

The School of Biblical Law

Covenant and Law

Lesson Twenty-Six: “The Covenant Model and Commandment Five, Part 2”

Commandment Five requires a child to give honor unto his or her parents and, thereby, express love to God. God elected each child’s family line and the parents from whom the child would receive the original endowment or inheritance, including: DNA, social standing, economic status, and ethnicity. To honor parents is to honor God for His will concerning continuity.

Commandments 1-5 (Love God)	Covenant Model	Commandments 6-10 (Love thy neighbor)
No other gods	Transcendence	
No graven images	Hierarchy	
Do not take God’s Name in vain	Ethics	
Remember the Sabbath Day	Sanctions	
Honor thy Father and Mother	Continuity	

1. The word honor, from the Hebrew *kabed* (Strong’s #3515) comes from the root Hebrew verb *kabad* (Strong’s #3513) meaning to be heavy, make weighty, glorify, give honor. The noun form, *kabod* (Strong’s #3519) is the word used when referencing the glory of God.

The idea of weightiness arises from the impact that a person or thing makes upon another person.

The weight a person carries increases as they mature and what they are capable of doing grows; the word glorification is best defined as released potential.

God has so constructed humanity that the soul responds to the weightiness of another person or released potential.

- An athlete demonstrates his training through extraordinary feats and the reaction is praise.
- An official or dignitary carries the influence of his office and the response is honor.
- A professor expresses his knowledge and wisdom and the rejoinder is respect.

2. God is the full expression of all weightiness because there is nothing in God that is in any potential stage. He is full power, full authority, full wisdom. He is all glorious and, therefore, deserving of all glory.

3. Honor that parents are due arises from their weightiness.

The weightiness of parents arises from:

- Gene pool, DNA, and original gift of life
- Knowledge and experience
- Stewardship of their original endowment (released potential)
- Personhood (image bearer)

Because the child is commanded to give honor, parents must live honorably so as to not put an excessive or undue burden upon the child

God requires that honor be given where honor is due (Rom.13:7); therefore, the child is not required to fake honor but must, rather, seek out those places where the parent is due legitimate honor.

The honor that is bestowed upon mothers and fathers transcends that which they might be due for the quality of their own persons. The honor arises because they are gifts from God, life-giving gifts from the Heavenly Father, chosen by Him to impart the inheritance which He as ordained.