

Honor Your Father and Your Mother

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Exodus 20:12

Introduction: The two greatest commandments given by God are to love God and to love your neighbor.

Background: Moms and dads are gifts from God; they have the responsibility to teach, require, and even live up to the “honor.”

Honor: “The word for ‘honor’ implies acknowledging the ‘weight’ of something. In this context, it implies that people give the proper ‘weight’ or ‘respect’ to their parents’ position” (Merida, Exodus: Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary, 128).

1. For the Child’s Good

Train for God (**Eph 6:1-4**)

Transfer to God (**2 Tim 1:5**)

Why is it typically hard for children to honor their parents? *“It is difficult because, in our sinfulness, we want to have our own way. When parents tell us to do something we don’t want to do, we don’t want to give up our plans” (Gilkerson, Christ in the Commandments, 34).*

2. For the Family’s Good

God’s Design

Elderly Compassion

3. For the Culture’s Good

Authority and Respect

Order and Longevity

“Civilizations, societies, cultures, and countries do not flourish apart from social order, trust, and mutual respect. All of that is meant to be taught and imbibed in the incubator of the family” (DeYoung, The 10 Commandments, 81).

Conclusion: Society reflects the brokenness of the family.