

HONORING MOM MAY 12, 2024

EXODUS 20:12

Many scenarios exist that one must be sensitive to when considering a Mother's Day sermon.

1. Woman – infertility, abortion, unwanted pregnancy.
2. Mother – miscarriage, death of a child, rebellious child.
3. Child – abandoned, adopted, abusive mom, irresponsible mom.

MOTHERS

1. Hannah – untiring sacrifice.
2. Jochabed – untold influence.
3. Eunice – unfailing faith
4. Mary – undying love.
5. Syrophonecian – unyielding perseverance.

CHILDREN – EXODUS 20:12-20

1. Ten Commandments: four deal with our walk with God, and six are about social relationships. Both are foundational for success.
2. Honor your mom: first of the last six is directed to children. It's before murder, adultery, stealing, lying and coveting.
3. **MARK 7:11-13 (TPT)** Jesus confirms the importance of the command and rebukes the leaders for exalting tradition above God's Word.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

1. **MT. 15:4** – Jesus quotes the Law that required capital punishment for dishonoring parents (**LEV. 20:9, DEUT. 21:18-21 (NKJV), PR. 30:17**).

THE PROMISE

1. **EPH. 6:1-3** – Paul reminds the Ephesians of the promise attached to the fifth commandment (well days, long life).

HONOR, NOT LOVE

1. **ROM. 13:7** – Honor is a lifelong attitude towards parents regardless of age or circumstances. As we mature, we discover our parents' weaknesses and flaws. God knew these imperfections might cause one not to love a parent, so He said to honor them not just love them.
 - A. Give weight to mom by understanding her value and importance. By honoring mom, we honor God. Dishonoring mom, dishonors God.
 - B. Respect mom. Mom cared for us when we were most vulnerable and incapable of caring for ourselves. Now it's time to show her respect by caring for her when she's vulnerable and in need.
 - C. Practice forgiveness. (**EPH. 4:31-32 NLT**). We all fall short and need forgiveness. Moms are no different (**MT. 18:32-35**).
 - D. Appreciating her. Children will never know how much they owe their parents until they grow up and have children of their own. Ponder your mother's love, care, concern, prayers, meals, cloths, rides and her commitment to your well-being.

CONCLUSION:

Mothers are God's gift to the family and are to be held in high esteem for the sacrifices they make for the well-being of their children. By honoring mom, we honor God, and position ourselves to experience well days and long life.