

a church at Point. I would meet him at the bus station and travel to the Point. We were good friends, talking and sharing each week in our travels.

Back to the plane crash - some years after, christians workers going through that part of the country encountered a group of people who were believers. In answers to inquiries about how they heard the gospel. They indicated that no one had come to preach to them. They brought out a book, a Bible, and explained that they had found it in the wreckage of a plane crash, had read it, and from it had learned what they had come to believe and practice. The name of Julius Hickerson was in the Bible.

Paramount Authority of the Bible " God's Word" - Power brought changes - message for life each day.

It is God's Paramount Authority giving this commandment.

II. PREFERRED PARENTS

PRIORITY

This commandment says Parents are PRIORITY -

Parents must prove themselves worthy!

Parents not dictator but honorable and honored.

Story: Mother carried little boy to the zoo -

He was asking about ones in each cage -

What are those - Little Wild Cats -

Why are they Wild Cats - she said we know the answer,

Their mama's and papa's were wildcats!"

Children usually reflection of their parents.

Newspaper Milwaukee - Contest theme, "My Pop's Tops"

estranged from daughters - sons -

Parents who turn children over to S. S.-

Cornelia: My Jewels? Sent for her two young boys, holding one in each arm, these are my jewels, I live in these boys, I live in my children."

Prov. 6:20-22; 30:17; Heb. 12:9.

Violate - Proverbs 30:17 - Eye mocketh fathers - dispiseth to obey mother - Ravens of valley pick eye out and young eagles eat it - Scotch mother of George Adam Clark told him, "Raven" get eyes when disobey - hands over eyes.

III. PRE-EMINENT PROMISE! Outstanding - Supreme!

Little girl said about this promise - My days are no longer! *she still have to go to bed at the same time*
That you may experience a long life on the Earth - Tremendous proposition!
Obedience - honoring your parents is - Life preserving, life giving - life extending in this natural world.

Proverbs 6: 20-22 "My son, keep -----Bind."

Jeremiah 35:18-19 - Fulfillment of Promise, Rechabites: obeyed (commandment) Promises.

Heikies, hours with the Bible, in 1862 he found a tribe of Richabites near the Dead Sea - still living and floushing to show the Power of this Pre-eminent Promise!

Tragic - at 4 a person knows all questions

at 17 a person knows all answers -

Boy told father you have learned more in 5 years than any one I have ever known. Why? When I was 16 I didn't think you knew anything. Now that I'm 21 I think you know just about everything that is to be known.

Joseph: governor of Egypt - been mistreated many, many ways - when his aged father Jacob came into his presence, Joseph bowed himself down to the earth.

Solomon: Great among kings of the earth - honored his mother in reverence rising and bowing before her giving her a place of honor at his right hand.

Jesus: On Cross - turned his mother over to John the beloved to care for her needs.

Theodore Roosevelt: "My father was the best man I ever knew."

Albert Schweitzer: "Happiest hours of my life were those I spent with my father on Sunday afternoons."

Thomas Carlyle: - (After death of mother) "Oh pious mother, kind, good, brave and as truthful a soul, I have ever found in this world, - your poor old son Tom has fallen very lonely, very lame and broken in this pilgrimage of his - You cannot help him by a kind word anymore, but from your grave in the churchyard yonder you bid him trust in God, and that also he will try to do for the conquest of the world and of death and hell does verily lie in that.

The enriching human tie is hallowed.

✓ Very little I can add today to this great commandment.

- 1 There is a Paramount Authority in it.
- 2 There is a call for Preferred Parents.
- 3 Finally, there is a Pledge of a Pre-eminent Promise.

Billy Cook for Home
rsen 2:18-25
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Story
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Boy wrote - "Every child loves their father because if it were not for their fathers, where would they be, no where, that's where they'd be, if it was not for fathers you wouldn't see hardly no children around Milwaukee."

Dr. Redhead / 400 boys asked the question "What makes a good parent? Truthfulness, honesty, courtesy, a quiet voice, affection, clamness, sense of humor, firmness, even temperedness. Did not like: Nagging, impatience, grudges, broken promises, business, always too tired to listen.

Minister: / Ruled iron hand quoted, "Children obey your parents." Daughter - Bible, "Fathers provoke not your children unto wrath!"

Argument / Man and wife - not speak - on trip - 50 miles. No conversation - man saw mule grazing in the field - remarked - "there is one of your relatives!" To which she replied, yes by marriage.

To be honored - Godly life.

Even Douglas McArthur / By profession a soldier but I am prouder to be a father. My hope is that my son will remember me not for battles, but in the home repeating with him one simple prayer, "Our Father which art in heaven."

People think it is natural to hate fathers, mothers, in-laws.

Family, we have a 12 room affair to care for Grandparents, Maiden Aunts, Uncles.

One boy called daddy an "old man" because he was getting bald - if he had stuck his head in a bottle of ink, he could make a ball point pen.

VIOLATE / this commandment, irreverent and disrespectful. Father's - Mother's are

It has meant enrichment for the ties in my life. I have thought about my father and mother. I sought to honor them as a child and as an adult. Tried to help them in their old age and respect them. They helped me and struggled to educate me and give me a better chance than they had. They probably reached grade 7 or 8, due to farm work and lack of means to go further. They taught me by example, this commandment - Loved their parents! Great grandmother of my daddy lost husband in Civil War, great grandmother little pension. He visited and showed compassion for her.

Dr. George Truitt, out of my boyhood days in mountains of N. C. little school house. I have sat beside another boy 14 or 16 years of age and talked, dreamed - He was going to be a business man and give to the world. I was going to be a lawyer.

This young fellow came west.

God met me one day in a quiet country church and I traveled a different road.

Years pass and I was a guest in Jim's home. I had preached - we talked - time to catch train, Jim said we will walk and talk as we used to talk in the far off hills.

Jim said, "Would you like to me to tell you the sweetest memory out of my life? Of course - want to hear-

Reminded me his father, an invalid for years and he was only boy in a house full of sisters. Burdens of family fell upon him many times. One day father sat on the porch in his deep chair and Jim said to him, "Father, couldn't you attend to certain little chores at the barn today? Why certainly, son."

Jim said, "I will be until after dark plowing in the lower field, and if you can attend to those little chores, it will help me." Father said certainly, my boy, I'll be glad to do them.

Jim came in after night fall and came up on the porch where sat his father and commenced talking. Jim - "Did you look after the little chores at the barn?" With a pitiful sigh, the father said "My boy, I am ashamed to tell you I forgot all about it."

Jim felt a little impatient, but said nothing.

Never mind, father; I can fix it in a few minutes and then I will come back and tell you some splendid news about the lower farm - "Don't worry father."

The old man said with surpassing gestures in his voice, "come back now Jim, come back now - right now."

Jim came back and the old man said, "come where I can feel you, I can barely see you in the day time, and cannot see you at all after dark."

Jim came nearer and the father put his hands upon Jim's head, and then the old man sobbed for a minute or two, unable to speak, and when he could speak at last, he said, "Oh, my boy, God bless you, just because you are always so faithful to duty! You will never know what a comfort you are to me, you are so faithful, my son; to duty."

Jim could not speak after that; of course not, what boy could speak after a speech like that from his father?

Jim turned away and attended to the chores and came back singing in a few minutes later. A boy who lives like that has a right to sing. And as he approached the high porch, where his father sat in his deep chair, he began talking. "Father", he said, but there was no response and again he said; "Father", but there was no answer, and he was beside his father immediately, touching his pulse, but was still, and the hand of the son was thrust above the old man's heart, but it had ceased to beat.

Out of the weariness and pain of life, the tired old man had gone to that land where there shall be no more death, either sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be anymore pain.

Then Jim, this great citizen of the west, worthy man said to Truitt with a sob -
"Oh, sir, the sweetest memory of all is fathers's word, "God bless you, my boy! You are such a comfort to me, because you are always so faithful to duty."

You want to hear that at last and so do I, when we stand before Him whose we are and whom we live to serve. Let us cling utterly and only and always to Christ. Let us trust Him till the day is done, and then go to be with Him and be like Him forever.

Admit sin Believe & Confess -
Eternity - Repent