

## WRITTEN IN STONE

# THE COMMANDMENT WITH A PROMISE

Exodus 20:8-11      Jeff Schreve

*"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you."*

*Exodus 20:12*

*"Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you on the land which the LORD your God gives you." Deuteronomy 5:16*

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.*

*Ephesians 6:1-3*

**Are you obeying the only commandment with a promise?**

### **1. God wants us to know what it means.**

A. The word *honor* means to be weighty, heavy, and glorious.

B. Honor is an attitude of respect that endures throughout life.

1. As children, we are to obey our parents in the Lord.

2. As adults, we are to revere our parents in the Lord.

*"Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep My sabbaths; I am the LORD your God." Leviticus 19:3*

### **2. God wants us to know why it is so important.**

*"If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them, then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gateway of his home town. And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard.' Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall*

*remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear of it and fear. Deuteronomy 21:18-21*

*“For God said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,’ and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM BE PUT TO DEATH.’” Matthew 15:4*

A. Honoring your parents teaches you to honor authority.

*Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. Romans 13:1-2*

B. Honoring your parents teaches you the value of family.

**3. God wants us to know practical ways to do it.**

A. We can express gratitude to our parents.

B. We can listen to and heed their counsel and commands.

C. We can seek to live a godly life.

*The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise son will be glad in him. Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her rejoice who gave birth to you. Proverbs 23:24-25*

D. We can include them in our lives.

E. We can seek to make things right with them.

Father Effect movie clip, From 37:45 – 38:48, Fitness Expert Larry Testimony.

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**If you want to enjoy God’s good promise, fulfill the command.**