

Honor Your Father

Exodus 20:12

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HEBREW DEFINITION

The root meaning of this word is "to be weighty." The implication is that of something measured on a scale. It is thus valuable, honorable, glorious. It can mean to be rich. The idea is that of importance, influence.

ENGLISHMAN'S HEBREW (*KaBeD* 121 X)

Genesis 13:2 And Abram *was* very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

Leviticus 10:3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This *is it* that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

Deuteronomy 28:58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

1 Samuel 4:18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he [Eli] was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

2 Samuel 6:20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

Psalms 22:23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

GREEK DEFINITION

Timao. To prize, fix a high value upon!

ENGLISHMAN'S GREEK

VERB *Timao* 22X

Matthew 27:9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

John 8:49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

1 Timothy 5:3 Honour widows that are widows indeed. Note: Honoring includes provision.

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1 Corinthians 7:23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

I. The Command to Honor Our Father

Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Deuteronomy 5:16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Matthew 19:19 Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Mark 10:19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

Mt 15:4 — For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

Luke 18:20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.

Ephesians 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

SEVEN REQUIREMENTS (Mark Minnick)

1. Fear. (Lev. 19:3)

Leviticus 19:3 (KJV) Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I *am* the LORD your God.

- This means a response to his word, a dread of his displeasure.
- A proper respect and reverence.

2. Boast in Our Parents. Speech. (Prov. 17:6)

Proverbs 17:6 (KJV) Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

- Children are to brag on their mom and dad.

ILLUS: Former governor talked about his dad. He writes of his immigrant farmer with a large family, working from sunup o sundown and beyond to provide for his family. He was always so busy, sacrificing for his family. The father had so little time with his children. In his memoirs, his son said this, “We really didn’t need him to put his arm around us. Our life-long impression was that this man was literally giving his life for us.”

We are the ultimate ingrate to eat the groceries paid for by daddy’s job while resenting the time spent at work that it took to earn the money to pay for it. (lkw)

- Isn’t there something that you can boast about in your dad?
- He did something good! He chose your mother! You are here!

3. We are to hear our Father’s Instruction. (22X in Proverbs)

In Proverbs, there are 9 chapters of begging to be listened to, followed by the instructions in chapter 10.

4. **Obey (Eph. 6:1)**

Ephesians 6:1 (KJV) Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

- This IS right!
- Fathers are responsible for the child's spiritual decision. (Num. 30:3 ff., 16)
- A father can even disavow the vows of a girl living in his home.
- A father has the privilege of approving (or disapproving) the mate for his daughter. 1 Cor. 7:36-38.
- You are foolish to marry one that dad does not approve!

5. **We are not to rebuke, but to entreat (1 Tim. 5:1)**

1 Timothy 5:1 (KJV) Rebuke not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brethren;

- Same word as comfort or exhortation.
- When admonishment is needed, then do it with love and deep affection.

6. **We are to requite our parents (1 Tim. 5:4, 8, 16)**

1 Timothy 5:4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

1 Timothy 5:16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

- This means to pay back.

7. **We are to bring joy to our father.**

- We are responsible for the emotional state of our parents. (Prov. 10:1; 17:21; 17:25; 19:13)

Proverbs 10:1 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.
Proverbs 17:21 He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

Proverbs 17:25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

Proverbs 19:13 A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.

APPLY! Have you seen a home where dad was always happy, then suddenly there was always gloom! Could it be that the children are breaking the heart of the parent.

“Our response to our parents is not conditioned by their perfection!” (Mark Minnick)

The first sin by a child against his parent. Noah lay drunk and naked. His son went in and saw and went out and mocked. That son lived under a curse for all of his days! Genesis

II. The Callousness in not Honoring Our Father

Proverbs 30:11-17 11 *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. 12 *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness. 13 *There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. 14 *There is* a generation, whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.

NOT IN POWERPOINT Matthew 15:1-9 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. 3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It is* a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; 6 And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free*. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. 7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

Mark 7:9-13 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. 10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: 11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, *It is* Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; *he shall be free*. 12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; 13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

FOUR PROHIBITIONS (Mark Minnick)

1. Attitude: Do Not Mock or Despise (Proverbs 30:11-14, 17)

2. Speech: Do Not Curse Your Parents (Ex. 21:17; Deut. 27:16)

Exodus 21:17 And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

Deuteronomy 27:16 Cursed *be* he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

- It is really speaking lightly, blaspheme, demeaning them.
- Deut. - Setting lightly by our parents.
- It is never God's will that we speak lightly of so weighty a person as our Father!

3. Actions: Do Not Rebel Against Your Parents (Deut. 21:18-21)

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and *that*, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: 19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; 20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard. 21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

- A refusal to hear.
- A refusal to be corrected.

4. Do Not Strike Your Parents (Ex. 21:15)

Exodus 21:15 And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

- Never under any circumstances.
- In every instance, God said the penalty for breaking these was death!
- For striking the penalty was stoning. (Deut. 21)

Lev. 21:9 Daughter of a priest, one responsible for the things of God, playing the harlot, she was to be burned with fire. That is what God thinks of it!

APPLY! Why such a penalty? God's penalties are always in keeping with the stature of the one offended. For a neighbor, it was an eye for an eye. Father or mother, death! In God's eyes, the parents are so weighty ...

III. The Chastisement in Failing to Honor Our Father

Exodus 21:17 And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

Lev 20:9 — For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood *shall be* upon him.

Dt 27:16 — Cursed *be* he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Pr 20:20 — Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out [NOTE: snuffed out = death] in obscure darkness.

Proverbs 30:17 The eye *that* mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. [NOTE: I.e., corpse left unburied. Shame]

Mt 15:4 — For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

- You can be in church, read your Bible, pray, tithe and still come under the first sin unto death: Not honoring your father!

IV. The Consequences of Honoring Our Father

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Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

CONCLUSION

“Saved, unsaved, spiritual or carnal, our parents are worthy of great weight!” (Mark Minnick)

Rolling our eyes, making facial expressions, criticizing dad are all ways of dishonoring our father.

God will not wink at it!