

God the Father: Our Parenting Model

5th Commandment

Exod 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

Review

1. God is Father = creator of **all** mankind (Eph 3:14-15; Lk 3:23-38; Gen 1:26-27; 5:1-3; 1 Cor 8:4-6; Acts 17:24-29)
 2. God is Father = creator of his **redeemed** family (Exo 4:21-23; 13; Hos 11:1-4; Is 63:15-19; Lk 15:11-32)
 - Adopts us through faith in Jesus (Jn 1:12-13; Rom 8:12-17; Gal 3:23-26; 4:6; Eph 1:3-14; 4:6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; 5:1-5)
 - Knows our nature and shows compassion (Ps 103:13-14); disciplines us (Prov 3:11-12; Heb 12:3-11)
 - The children of God cry out "Abba" (Mk 14:36; Rom 8:14-17; Gal 4:1-7)
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Covenant Relationships

- Exodus 20 is a covenant (a promise sovereignly bound in blood):
 1. Naming/Identity: Sovereign and subjects
 2. Historical prologue
 3. Stipulations/laws
 4. Sanctions, with blessings and curses
 5. Continuity
 - God also uses two familial metaphors to reveal the nature of his covenant relationship:
 1. _____: God is groom, Israel/church is bride (Eph 5:25-33; Rev 19:6-9; Hos 1:2-11; 3:1-5)
 2. Fatherhood & _____: God is Father / Jesus is firstborn Son / Israel or church is God's son
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Principles of Fatherhood in the Deuteronomic Covenant

- Deut 5 & 6

- Deut 7

Covenant Principle #1 — Commitment

• A relationship is _____ and _____ (Deut 7:6-11)

• Parental Actions:

1. _____

2. _____ (Deut 8:2-5; Mt 6:7-13, 25-34; 7:7-11)

• Parents are responsible to provide:

• Blessings: Fruit

- _____

- _____

- _____

- _____

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• Idolatry: The _____ parent

• Application & Questions

Covenant Principle #2 — Love

- Love is a voluntary choice to _____ one's chosen and to _____ give of one self for their good (Deut 7:6-11)

- Parental Actions:

1. _____

2. _____ (Rom 5:8; 1 John 4:7-8; Ps 136)

- Blessings: Fruit

- _____

- _____

- _____

- _____

- Idolatry: The _____ parent

- Application & Questions

Covenant Principle #3 — Law

- Law shapes us to reflect the _____ of our parental authorities (Deut 7:6-11)

- Parental Actions:

1. _____ (Deut 7:9; 4:9-10; 6:3-9)

2. _____

- Blessings: Fruit

- _____

- _____

- _____

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- Idolatry: The _____ parent

- Application & Questions