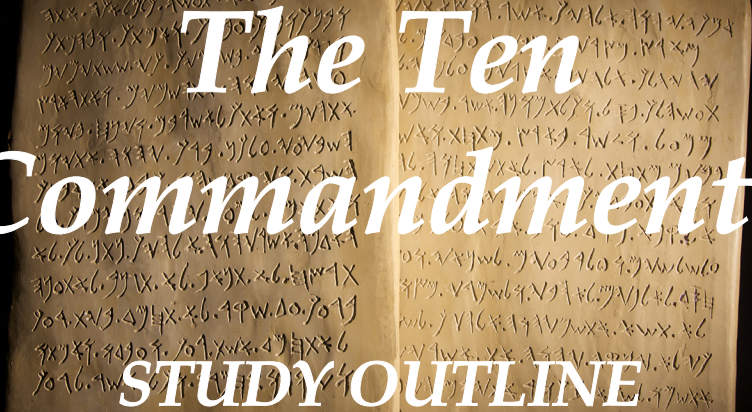


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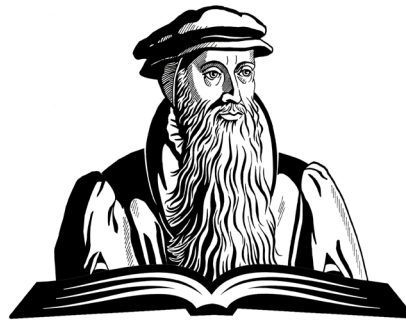
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## THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

### Lecture Title:

Honor God's Authority

### Key Text:

“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.”—Exodus 20, verse 12

### Summary:

In this lecture, we learn about the first commandment of the second table of the law. Paul says that the Fifth Commandment is the first commandment with a promise. It's not only a law pertaining to family life, for although the family unit is very important, the commandment is for the well-being of our social life. By this commandment, God also shows his will to us concerning those who bear authority and those who under authority.

### Structure:

1. Introduction – the fifth general principle.
2. What is the reason that God started the second table with this Fifth Commandment?
  - a. Promote and protect our happiness.
  - b. Family unit is the highest of the social group settings.
3. What is the incentive that the Lord adds to this commandment?
4. What are the details of the commandment?
  - a. God's will unto those who bear authority.
  - b. Instructions for how those under authority are to be toward authorities.
5. Conclusion.

**Review Questions:**

1. What is the fifth general principle concerning the Ten Commandments? Show how various scriptures support that.

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2. What is the traditional view of the Fifth Commandment? Does it belong to the first table or to the second?

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3. What is the reason that God started the second table with this Fifth Commandment?

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4. How does this lecture answer the current cultural trends concerning the family?

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5. How do we know that the Fifth Commandment is not speaking only about individuals, but about families, churches and societies?

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6. What are three aspects of God's will for honoring those in authority?

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7. How do we understand the command to "recognize the dignity of the office of the person"? What is the practical application for daily life?

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8. What is the historical background of Acts 5, verse 29, that “we ought to obey God rather than men”? What does this practically teach us?

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9. What is God’s will for those who have been given authority?

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10. What warnings or reminders has God given to parents from the Scripture?

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**Further Application:**

1. Meditate on the Fifth Commandment using the Heidelberg Catechism and the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

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2. What positions of authority has God given you to exercise and/or to be placed over you? Draw the practical and personal instructions from this lecture for your family life, church life, and social life.

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