

# HONOR AUTHORITY

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, April 24, 2022; Exodus 20:12; Markes Wilson

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**Sermon Theme – Honoring father and mother is a foundational command to honoring authority, and one Israel broke early and often. Jesus perfectly honors His Father and, through his obedience, makes us righteous. This frees us to a life commitment of bringing honor to our family name, the name “Christian.”**

## **I. Command to Honor – Read Exodus 20:12**

- A. What is the context surrounding Exodus 20:12? In what way is the 5th commandment foundational to our understanding of commandments 5-10?
- B. What does it mean to honor our father and mother? What typically comes to your mind when you hear the word “honor”?
- C. What is the significance of the enjoyment of land about the keeping of the command?

## **II. Failure and Fulfillment to Honor – Read Malachi 1:1-6, 2:2-9**

- A. Read Malachi 1:1-6, 2:1-9. How are the priests dishonoring the Lord? What is the connection that the Lord uses to illustrate the priests’ dishonorable ways?
- B. In Malachi 2:2-9, what is the curse connected with the priests’ polluted offerings?
- C. Read Romans 1:18-21. How does Paul address the issue of honor in this passage?
- D. Read Matthew 26:36-46. How does Jesus demonstrate what it looks like to honor His Father? Where is the culmination of His obedience displayed most greatly? How does Jesus’ obedience to the Father transform how we pursue the honor of authority in our lives?

## **III. Our Commitment to Honor – Application**

- A. In Ephesians 6:1-3, Paul writes, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord.” How does “in the Lord” determine how we raise our children?
- B. In what ways are you prone to dishonor authority? Where would you like to grow in honoring authority in a godly manner? How would you like to grow in taking time to love and honor those in authority?
- C. What does it look like to bring honor to the family name of Christian? Why is it essential to bring the honor of the name Christian?