

## **Commandment 5: Honor Your Father and Mother** **Exodus 20:12 & Deuteronomy 5:16**

### **Heidelberg catechism (1563)**

*Question: What does God require in the fifth commandment?*

*Answer: That I show all honor, love, and faithfulness to my father and mother and to all those in authority over me, submit myself with due obedience to their good instruction and discipline, and also have patience with their weaknesses and shortcomings, since it is God's will to govern us by their hand.*

**While we are called in Scripture to honor all people (1 Peter 2:17), here in commandment 5 we are especially called to honor those that God has placed in \_\_\_\_\_ roles over us (parents, husbands, church elders, state leaders, employers, and any other earthly authority but ultimately, we are to show honor to God our Heavenly Father)**

### **The Covenant of works:**

**-Adam \_\_\_\_\_ to honor God as Father**

**-Humanity fails in \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of this command**

### **The Covenant of grace:**

**-Christ \_\_\_\_\_ honored God as Father, as well as His earthly parents, leaders, and others**

**-Christians, resting on Christ's \_\_\_\_\_, strive to walk in obedience honoring God and those He has placed over them**

## Helpful quotes

**“Its not because [they] are always deserving of it that [they] must be honored, but because of the position of authority that God has granted to [them].”**

**“Christians have always understood that the fifth commandment is not just about parents and children but about that relationship as a template for any other relationship of authority we have in our lives.”**

-Kevin DeYoung “The 10 Commandments” page 83 & 90

**“By father and mother is meant, not only our natural parents, but others also that are our superiors, either in age, in place, or in gifts.”**

-Edward Fisher “The Marrow of Modern Divinity” page 294

**“In Scripture, as we have seen, both sin and righteousness begin in the heart. So, honor is first of all a heart attitude, expressing reverence and respect.”**

-John Frame, “The Doctrine of the Christian Life” page 577

(This quote is giving explanation to Peter’s command to “honor the emperor”-1 Peter 2:17) **“The good and honorable work of the Christian community is nothing if it is not submission to authority.”**

David Helm “Sharing in Christ’s Sufferings-A commentary on 1 Peter” page 91