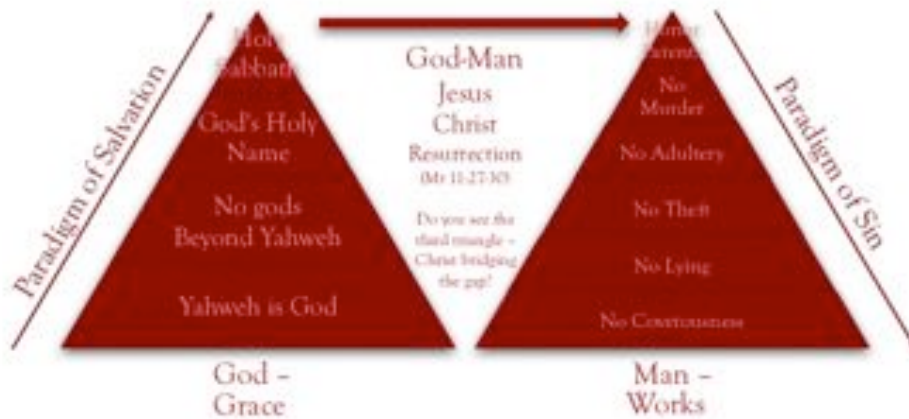


Fifth Precept

Parents teach children "right and wrong" by how they live

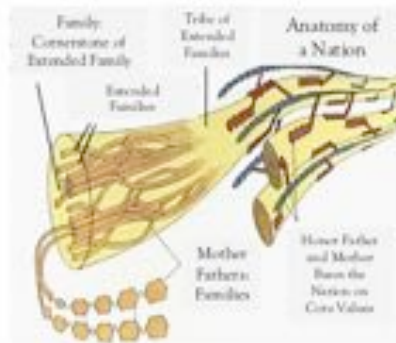
This precept describes how societies are built on the beliefs of their people, passed down from the parents

Fifth Precept - God's Holy Family



Understanding Their Worldview

- Sons left their fathers to est. their family (Ex 2:24)
- Sons did not sever ties, this est. extended families
- Extended families formed tribes and tribes became a nation - all interlocked



Family Established on Two Planes

Physical

- Old Testament transitions from physical to spiritual
- Precept originally est. for physical but assumed a spiritual relationship with Christ based on grace

Spiritual

- All physical relationships assume a spiritual basis
- Old Testament transitions from cultic rituals to indiv relationships with Christ based on His holy works

Fifth Precept Emphasizes God

Physical

- God is the basis for the physical family-nation
- The promise, "days long in the land," refer only to ancient Israel, *no others* (Israel's)
- Their failure is the O.T.

Spiritual

- Parent's failure sets grace as means of salvation
- Christ expands family relationships based on His spiritual body of New Covenant - *ekklesia*

What is Honor?

- Honor in Hebrew means “weight” or “heavy”
- Egyptian idolatry, Ma’at, sought to avoid heavy heart
- God wants us *weighted down* by His truths (De 4:1-24)
 - Parents point to Christ as source of truth for children
 - Prevents us being tossed by *changing* winds of doctrine
 - Demonstrates the interdependence of family relations

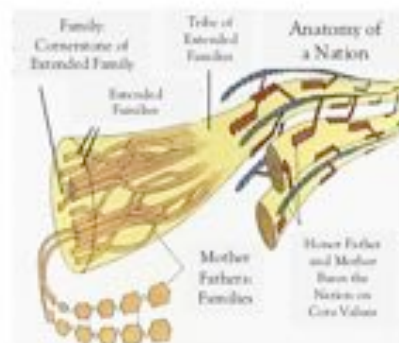
Eve Did Not Honor God

- God promised Redeemer through *seed* of Woman (Ge 3:15)
- Woman sought to realize this goal with her son (Ge 4:1-10)
 - Cain implies spear, nephilim, and great one; it is also similar to Hebrew “gotten” or received from the Lord
 - This was *her* redeemer and he was raised believing this
 - When God rejected him, the redeemer, he slew Abel, worthless, his competition rather than seek God’s grace

God told Cain that if he wanted to be Redeemer he had to control sin, he failed - Christ succeeded (Ge 4:6-7)

Reviewing Their Worldview

- Jewish understanding of father and mother extended to tribal elders
- They built their families on the Talmud, not God
- Their understanding of truth was damaged



Christ's Time - Children Abandoned Parents

- Jews replaced the truth of this precept with their own tradition that removed from them the burden of caring for elderly parents by "blaming God" De 15:4-9, Mk 7:10-13
 - What funds needed for elderly parents was "given to God" (Corban)
 - False fealty to God given higher priority than obedience
 - Parents left to fend for themselves - die poorly

Religion Splits Families

- Christ healed the man born blind on the Sabbath Jo 9
 - The man was questioned by the Pharisees
 - Pharisees questioned the parents who refused to answer
 - They did not want to be cast out of Synagogue (Society)
 - They abandoned their son rather than embrace the truth
 - Pharisees condemned "blind" man for sin, for Jesus
- Christ condemned the Pharisees for blindness to truth

Christ Expanded Jewish Family Understanding

- Christ challenged their understanding Mat 5:33-35, Lk 12:51-53
 - He defined spiritual relationships as basis for family
 - He described how adherence to Him splits families from those who remain trapped in their sin (religion)
 - He described how sinners hates believers in latter days Mat 10:21-22
 - Sinners seek to destroy those family ones who love Christ
 - The government is their new family, hating God

Law of Excluded Middle (J= 8:42-47)

Father is Satan

- Satan is liar and murderer
- His offspring do the same
- His offspring hate Christ
- His offspring war against Christians to the end

Father is God

- God is the Father of Jesus
- God is Father of Christian
- Christians love Christ
- Christians *honor* God in peace and meekness

Christ Talked to Them of Family

- Christ spoke of His relationship with the Father in contrast to *their* relationship with God
 - Christ does the will of the *Father* Who sent Him (J= 5:30)
 - His "works" testify that *His* Father sent Him (J= 5:36)
 - If God were *their* Father they would love the Son (J= 8:42)
 - If God were *their* Father they would believe the Son (J= 8:47)
 - If they believed the Son *they* would have life (J= 8:48)

Spiritual and Physicality Unity

- Christ did not negate earthly family obligations to establish spiritual family obligations (Mt 5:17-20; Lk 12:10-21)
- Those who elevate one over the other seek their own destruction as well as that of their society (Mt 7:15-23)
- Jacob (James) said it best when he said that every faith is demonstrated by one's behavior (J= 2:18)

Issue is Source, Not Works

- Pharisees and religionists use works to demonstrate their self-righteousness, to hide their sin Mat 23:27-28
- Deeds that proceed from Christ's indwelling *new* nature demonstrate Christian's faith Gal 9:2-8
- The difference between them? The *fruit* they produce!
 - Do the works elevate Christ or self? Mat 6:22-23

If God Were Our Father

- We would love and live His Word
- We would honor our physical family
 - Not by covering their sin with hypocrisy
 - We would show them His truth, admitting our sin
 - They would glimpse the Father in our lives
- If they reject God, they reject us; we pray for their salvation

Parents *Do* Teach Children

- Fathers and mothers do teach their children values
 - Begins at birth before the child has learned the language
 - *demonstrable* behavior communicates spiritual truths
 - Children reflect their sin, refining their behaviors
 - Society an expression of sinful families - their god Satan
 - Society excuses sins enhancing its continuation
- Like sin, society cannot exist without people {Cain} (Ge 4:16-17)

Grace Supports the Fifth Precept

- Young children to obey parents to learn Gospel (Ep 6.1)
- Fathers to teach children the Gospel
- Grace does not negate fealty to parents or family (1Ti 5:8)
- Christian family influences:
 - Society (Mt 5:13-16)
 - Depositor of the Gospel

Parents Repository of *Truths*

- This precept is the capstone for behavioral precepts
 - The precept reveals how truth and sin are justified
 - The truth of this precept stretches back to the Father and forward through the Son into eternity
 - Parents will fail because they are sinners raising sinners
 - Success achieved as children accept Christ
 - Chain continues as children teach their children of Christ

Determining Your Father (13: 3-4-32)

- Refusing to honor the truth:
 - Is rebellion (15: 15-23)
 - If you cannot honor your physical parents neither can you honor God, or His Son, whom you have not seen
 - If you cannot love Christians you cannot love God
- The consistent practice of your daily life demonstrates your *real* father: God or Satan