

Honor your Parents Eph 6:1-2

Introduction

- I. Mothers Day is a day that we spend honoring our mothers for all that they have done for us. Their hard work, and labor of love.
- II. Over 11 billion dollars will be spent buying cards, flowers and gifts this year of 2005.
- III. What is the true meaning of "honoring" our mothers and in a few weeks, our fathers.
- IV. Should it just be a one day event?

Discussion

I. First commanded by God in Ex. 20:12

- A. Punishment for those who strike their parents Ex. 21:15
- B. Punishment for those who curse their parents Ex. 21:17

II. Honor Seen demonstrated by the Patriarchs

- A. Joseph takes care of his father. Gen. 45:9-11
- B. Rahab sought her parents safety Joshua 2:13

III. Honor Seen Demonstrated by Jesus

- A. Jesus returning from Jerusalem at 12 years of age was subject Luke 2:51
- B. Jesus on Cross told John "Behold thy Mother" John 19:27
 - i. John 19:27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold, thy mother! And from that hour the disciple took her unto his own home.

IV. Dishonor to parents can be caused by their children.

- A. Proverbs 19:26 - He that doeth violence to his father, and chaseth away his mother, Is a son that causeth shame and bringeth reproach.
- B. Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom; But a child left to himself causeth shame to his mother.
- C. Proverbs 17:25 - A foolish son is a grief to his father, And bitterness to her that bare him.
- D. Proverbs 10:1 - A wise son maketh a glad father; But a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.
- E. Proverbs 23:22 - Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, And despise not thy mother when she is old.

V. Dishonor seen demonstrated by Eli's sons 1 Sam 2-3

- A. 1 Sam 2:11 - The sons of Eli were base men.
- B. 1 Sam 2:12-17 - They abused the rights of the priesthood by taking what was not theirs of the offerings. They despised Jehovah.
- C. 1 Sam 2:11 Eli's sons were fornicators.
- D. God was not pleased by the dishonor of Eli's sons toward God.

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- E. Eli Should have dealt with his sons according to the law.
 - i. A rebellious son that would not head correction was to be put to death.
Deut 21:18-21
- F. I Sam 2:29 - Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation, and honorest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?
- G. Many lessons can be learned by the actions of Eli and his sons. One lesson is that of honor and dishonor.
 - i. By the actions of Eli's sons, they brought dishonor unto their father.
 - ii. By Eli's lack of firm correction he brought dishonor to God.
 - a) I Sam 2:30 for them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

VI. Honor of children to parents is similar to that between us and God

- A. We are the children of God
 - i. 1st John 3:1 - Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
- B. Being Children, we are heirs of God
 - i. Romans 8:17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him.
- C. We should be children that are loved by God
 - i. Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children

VII. We can dishonor and shame God just as we can our parents

- A. Heb. 6:6 - and then fell away, it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.
 - i. Open shame - Public humiliation by our actions.

VIII. We are to care for our parents

- A. 1st Timothy 5:4 - But if any widow hath children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show piety towards their own family, and to requite their parents: for this is acceptable in the sight of God.
 - i. As children, we should care for our parents need and not let others bear that burden.
 - ii. This is a demonstration of the love of God within us.
- B. We should understand that caring for needy parents is God law and desire. If what we give to God causes them to suffer, God wills us to give it to our parents.
 - i. Matthew 15:5 But ye say, whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is given to God

IX. Elders children:

- A. 1 Tim. 3:4 - one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity
 - i. How are they to be in subjection?
 - a) As Jesus was to his parents - Luke 2:51
- B. Titus 1:6 - Having believing children not accused of riot or unruly.
 - i. Who are the riotous and unruly?
 - a) Eli's sons are examples. - 1 Sam. 2
- C. Over the years I have learned that the question is not unnecessarily "who qualifies as a riotous and unruly child, and who qualifies as a child in subjection". But rather who is the obedient child that honors their parents?
 - i. Eph 6:1-2 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
 - a) Obedience when you are in their care and upbringing (as was Jesus Luke 2:51)
 - b) Honor when we are no longer under their direct rule.
 - Prov. 23:22 - Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, And despise not thy mother when she is old.

Conclusion:

- I. God want's us all to use wisdom and show responsibility.
- II. We should always love, obey and honor our parents through out our entire lives.
- III. We should remember that our relationship is exactly the same as our relationship to God,
- IV. Even as we can bring dishonor to our parents, we can bring dishonor to our God.
- V. By honoring our parents, we honor God and if we honor our God, we will be obedient unto him.
 - A. 1 John 3:1 - Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are.
 - i. And such we are if we are obedient unto his Gospel.