

Honor Thy Father

Main Scriptures for the Message

The fifth of the ten commandments...

Exodus 20:12 *Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

God makes Moses like a god to his brother Aaron and to the Pharaoh of Egypt.

Exodus 4:16 *And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.*

Exodus 7:1 *And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.*

But as high as Moses was, he shows honor and obedience to his father-in-law and his father-in-law's wise advice, Exodus 18:7-24.

Main Points of the Message

1. There are 970 verses in the Bible about fathers. But it wasn't until Jesus came that we see God called a Father. See Matthew 5:16, 43-48; 6:1-4, 5-15, 16-18, 25-34. God is a Father that deserves our honor.
2. In the Old Testament there are multiple descriptions of God; nearly all of them elicited fear, dread, compliance, obedience, and judgment. These alone, are the descriptions of a sovereign God and were necessary for the times, but they are not the descriptions of a loving Father.
3. Our image of God determines the kind of honor we give Him. People who read only half the Bible, get only half the image of God.
4. Jesus came to show us the complete image of God, which included that of a loving, caring, sacrificial Father, who deserves all the honor we can give Him.