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Honor Your Parents

Series: In Him

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Ephesians 6:1-4 *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.* ² *“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),* ³ *“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”* ⁴ *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

Remember, the Old Testament point to the new. So, there’s a gospel picture and a wisdom picture.

The three uses of the Law.

1. It points to Christ.
2. It’s civil use.
3. Life wisdom.

How does the law cited in this text point us to Christ and what life wisdom can we gain from this?

1. It points us to Christ

Is there another command with a promise in the NT? A greater command with a promise?

The gospel command to believe & the promise of salvation: Luke 9:34-36, John 5:24

Let’s also remember our union with Christ. None of us in here ever perfectly honored our father and mother. Jesus did. He obeyed where we didn’t and we couldn’t. He is our substitute.

The Law of Moses was severe: Leviticus 20:9 & Deuteronomy 21:18–21

So Jesus came and took the death penalty for all of us.

2. Life wisdom.

Remember we’re also in the part of Ephesians where Paul is giving practical instructions and commands to the church as an effect and adornment of the gospel.

Paul is speaking directly to the family—the context is that he just taught husbands and wives. Now he’s giving practical instruction to children and to fathers.

He’s saying, “Honoring your parents is good and brings blessing into your life.”

“Question Authority” has become the mantra of the age

And what ends up happening is that people don’t think for themselves—they just feel.

To honor means to esteem, to hold in high regard, to value.

To disobey your parents is often to choose a path of death.

One interesting thing to note is that there’s no expiration date on this commandment.

Next week: Fathers