



# THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

HONOR YOUR FATHER & MOTHER



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**Rom 3:19-24...**<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. <sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.



## Deut. 5:16 – The 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment

<sup>16</sup> Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

## Honor your father and mother...

- Initiates “love one another” commands
- What does it mean to “honor”?
  - To give weight or importance to
  - To highly value, esteem or respect

## 3 Questions we need to answer today...

1. Why would God need to *command* his people to honor their parents?
2. What does the need for this command reveal about our hearts?
3. How can we apply this to our lives today?



## 1. Why is this in the Big 10?

- Human Flourishing

- Deuteronomy 6:24...

And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, *for our good always*, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.

## 1. Why is this in the Big 10?

- Human Flourishing
  - Deuteronomy 6:24...
  - First human relationship mentioned is children and parents – it all begins at home
  - All other relationships are affected and shaped by our relationship with our parents
    - Shapes our relationship with God
    - Shapes societies, cultures and nations
    - Shapes our view of authority
    - Shapes how we show honor and respect to others
  - How serious/important is this to God?



## Deuteronomy 21:18-21...

<sup>18</sup> “If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, <sup>19</sup> then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, <sup>20</sup> and they shall say to 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.’ <sup>21</sup> Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.



## 1. Why is this in the Big 10?

a. Human Flourishing

b. God's Plan for Passing on Faith

- Deut. 6:7... You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk along the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
- The home is the primary vehicle God has chosen to pass on faith
- If there is no honor or respect for mother and father, there can be no passing on of faith
- God desires every generation to know him

## 2. What does this command reveal?

- Rebellion is our Natural drift
  - We do not want to obey God – we do not like being under authority
  - Obedience is difficult for all ages
  - Our relationship with our parents shapes our relationship with God
  - Dishonoring your parents is ultimately a sin against God
  - 1 Sam 15:23... For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.



### 3. How can we honor our parents today?

#### a. Children living at home

- Obey your parents

Eph 6:1-3... Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup>“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

### 3. How can we honor our parents today?

#### a. Children living at home

- Obey your parents
- Respect them even if they're wrong (or you think they're wrong) in attitude, behaviour, and speech
  - After all, you welcome their provision and protection
  - No fine print \*unless they're not honorable...
- Show grace to them – they are flawed but trying their best!
- Parents can help by showing respect and honor
  - Children are made in the image of God
  - Children are sinners saved by grace



### 3. How can we honor our parents today?

a. Children living at home

b. Adult children with their own roof

- Respect their opinions and advice
- Honor them with your attitude towards them and how you speak about them
- Visit them
- Bless them by encouragement and thankfulness
- Take care of them when they cannot care for themselves (financially, physically, etc.)
  - 1 Tim 5:4, Matt 15:1-9

### **3. How can we honor our parents today?**

- a. Children living at home
- b. Adult children with their own roof
- c. All children of all ages
  - Forgive your parents
  - Bitterness and unforgiveness shape our adult relationships (spouse, kids, co-workers, bosses, friends, etc.)
  - Forgiveness is the starting point for a life that is marked by God's provision and presence and power