

# Sermon Notes – July 29, 2018

## Review:

- ⇒ Remember the context: God has just delivered the people of Israel from 400 years of slavery in Egypt! Now, on the grounds of that miraculous redemption, God speaks.
- ⇒ The Ten Commandments are not simply rules; they are an expression of God’s character & God’s heart for His people.
- ⇒ These commandments should also confront us with our brokenness. We can’t keep God’s law perfectly—not even close. We need a Savior. We need Jesus.
- ⇒ Last week, we saw how practicing Sabbath rest helps us regain a posture of worship and dependence on the True Provider as we look forward to ultimate rest with Him.

## Today’s Text: Exodus 20:1-12

Up to this point, the first four commandments have emphasized how we relate with God. Now, God transitions to a focus on how we relate with each other. The FIFTH commandment, to honor father and mother, kick-starts this next section. Time to bring the kids in for an important lesson? Or is there something that all of us can learn here?

## What is “Honor” Anyway?

- ⇒ To honor is to acknowledge and \_\_\_\_\_ worthiness. There are both inward and outward processes at play (Mk. 7:6).
- ⇒ We live in an honor-\_\_\_\_\_ society where it is believed that in order to have or gain honor you must first \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- ⇒ Our culture says \_\_\_\_\_ is what matters when it comes to respect. In God’s society, there is a certain place for respecting \_\_\_\_\_ over performance.
- ⇒ Throughout the Bible, we see that God places a high \_\_\_\_\_ on honor—not just for Himself but for those He appoints to positions of authority on earth.

Exodus 20:1-12  
Ben McCordell  
Granting Honor in a Broken World

## Honor in the Family

- ⇒ The God-appointed offices of father and mother \_\_\_\_\_ honor. None of us would be here without a father and a mother.
- ⇒ This commandment is for children \_\_\_\_\_ adults. It does not have a graduation date. Even parents have a role to play in the Fifth Commandment (Eph. 6:4).
- ⇒ According to God’s design, the earthly family structure prepares and helps us understand what it means to be in relationship with a *Heavenly* \_\_\_\_\_.

## Why Honor?

- ⇒ Obeying the Fifth Commandment is not a formula for family \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⇒ The notion of “living in the land” bore special significance to the people of Israel. This prevalent Old Testament theme signified the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s blessing. Paul rephrases: honor, “that it may go well with you” (Eph. 6:3).
- ⇒ When we honor our father and mother, we honor God.
- ⇒ Don’t discount the gospel \_\_\_\_\_ that’s put-off by obedience to this command (1 Peter 2:11-12). Similarly, be aware of the stench disobedience carries with it (Rom. 1:30; 2 Tim. 3:2).

## Responding to God’s Word:

- ⇒ We need God’s help to follow this command! For some of us, it will be especially difficult and painful. Following this commandment doesn’t mean we affirm sin or pretend we have no hurt. Thankfully, we *can* grant honor to those who don’t deserve it because Jesus first granted honor to us when we didn’t deserve it (Rom. 5:6-8; 1 Peter 2:18-25; 1 John 4:19-21).
- ⇒ Ok, but what does it look like to honor those who don’t deserve it? Sometimes doing nothing is the right thing to do. \_\_\_\_\_ can be a gracious form of granting honor (1 Samuel 24).
- ⇒ Are you willing to ask God, “what does it mean to honor *my* mother and father?” and are you willing to follow through on what He guides you to do?

Next Sunday: August 5, 2017

“Honoring the Sanctity of Life”

(Exodus 20:1-13)

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Answer Key: • attribute • less • earn • performance • position • value • compel • AND • parent • happiness • presence • aroma • Restraint •