

# The Fifth Commandment

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**The Third Sabbatical Cycle of the 119th Jubilee Cycle**  
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Shabbat Shalom Brethren,

## The Fifth Commandment

The Fifth Commandment as it is written: "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days are prolonged upon the soil which Yehovah your Elohim is giving you." Exodus 20:12

This is the first of the Ten Commandments we are given that instructs us on how we are to relate to other human beings. The first four commandments instruct us on how to relate to Yehovah and the last six instruct us on how to relate to our fellow man and parents are at the top of that list. For some people, obeying this commandment is easy, but for many many others, this is the first commandment that causes many emotions to surface and possibly a great many excuses and questions. This commandment also comes with a promise.

Have you ever wondered why Yehovah has to instruct us to do this? People talk about natural laws, meaning "things that happen naturally." If Yehovah has to instruct or command us to do this, then perhaps there is a strong possibility this behavior is not natural. Have you ever read His Word in this fashion? Many of us read His Word to receive instruction and we take in His Words and say "ok, ok, ok, Father help me do this and obey Your Commandments." Sometimes is it a good exercise to read His Word and ask, "why did He have to instruct me to do this?" Maybe because it IS difficult and not something that comes to me without some work in areas of pride, forgiveness, and humility to name a few.

We are going to explore some of these questions along with studying the meaning of the words, instruction, and promise attached to it.

We begin our understanding with a word study, because if we don't understand the words Yehovah uses when speaking to us it is very difficult to fulfill the command.

kabad {kaw-bad'} or ??? kabed {kaw-bade'} a primitive root; TWOT – 943; v AV – honour 34, glorify 14, honourable 14, heavy 13, harden 7, glorious 5, sore 3, made heavy 3, chargeable 2, great 2, many 2, heavier 2, promote 2, misc 10; 116 1) to be heavy, be weighty, be grievous, be hard, be rich, be honourable, be glorious, be burdensome, be honoured 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to be heavy 1a2) to be heavy, be insensible, be dull 1a3) to be honoured 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to be made heavy, be honoured, enjoy honour, be made abundant 1b2) to get oneself glory or honour, gain glory 1c) (Piel) 1c1) to make heavy, make dull, make insensible 1c2) to make honourable, honour, glorify 1d) (Pual) to be made honourable, be honoured 1e) (Hiphil) 1e1) to make heavy 1e2) to make heavy, make dull, make unresponsive 1e3) to cause to be honoured 1f) (Hithpael) 1f1) to make oneself heavy, make oneself dense, make oneself numerous 1f2) to honour oneself

First use of this word kabad we find in Genesis 13:2

And Abram was very rich (kabad) in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

Here the word kabad is used as a noun, describing Abram's heaviness in possessions. In the fifth commandment, kabad is used as a verb in that it is something Yehovah instructs us to do. It is not so very difficult to go from a noun to a verb many times. So taking the verse of first mention with Abraham the word kabad means heavy or weighty and so "to honor" is to create that situation true in reality such that, not as a situation that exists but in that we create that situation where it did not previously exist. Honor your father and mother is to literally make them heavy, make them weighty, make them to be in high regard in the eyes of people.

From the Ancient Hebrew Research Center

In Exodus 16:7 we read "and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD" (RSV). What is the "glory" of YHWH? First we must recognize that the "glory" is something that will be seen. Secondly, the word "glory" is an abstract word. If we look at how this word is paralleled with other words in poetical passages of the Bible, we can discover the original concrete meaning of this word. In Psalm 3:3 the kavod of God is paralleled with his shield and in Job 29:20 Job's kavod is paralleled with his bow. In Psalm 23:8 we read "who is this king of the kavod, YHWH is strong and mighty, YHWH is mighty in battle." The original concrete meaning of kavod is battle armaments. This meaning of "armament" fits with the literal meaning of the root of kavod which is "heavy" as armaments are the heavy weapons and defenses of battle. In the Exodus 16:7, Israel will "see" the "armament" of YHWH, who is the one who has done battle for them with the Egyptians.

Honor as a verb from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary: to regard or treat with admiration and respect; to give special recognition to.

This is easy when our parents are everything we think they should be right? What about for parents who fall short, or don't measure up in our eyes. Not so easy. We will be discussing this too. To put it plainly – nothing in the commandment says, "honor your father and mother only if they deserve it." We do not read this, hence the consternation and many times guilt and sadness in the lives of believers. There will also be something here for those who may have been abandoned and or neglected by their parents.

Using our word study above for kabad, we may find it useful to help us understand what this honoring our father and mother looks like if we put into the commandment some of the English words that can be used to help us have a more complete and expansive understanding. There are some startling questions added after each one to cause us to really “think” about what these things can mean, and testify against us in our current society and condition.

Glorify your father and your mother.  
How do we do this if we ignore them?

Make heavy your father and your mother. How do we do this when we do not marry and have children? We sacrifice our children and families upon the altar of worldly successes and worldly treasures when the true treasure is family and children.

Make great your father and mother. How do we do this when we are slothful in life?

Make rich your father and mother. How do we do this when we do not demonstrate Yehovah to them by keeping His Commandments?

Make abundant your father and mother.

Make numerous your father and mother. How do we do this when we abort our children?

Honor has more to do with position and appointment than it does character or acts. The one who is in the position of authority is the one who appoints to positions, rank, and duties and all others must respect that. That is why we are going to talk about position first of the parents and then we are going to talk about the appointment of parents. Regardless of who our parents are and regardless of what our parents do, we are instructed by the Creator of the Universe to honor them. There are no ifs, ands, or buts about it.

The Position of Father and Mother

Who do our father and mother represent to us in the earth? Is it not Yehovah Himself? The two of them unite in union and are partners in creation. Yehovah grants them pro – creation by His Will. Are births only happenstance? Was YOUR birth to YOUR parents only by random chance? Let us take a look at what our Scripture tells us, because it does tell us – and because it does tell us, this is the answer to the question of randomness and not some other answer we dream up or receive from any secular person or institution.

And Elohim said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them (did you see that? ‘them’) rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the livestock and over all the earth and over all the creeping creatures that creep on the earth.” And Elohim created the man in His image, in the image of Elohim He created him – male and female He created them. Genesis 1:26-27

Here, Yehovah tells us that the male and female are His Image. Together, the male and female (the father and mother) have all the potential to be the whole Image of the Heavenly Father. The father with his strength, character, protection, provision and discipline... and the mother with her nurturing, caretaking, teaching, and love. It takes them both to create the image of Yehovah before the children. Honoring our father and our mother is learned before we are able to honor Yehovah. If we believe we can honor Yehovah without honoring our parents, we are deceived. How do we expect to accomplish something in the unseen when we cannot accomplish it in the seen?

Remember the words Yeshua spoke to Thomas? You have seen and believed, but blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. Do we claim to honor Yehovah, and yet do not honor our parents? We are liars. This is why this command is so very critical to learn to accomplish in our lives.

Concerning the father and the mother, the honor due them is based upon their position that was granted them by Yehovah Himself.

The answer to this question is found in the second way in which honoring parents honors God. When we honor our parents, we acknowledge that they have been ordained of God to be our parents and to receive our honor. Honoring parents who are not worthy of honor can only be done as one recognizes that God has appointed them to be parents, and thus they are honored for their God-given position of parenthood, not for their performance as a parent.

Honor cannot be earned, nor can it be demanded. Since honor is due on the basis of position, and not performance, we should realize that honor is not something which another person can demand of us. A king can demand that we obey him, but not that we honor him, at least in the fullest sense of the term. So, too, a parent cannot really demand honor of their child. In one's older years there will be a temptation for the parent to prescribe for the child exactly what form their honor will take, but I believe that this is contrary to the nature of honor itself. Honor demanded is not honor at all. Think about it. You cannot give yourself honor, nor can you demand others honor you. Honor is not like many other things such as awards, love, admiration – these things can be earned by pleasing others. Honor is not like this. Honor (or respect in some cases) is given to those who have a certain "position" in life. Let us talk about this position of father and mother, and Who put them there.

### The Divine Appointments

Who opens and closes the womb but Yehovah?

Abraham and Sarah: Genesis 11:30 And Sarai was barren, she had no child. We are told this for a reason. Yehovah needs us to know that it is He and He alone who opens and closes the womb. As Abram and Sarai go down to Egypt in the dealings with Pharaoh and their dealings with Abimelech, we are shown further proof of this fact concerning the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

But Yehovah plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

Gen 12:17 Abram and Sarai told Pharaoh that they were brother and sister as a safety precaution.

And again when they were in Gerar with Abimelech and Abraham did the same thing concerning Sarah: But Elohim came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, "See, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife."

Gen 20:3 As the situation is cleared up and Sarah is returned to Abraham we read: And Abraham prayed to Elohim, and Elohim healed Abimelech and his wife, and his female servants, so they bore children, for YHWH had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife. Genesis 20:17-18

Yehovah provided Abraham and Sarah a child and opened her womb even as she was passed child bearing age to drive home the point that He is the author of life.

Rebecca was barren until Yehovah answered Isaac's prayer: Gen 25:21 And Isaac prayed to YHWH for his wife, because she was barren. And YHWH answered his prayer, and Rebecca his wife conceived.

Yehovah opened Le'ah's womb when He saw her sadness and lacking: Gen 29:31 And YHWH saw that Le'ah was unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren." And concerning Rachel: And Elohim remembered Rachel, and Elohim listened to her and opened her womb. And she conceived, and bore a son, and said, "Elohim has taken away my reproach." Gen 30:22-23

Manoah and Hannah were barren and Yehovah answered her prayer to open her womb and gave them Sampson – a deliverer of Israel. Then also there is Zechariah and Elisheva who were barren and Yehovah gave them John the Baptizer who prepared the way of our King – Yehshua.

So it is without question, that Yehovah is the only One who appoints life unto men and women. The fact that you are born into this world is a divine appointment, not only to you and the lot you are born into — but also the father and mother who were blessed to bring you forth. Do not look up to heaven and tell Yehovah He was wrong. We MUST work it out as to the situation and what it all means if our place and circumstances of birth are not ideal. We are told to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling and certainly this admonition needs to be used here in this matter. Honor your father and your mother is number 5 of the Ten Commandments.

Mother and Father are divine appointments. Not honoring them puts us at enmity with Yehovah, and ignoring them is not honoring them – this is disobedience to Yehovah. Many church leaders, pastors, writers, and counseling advise this today. They advise our people, that if the parents are just too much and make us sad, then just ignore them and stay away

from them to limit or remove the conflict. How is this helping us to grow? How is this helping us to seek Yehovah?

Enlarging the family is honor, causing the family to become “weightier”

Exodus 23:26 “And you shall serve YHWH your Elohim, and He shall bless your bread and your water. And I shall remove sickness from your midst. None shall miscarry or be barren in your land. I shall fill the number of your days. [“... so that your days may be long in the land...”] The everlasting covenant was given to Israel and was to be taken to the end of the age and to all the nations. This continuation and teaching of His covenant is through the family beginning with the father and the mother. This cannot be accomplished when there is no regard for the fifth commandment and the breakdown of the family; namely the honoring of the father and the mother. As the family unit breaks down, so does the order put in place by Yehovah to carry and teach His Word and Covenant. What if our parents did not teach us the covenant one might ask. That is really not the point is it? The point is, if we NOW have children we had better demonstrate honor to them by us honoring our parents or we are guaranteed they (our children) WILL NOT honor us.

The following information was taken from <http://abortionno.org/Resources/fastfacts.html>  
Who’s having abortions (religion)? Women identifying themselves as Protestants obtain 37.4% of all abortions in the U.S.; Catholic women account for 31.3%, Jewish women account for 1.3%, and women with no religious affiliation obtain 23.7% of all abortions. 18% of all abortions are performed on women who identify themselves as “Born-again/Evangelical”.  
Why women have abortions? 1% of all abortions occur because of rape or incest; 6% of abortions occur because of potential health problems regarding either the mother or child, and 93% of all abortions occur for social reasons (i.e. the child is unwanted or inconvenient).

The purpose for bringing this up with the fifth commandment is not to cause guilt or judgment, but to cause evaluation of the truth of the situation, repentance, and change. Society has told people for decades now, that success in life is worldly possessions, materials, and professionalism. The family has been under attack in every form imaginable.

Children are taught by a worldly education system that opposes the parents authority. Girls and women are taught that to have a family and care for the home is tantamount to being a failure in life. Boys are not taught how to be men who fear Yehovah. This begins with honoring the father and the mother. The promise God gives to us for obeying this commandment is that our days will be prolonged upon the soil which He is giving us. Brethren, part of this is the family name, the family lineage, the goodness and richness that comes from building up a family name over the ages and years. How can this be accomplished when we are choosing to be on our own, not marry, divorce, abort our children? We saw a few newsletters back how we are literally causing ourselves to become extinct due to this problem. This is judgment! We no longer have the promise, and our days ARE NOT being prolonged in the earth because we are making this commandment void in the earth.

The abortion and sacrificing our children on the altar of worldly gods is our doing. Let us now take a look at what Yehovah is doing because of our disobedience. Infertility is judgment. The rise in infertility. BBC reported that infertility is a time bomb:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/4112450.stm>

Infertility is set to double in Europe over the next decade, a leading UK fertility expert has warned.

One in seven couples now has trouble conceiving naturally, but Professor Bill Ledger from Sheffield University warned this could rise to one in three.

Considering the promise connected to the fifth commandment of prolonging the life on the soil – these situations where we are on our way to extinction is certainly a wakeup call.

Bearing and raising children today is viewed as something far less than a blessing. This rejects the clear teaching of the Bible. Those who would leave the home and seek fulfillment in the working world in order to gain dignity and respect have also turned from the truth of God's Word. Let those who would seek to avoid parenting be reminded that in God's Word parenting is a most honorable occupation.

If Yehovah does not build the house, its builders have labored in vain.

If Yehovah does not guard the city, the watchman has stayed awake in vain.

In vain do you rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of toil; So He give His beloved sleep.

Look, children are an inheritance from Yehovah

The fruit of the womb is the reward. As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, So are the children of one's youth.

Blessed is the man who has filled his quiver with them.

They are not ashamed, when they speak with their enemies in the gate. Psalm 127

For the young parents reading this letter, take it upon yourselves to repair the breach! Teach your children by your actions. We can all begin today to turn this around in each of our lives and families.

Children and families are always spoken of by Yehovah as blessings:

Blessing Deuteronomy 7:11-14

"And you shall guard the command, and the laws and the right-rulings which I command you today, to do them.

And it shall be because you hear these right-rulings, and shall guard and do them, that YHWH your Elohim shall guard with you the covenant and the kindness which He swore to your fathers,

And shall love you and bless you and increase you, and shall bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

Blessed are you above all peoples – there is not going to be a barren man or a barren woman among you or among your livestock.”

Don't make excuses, just rectify the situation. Be repairers of the breach. Imagine if we were of the attitude that we only treat people as they deserve. No man would be saved and no man would be healed. Yehovah saw us and called us and accepted us into His family, not because we were righteous, but because He loved us and we were sick.

Recognize the position. Respect the position.

Those of us who have been in a work place environment or in the military where the rank and position of authority are enforced by respect of the position find a way to accomplish the respect and honor that the position demands. Why can we do it with strangers and not our parents? Because we may lose our job, or be reprimanded if we do not adhere to what is expected “by man”? I tell you the truth – these things are nothing compared to standing before Yehovah, the Creator of the Universe. Think about these things and make them right in our families.

Signs of judgment – children not honoring parents. This commandment and the consequences of breaking it will indeed show themselves in the age of the great world-wide evil. Our King tells us in the Gospel of Matthew, “And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and a father his child. And children shall rise up against parents and shall put them to death.” Matt 10:21

There is a lot of talk and even laws today in our society that advocate and support the putting away of the elderly, our parents. We put them away in homes to be taken care of by governments and strangers. Their lives are boiled down to nothing more than a burden upon society and their value is demeaned. New Health Care laws are being set up to determine who is worthy of care and can be helped. Leaders of our nations are actually discussing the “financial advantages” of aiding and helping the elderly as if it is a cost/benefit analysis. We all have let this happen because we are not keeping the fifth commandment. We have been too busy and too important to keep this commandment of honor your father and mother. They cramp our style don't they? I warn you, this is a mindset that has pervaded our culture and it is a lie. You are following the world and not Yehovah. Who is our authority and where do we receive instruction brethren? From the world or from Yehovah?

By contrast, what are we told are signs of restoration? Is it not the turning the hearts of the children to the fathers, and the father's to the children?

Mal 4:5 “See, I am sending you Eliyahu the prophet before the coming of the great and awesome day of Yehovah. 6 “And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with utter destruction.” Luk 1:16 “And he shall turn many of the children of Yisra'el to Yehovah their Elohim. 17 “And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Eliyahu, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the insight of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for Yehovah.”



Question. Which is held in higher regard by Yehovah: giving to the church or caring for parents? Let us take a look at what He said. This is Yehovah talking to the leaders of the religion in those days:

And He said to them, “Well do you set aside the command of Elohim, in order to guard your tradition.

For Moses said, “Honor your father and your mother”; and, “He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.” But you say, “If a man says to his father or mother, ‘Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban’—” (that is, a gift to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such traditions you do. (Mark 7:10–13)

Taking care of our parents is a priority and should not be shirked by a hypocritical donation to the church. If you would rather make a special offering than help your parents with their bills, you are actually disobeying the Word of God and following in the footsteps of the Pharisees. This is a serious offense and should not be taken lightly.

The Bible includes more about the importance of providing for your family:

Honor widows who are really widows. But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God . . . . But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Timothy 5:3–4, 8) In biblical times (and in many parts of the world today), widows or elderly parents lived with and were taken care of by their children. There were no government programs that attempt to play the role of God, family, child, and parent. Taking care of an elderly parent is not to be ignored.

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Master, for this is right.

“Respect your father and mother,” which is the first command with promise, in order that it might be well with you, and you might live long on the earth.”

There is much temptation for the younger generation to think of its parents as out of date, antiquated in thinking. In a society where knowledge is prized more than wisdom, it is ever more imperative that we teach the children at home and by example. Yehovah’s order was set in place since the beginning on how His Torah and His Ways were to continue on in His people and the world: Yehovah – to the parents – to the children. Taking that same order and moving it into the other direction is our commandment to honor our father and our mother.

In Deuteronomy the evidences of a “dishonorable” child were public, and thus the persistently and willfully rebellious child was to be disciplined (executed) in a public ceremony:

“If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them, then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gateway of his home town. And they shall

say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard.' Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear of it and fear" (Deut. 21:18-21) Since this is really the first occurrence of the breaking of this command to honor parents in a specific incident, it would be well to make several observations about the commandment which is given:

"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it" (Deuteronomy 30:15-16).

Obedience to the Fifth Commandment is always linked with the blessings attached to the keeping of all the commandments. Do a study sometime on this commandment and notice where it falls. It always follows the reminder and urge to the blessings of keeping ALL the commandments. In addition to the fact that one must keep every commandment to keep all commandments, the Fifth Commandment plays a special role with respect to the rest of the commandments.

The laws of God are to be conveyed to subsequent generations primarily from the parents to their children. Thus, the emphasis of Deuteronomy on the teaching the Law to children. If children are going to listen to their parents and learn to love the Law, they must first respect and honor their teachers—their fathers and mothers. The honoring of parents is thus a prerequisite to the teaching of the Law from one generation to the next.

If we honor our parents we will heed their instruction. If we heed their instruction, we will keep the whole Law of God. If we keep the Law of God we will not do harm to our fellow-Israelites. Honoring our parents causes us to be inclined to avoid the evils of murder, adultery, theft, false witness, and coveting. Honoring our parents has a high correlation with honoring others and caring for them. This is emphasized in two passages of Proverbs:

There is a generation that curses its father, and does not bless its mother –  
There is a generation, clean in its own eyes, But not washed from its own filth.  
There is a generation; Oh, how haughty are their eyes!  
And their eyelids are lifted up. Proverbs 30:11-13

An eye that mocks his father, and scorns to obey his mother –  
Ravens of the wadi dig it out, and your eagles eat it! Proverbs 30:17

The son who does not hesitate to curse father or mother, will not hesitate to curse any man. The son who strikes or robs his parents will not find it difficult to oppress others. The son who dishonors parents will mistreat others. One's treatment of his parents is directly related to his treatment of his fellow man. Let us tell our children, that the character of their friends and the character of the object of their courtship can be determined upon how they treat their parents! This is wisdom.

Not only does the Fifth Commandment relate to and facilitate the keeping of the last commandments, it also is very much related to the keeping of those commandments pertaining to the worship of God.

Those who would honor God must also honor their parents. Those who honor parents have already begun to honor God. Our earthly fathers are, on the one hand, God's representatives, instructing and disciplining their children in His place. On the other hand, parents serve to illustrate the way in which God is at work in the lives of His children, as a Father. This is seen, for example, in Proverbs chapters 2 and 3, where the father's care for his child is likened to God's fatherly care for His children.

Honoring parents was a vitally important obligation, signaled by its inclusion in the Ten Commandments, by the death penalty attached to its flagrant violation, and by the detail which we are given about the evidences of honoring parents or its neglect. Honoring parents was fundamental for the passing on of Israel's faith from one generation to another. It was also important because it enhanced and facilitated the honoring of God (commandments 1-4) and others (commandments 6-10).

But what if a person has parents who are hardly worthy of honor? We know of many children whose parents seem to have done their best to ruin their lives. Children who have been physically, emotionally, or sexually abused will have to deal with the effects of this for their entire life? How can such children honor their parents?

When a child honors an unworthy, unkind, parent and does so because he or she recognizes that God has appointed them to hold this position of authority and honor, they are submitting themselves to the sovereign hand of God. And because they know that God causes all things ultimately to work for good in the believer's life, they realize that while the parent may do something for an evil purpose, God has allowed it to happen for a good purpose. Genesis 50:20. Honoring an unworthy parent thus opens the door for one to see the good hand of God in giving a poor parent. It is often the weaknesses of the parent, in such a case, that brings about corresponding strengths in the child.

Let us switch focus now and talk about the things which we use that keep us from honoring our fathers and mothers. There are things such as: abandonment, neglect, abuse, mean-spiritness and all the way to plain old dislike and petty differences. Each one of us must ask ourselves the question: What is it worth to us, to be in Yehovah's Kingdom?

That's right... what is it worth to us to be in His Kingdom? Read the words of Yehovah, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father shall also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither shall your Father forgive your trespasses." Matthew 6:14-15 This is very serious! Some of us live as though we will get a pass on this! We have already discussed the matter of Divine appointment, Divine order, and Divine position [of

authority] and we have already discussed how our parents are the Image of Yehovah in our lives. Would we consider raising our voices in defiance of Him? Would we call Him cruel, vindictive, stupid, or lacking? Yet... have we done this to our fathers and mothers? And don't say you have the right because it may or may not be true. This makes you a judge, a judge of Yehovah Himself and this is none of your business to speak plainly.

Let us also consider tests and trials. Consider the parents we are given by Divine appointment by Yehovah and how He has commanded us to honor them. Do we ever consider that the matter is for our benefit? After all, we quote scripture concerning these things, or do we not truly believe?

For Elohim shall bring every work into right-ruling, including all that is hidden, whether good or whether evil. Ecclesiastes 12:14

And we know that all [matters] work together for good to those who love Elohim, to those who are called according to [His] purpose. Romans 8:28

"Then Peter [insert YOUR NAME here] came to Him (Yehovah) and said, "Master, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

Yeshua said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."

"BECAUSE OF THIS the reign of the heavens is like a certain man, a sovereign who wished to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents, but as he was unable to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

Then the servant fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I shall pay you all.'

And the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

And that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred pieces of money. And he laid hand on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'"

Then his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I shall pay you all.'

But he would not, and went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. And when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were deeply grieved, and came and reported to their master all that had taken place.

Then his master called him and said to him, 'Wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt seeing you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, as I also had compassion on you?'

And his master was wrath, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

"So also My heavenly Father shall do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Read this parable over and over until you get it. The wicked servant is us! We accept forgiveness and cancellation of our debts with Yehovah – but we do not do this for our father and our mother? Wickedness!! It does not matter what they have done against us, we must forgive. Did you know that in the Scriptures, the word forgive is used many times as the word “nasa”?

Nasa means to lift up, to carry, to bear. Yeshua bore our sins and transgressions to the point of death on the cross. He bore our sins. To be “Christlike” brethren, we are to bear the sins of our brothers and first on that list of “others” is our father and mother. They are first! These trespasses that we feel have been done unto us by our parents are debts – and we are to forgive our debtors, it is more than just about money beloved. We are all in debt to our Creator and King – how shall we pay? We cannot pay, for the wages of sin is death. But He paid that didn’t He, for each of us? He expects us now... to turn around and do the same for our parents, no matter the trespass.

It is all part of our refinement for the Kingdom...living in His Kingdom. Do we value “our wrongs” more than our position in His Kingdom? These things are only trials! Yehovah knew exactly what He was doing when “He caused you to be” in the exact place you were when you were brought into this world, His Creation. His Creation is now fallen, as we all know because of sin in the world brought into it in the Garden of Eden. What is the point? Yehovah knows — and we must find out.

It is the esteem of Elohim to hide a matter, And the esteem of sovereigns to search out a matter. Proverb 25:2

It is time to weigh our own hearts in the fifth commandment. Are we praising and worshipping Yehovah with the same mouth and lips we are cursing, yelling at, and arguing with our parents? This is a question only each of us can answer. Answer it today, beloved. Put your prayers and hearts in motion with the Spirit of God to repair ANY and all breaches with parents. Each of us will have different things and ways this must be accomplished, but accomplish it we must. Our position in our Father’s Kingdom weighs in the balance.

“Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brothers, this should not be so. Does the fountain send forth the sweet and the bitter from the same opening? My brothers, is a fig tree able to bear olives, or a grapevine figs? So neither is a fountain able to make salt and sweet water.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good behavior his words in meekness of wisdom.

But if you have bitter jealousy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast against and lie against the truth.

This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but it is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

For where jealousy and self-seeking are, there is confusion and every foul deed.

But the wisdom from above is first clean, then peaceable, gentle, ready to obey, filled with compassion and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 3:10-18

When we honor our fathers and mothers, in the earth, we are promised a blessing. We have not only the command but we have the addition of a blessing for obedience to it. The greatest obstacle for us in achieving this command and receiving the blessings is unforgiveness and holding onto hurts and wrongs. Yeshua can heal us, He has promised... so when and if we are not healed of past hurts by others... it is "we" who are doing the hanging on to them and they only hurt us. If this letter has hit home with you – wake every morning.... Every morning with a prayer to our King to grant you to wisdom and the heart to forgive first, then to be a repairer of the breach, to be the peacemaker you were called to be between mankind and Him. There is no option beloved. JUST DO IT!!!!