

## HONOUR THY MOTHER

**TEXT** – *Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*

We are commanded by God to honour our father and mother. Today we are going to specifically talk about mothers. We'll discuss why we should we honour our mother, how we should honour our mother, and the rewards we receive when we DO honour our mother.

### **What does it mean to honour someone?**

**Honour** – to respect greatly; regard highly; esteem; treat with deference or courtesy

We are living in an age of disrespect, especially of disrespect toward parents by their children. No matter what our age, God expects us to respect our mother and treat her with the deference and courtesy that she is due!

Proverbs 30:11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

### **Why should we honour our mothers?**

1. We should honour our mother because God commands us to do so.

It is the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment - Deuteronomy 5:16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

2. We should honour our mother because of all that she has done for us.

- a. She gave birth to us.
- b. She cared for us completely as infants.
- c. She comforted us as children.
- d. She took care of our home, prepared our meals, prepared our clothes, etc., all of our young lives.
- e. She taught us the majority of everything that we know.

3. We should honour our mother because she deserves honour.

Romans 13:7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

### **How can we honour our mother?**

1. As children, we show honour to our mother by our obedience.

Proverbs 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

2. We show honour to our mother by treating her with respect – not talking smart, speaking rudely to her, etc.

Proverbs 20:20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

3. We show honour to our mother by seeking her advice and counsel about things and then actually doing what she recommends. If we have wisdom, we will seek the wisdom of our parents. If we act foolishly, we cause our mother grief.

Proverbs 10:1 The Proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

Proverbs 15:20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

4. We show honour to our mother by looking for things we can do to please her.
5. We show honour to our mother by telling her how much we love and appreciate her. Don't take her for granted.
6. We show honour to our mother by taking care of her in her old age.

Proverbs 23:22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

### **God promises blessings upon those who honour their mother:**

Deuteronomy 5:16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Ephesians 6:2-3 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Twice God tells us that if we treat our parents the way He has commanded us to, our life will be longer and will go a whole lot smoother for us. We'll have a much better life because of it.

### **CONCLUSION:**

**To children** - Mothers are a wonderful gift that God has given to us to help us through our life. We should never cease to show our love and gratitude to the mother that God has given to each of us.

**To mothers** – Strive to be the best mother that you can possibly be to your children. You have more influence on your child's life than any other single person. Seek god's help, strength and wisdom to be a godly mother so that your children will grow up to love and serve god and bring honour to you as their mother.

Proverbs 31:28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.