



Sermon Questions

July 13th, 2025 | Scripture: Exodus 20:1-2, 12 (The Fifth Commandment)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Numbers 11:10-17
- Proverbs 23:22-26
- Malachi 1:6
- Matthew 15:4-6, 22:15-22
- Ephesians 6:1-9
- 1 Peter 2:13-25

Pray: Ask the Lord to help you see the honor that he has shown you in the gospel. Then make a list of your direct relations (family, church, commonwealth, inferiors, superiors, equals) and pray for each of these people and authorities in love.

Serve: Consider taking time to write a note of gratitude and encouragement to one of your most difficult relations. Send that to them if appropriate, keep it just for yourself if not.

Core Questions

1. The Lord could have chosen many different words to describe what we owe others. Why does he choose the word honor here?
2. What does it mean to honor someone? What does that feel like? What does that look like? What does that sound like?
3. How does starting the conversation with the honor that is due to God instead of the honor due to our biological parents help us to understand this commandment as a grace to us, “that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you?”

Inward Grace in Action

4. Read the question and answer from Westminster Larger Catechism 124 in the box below. How does the depth of the fifth commandment challenge our heart’s inclination to resist authority? Instead of a burden, why is it a grace that the Lord places authorities over us in all these areas of life?

Outward Grace in Action

5. Who are the people or relations that are hardest for you to honor, and how might the honor that the Lord shows you in the gospel change your relationship with that person(s)?
6. If you have never worked through the difficulty of your own relationship with your parents or superiors, what is the next best step to begin that journey?

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 124. Who are meant by father and mother in the fifth commandment?

A. By father and mother, in the fifth commandment, are meant, not only natural parents, but all superiors in age and gifts; and especially such as, by God’s ordinance, are over us in place of authority, whether in family, church, or commonwealth.