

# Sermon Reflections

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## *Honor Code – Exodus 20:12*

**Summary:** Genuine faith gives genuine honor to ones parents, all life long.

### **1. Honor Starts with Worship (Exodus 20:1-17)**

- These ten commandments set the groundwork for the next 603 commands that will come. We see in Matthew 22:37-40 that love governs both of the greatest commands, to love God and to love your neighbor.
  - How is your love for your neighbor? If you are failing to love your neighbor, what does this say about your relationship with God?

### **2. Honor Begins at Home (Exodus 20:12a)**

- “Honor your father and your mother...” – This was stamped upon the very laws that govern the world in which we live. God points us to the home, our parents shape our childhood and ultimately our life.
  - We should have great respect and consideration for our parents, as children AND as adults. So, as an adult, are you honoring your father and your mother? What does this look like in daily life?
- Re-read Ephesians 6:1-4 where we are called to obey our parents.
  - Obedience is all the way, right away, with a happy heart.
    - When it comes to your parents (and God!) does the above statement reflect you? OR are you begrudgingly obeying to meet the letter of the law, but missing the intent? If the latter is true, what does this say about your heart?

### **3. Honor Carries-on by Promise (Exodus 20:12b)**

- This verse and Deuteronomy 4:40 are about God’s particular relationship He has with His people. We are talking about the glorious inheritance of God!
  - This should bring you great joy to obey him by honoring your mother and father because of God’s promise. Does it?
    - Ones obedience to his/her parents serves as the first fruit of genuine conversion. Do you treat your parents differently in private than you do in public when others can see you?
- May we persevere in honoring our parents because we know it honors our heavenly Father. If we trust Him, it will show in our lives, and He will see to it that we never regret it!