

**God's Self-declaration: A God...visiting the iniquity  
of the fathers on the children...to the third and fourth  
generation  
Exodus 34:7**

**Instruction**

To understand this passage rightly we must keep at least 3 things in mind:

1. Strive to leave your \_\_\_\_\_ human thoughts out of the text

Exodus 34:7

2. Take this portion in its \_\_\_\_\_ (both immediate and overarching)

Deuteronomy 5:8-9

3. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Scriptures

Ezekiel 18:20

**Doctrine**

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_

2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ and all He does is \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sin brings \_\_\_\_\_ (sin affects others not just the individual sinner)

-These consequences can be both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

-2 reasons for this:

-to stir up in the individual sinner a greater  
\_\_\_\_\_ and mourning for their sin

**-to act as a \_\_\_\_\_ from sin out a love for their children**

### **Application**

- 1. Can you use this portion as an excuse for your sin by simply blaming your sin on your upbringing and the sin of your parents?**

**Answer: By no means! If you choose to respond to the sin of your parents with your own sin you are becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ with your parents in sin**

- 2. What if I am a parent who feels guilty because I see this truth at work in my children, what hope is there for me and them?**

**Answer: There is hope! Remember, how this passage started...God's grace is \_\_\_\_\_ than your sin, trust in Christ, repent of your sin, and strive to now walk in the fear of the Lord**

- 3. What if I don't have these family issues (mentioned above), how does this passage apply to me?**

**Answer: The Apostle Paul uses this same principle in reference to the \_\_\_\_\_ in 1 Corinthians 12...your sin (and the opposite-your striving in holiness) affect the church**