

Fathers Day

June 16, 2024

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The 5th Commandment

“**Honor** your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you. ***Exodus 20:12 NKJV***”

Do we take this commandment as serious as the others?

Why is this so important to God?

The 10 commandments have 4 commandments about honoring God and 6 about honoring man.

The 5th Commandment

Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. ***Deuteronomy 5:16 NKJV***

This is the only commandment with a promise!

- That your days may be long.
- And that it may be well with you in the promise land.
- Or, you will live a long and prosperous life.

God wanted the children to honor their parents. This is more important than you realize. This is a big deal. It shapes their attitudes for the rest of their lives.

Honor father and mother

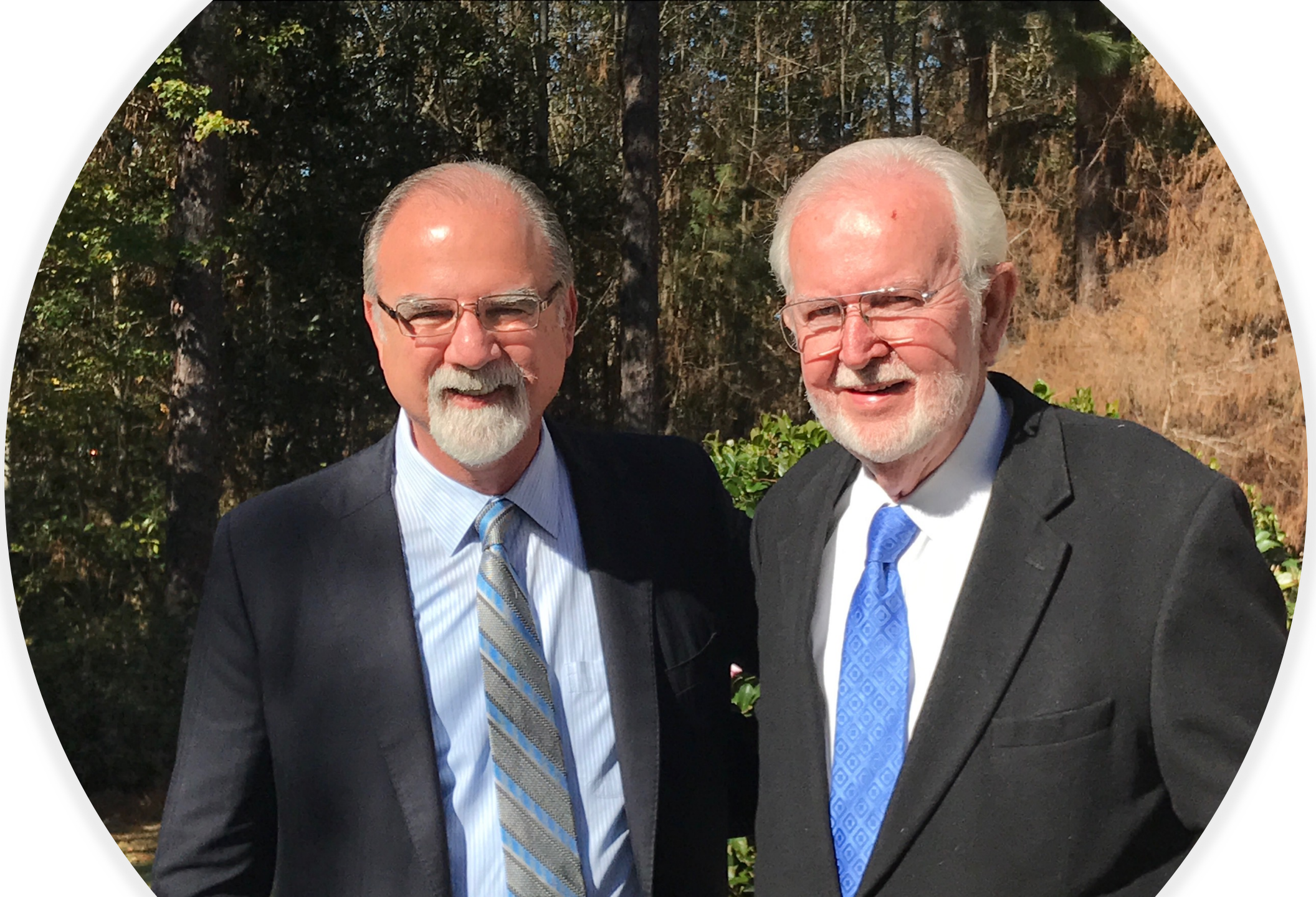
“Anyone who dishonors father or mother must be put to death. ***Exodus 21:17 NLT***

Jesus replied, “And why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God? For instance, God says, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.’ But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, ‘Sorry, I can’t help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.’ In this way, you say they don’t need to honor their parents. And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition. You hypocrites! ***Matthew 15:3-7 NLT***

The family is under attack in the USA

- Abortion –over 900,00 babies per year are murdered in USA. I just saw Nora Wren, she is a miracle.
- 40% of children are born out of wed-lock.
- 80% of young people in prison come from a fatherless home.
- God made man and women and told them to be fruitful and multiply.
- Family is where one man (male) loves one women (female).
- Children are a blessing from the LORD.
- The world is upside down. Men are identifying as women, and women are identifying as men. Bathrooms are no longer safe.
- People want absolute freedom to do whatever they want to do. The stars don't have it, the oceans don't have it, and neither does mankind. God has laws, boundaries and limitations for our good and our protection.
- The 5th commandment is for your own good.





Forgive

- What if you had a terrible natural father. What if you grew up in a household where your father was abusive. If he was sexually abusive, he has no honor, he should be in jail. God understands your situation.
- Don't view your heavenly Father wrong, because you had a bad natural father. That was the work of the devil.
- What can you do? You can start by forgiving him. Forgiveness heals you, not the person you are forgiving.

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. ***Matthew 6:14-15 NKJV***

Disobedient to parents

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, **disobedient to parents**, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ***II Timothy 3:1-5 NKJV***

In 2024, in the USA, we live in a culture and a society of dishonor and disrespect. I was taught to say “yes mam,” and “yes sir.”

Dishonor

- We live in the age of perpetual dishonor and disrespect.
- Kids disrespect their parents. They disrespect teachers.
- A large portion of society dishonors and disrespects police officers.
- People live offended, and are angry at any and all authority.
- You have the attitude that nobody is going to tell me what to do.
- Scripture teaches us to live very differently from the culture in which we live today.
- All because kids were not taught to honor their parents.

Honor

- **What does honor do?**

- It esteems.
- It cherishes.
- It values.
- It builds up.
- It encourages.
- It believes the best.

What does dishonor do?

- **Dishonor:**

- It treats as ordinary or common.
- Tears down.
- It belittles.
- It criticizes.
- It devalues.
- It assumes the worst.

The children of Israel dishonored the LORD as they complained and grumbled in the wilderness for 40 years.

Honor

- **I believe the kingdom of God has a culture of honor.**
- It would be great to have a culture of honor at Return Church.
 - Where we honor God in all we do.
 - Where we honor one another above ourselves.

The difference in respect and honor:

- **Respect is earned.**
- **Honor is given.**

Honor

The scriptures teach us we are to:

- **Honor father and mother**
- **Honor God**
- **Honor wives**
- **Honor those in authority**
- **Honor Elders**
- **Honor one another**

Purpose

“Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism

The purpose of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

This word glorify is used many times in the Old Testament as the word **honor**. You could say the purpose of man is to honor God.

Kawbad. To be heavy, be weighty, be rich, be **honored**, glory, **honor**, glorify, glorious,

To the glory of God

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the **glory** of God. *1 Corinthians 10:31 KJV*

Instead of looking for people to give you honor, give God honor.

Honor to the Lord

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and **honour** and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. *Revelation 4:11 KJV*

The Greek word:

time, *tee-may*, honor, a value, valuables, esteem, precious, price, dignity, reverence.

Honor the Lord

Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine. ***Proverbs 3:9-10 NKJV***

How do we honor God?

- One way is to give him a portion of our wealth. Every time you give tithes or offerings, it gives God honor.
- We honor Him with our worship.
- We honor Him with our obedience.

Honor wives – respect husbands

Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving **honor** to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. ***1 Peter 3:7 NKJV***

Most relationships begin with great honor. When I met Liz, I sent her flowers to her school for two weeks. We dated. I made her feel valued, esteemed and treasured.

Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she **respects** *her* husband. ***Ephesians 5:33 NKJV***

Honor those in authority

Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and **honor** to those who are in authority. *Romans 13:7 NLT*

I don't have to like or respect certain government leaders, but I am to give them honor.

Honor Elders

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double **honor**, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer *is* worthy of his wages.” ***1 Timothy 5:17-18 NKJV***

We are praying for a pastor. We are going to appoint and anoint elders and deacons. There is much work to do at Return, God has a plan and a purpose for us at Return. We are praying into this.

Honor one another above yourselves

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in **honoring** each other. *Romans 12:10 NLT*

Be devoted to one another in love. **Honor** one another above yourselves. *Romans 12:10 NIV*

Dishonor produced unbelief

Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?" Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is **honored** everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family." And because of their **unbelief**, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their **unbelief**. *Mark 6:1-6 NLT*

Honor produces faith. Israel didn't enter into the promise land because of unbelief. Dishonor produces unbelief.

Struggling with your faith?

If you are struggling with your faith, you might have a problem with honor. You might be disrespectful to people that you should be honoring.

Honoring authority – produces faith

When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, “Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.” Jesus said, “I will come and heal him.” But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, “I tell you the truth, **I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel!**.....Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, “Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened.” And the young servant was healed that same hour. **Matthew 8:5-13 NLT**

Miriam dishonoring Moses

Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman. So they said, “Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?” And the Lord heard *it*. (Now the man Moses *was* very humble, more than all men who *were* on the face of the earth.) Suddenly the Lord said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, “Come out, you three, to the tabernacle of meeting!” So the three came out. Then the Lord came down in the pillar of cloud and stood *in* the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both went forward. Then He said, “Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, *I*, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. Not so with My servant Moses; He *is* faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?” So the anger of the Lord was aroused against them, and He departed. And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam *became* leprous, as *white as* snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper. So Aaron said to Moses, “Oh, my lord! Please do not lay *this* sin on us, in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned. Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother’s womb!” So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, “Please heal her, O God, I pray!” Then the Lord said to Moses, “If her father had but spit in her face, would she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp seven days, and afterward she may be received *again*.” So Miriam was shut out of the camp seven days, and the people did not journey till Miriam was brought in *again*. And afterward the people moved from Hazeroth and camped in the Wilderness of Paran. ***Numbers 12:1-16 NKJV***

Ham dishonoring Noah

Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham *was* the father of Canaan. These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. And Noah began *to be* a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid *it* on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces *were* turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. Then he said: "Cursed *be* Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren." And he said: "Blessed *be* the Lord, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant." And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died. ***Genesis 9:18-28 NKJV***

Honor

- We are to honor our Fathers.
- We are to honor God in all that we do.
- We are to give God all the glory, the credit, the respect, the honor, instead of us trying to receive the glory for ourselves.
- Make His name known instead of trying to make our name known.
- We are to honor each other above ourselves.
- Let's create a culture of honor here at Return.