

INTRODUCTION

We are turning to the Old Testament Law. So receive a few moments of instruction about how rightly to use the Law of God.

The Ceremonial Law regarding the priesthood, animal sacrifices, annual and monthly holy days, abstaining from certain foods, is no longer in effect, and never will be again. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, the ceremonial law was “abrogated.” God showed us this by tearing the curtain in two from top to bottom. All is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who is priest, sacrifice, and temple forever. We no longer observe the ceremonies in the ceremonial law; but it is a rich resource from which we understand the amazing person and work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Moral Law, expressed in 10 Commandments, applies to all people everywhere. We obey God’s moral law, as expressed in the two commandments about loving God and loving our neighbor, as expressed in the commands of Jesus for His disciples, and as expressed in the 10 Commandments. In a moment, we will have a reading of one commandment from the Moral Law.

The Civil or Judicial Law is no longer in effect. But it demonstrates to us “equity,” that is, how to treat everyone justly. Most of today’s sermon is from such a law. We are seeking to learn about a man ruling or managing his household well, having his children under obedience, keeping his children in subjection or submission.

TEXT

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

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have **chastened** him, will not heed them, 19 then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. 20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' 21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.

BODY

- I. That Children Honor Their Parents Is God's Command for Every Child Everywhere

- II. What That Commandment Requires of Every Child On a Practical Level Is That the Child Obey the Voice of His Parents
 - A. We learned that in a past session from the centurion who spoke to Jesus about being under authority
 - B. Here you see it in the law
 - 1. GEN hearken unto the voice
 - 2. KJV, NKJV, ESV: obey the voice

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III. What Justice Requires of Parents Is That They Chasten Their Child to Make Him Obey Their Voice

A. It is to be expected that a child will not consistently obey his parents unless the parents chasten him when he does not.

B. Hebrew

1. H3256 *yasar*
2. H4148 *musar* from H3256 chastisement, chastening
3. Strong: to chastise
 - a) -literally, with blows, or
 - b) -figuratively, with words
4. both senses in the Bible
5. Gill: when they have reproved him by words and corrected him with blows

C. English

1. GEN, KJV, NKJV: chastened
 - a) 1828 Webster: to correct by punishment; to inflict pain for the purpose of reclaiming an offender; as, to chasten a son with a rod
2. ESV: discipline
 - a) m-w.com to punish or penalize for the sake of enforcing obedience and perfecting moral character
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D. Jesus Christ chastened on behalf of sinners

1. Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The **chastisement** for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
2. we are more used to speaking of the “penal substitution” aspect of the atonement
3. here is an aspect of the atonement for you to consider
 - a) yourself as a child who would not obey the voice of your father
 - b) you would not be corrected by mere words
 - c) the chastisement that you deserved, He took upon Himself; He was severely scourged; that is what you deserved
 - d) but He took the scourging for you
 - e) now love Him for that; turn from your sins and follow Him; believe in Him
 - f) do not be the stubborn and rebellious son who will not be corrected, and must be stoned

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IV. In All But the Most Extreme Cases, Such Chastening By the Parents Will Yield Obedience in the Child

- A. It is to be expected that a child whose parents chastened him will learn obedience during childhood.
- B. Here we can use this law as a standard by which to evaluate ourselves
 - 1. the ideal we think of
 - 2. our success or failure so far
 - 3. if what you are doing is not yielding obedience to your voice
 - a) pray the Lord's help
 - b) apply yourself more diligently
 - c) do not be satisfied until what you are doing is yielding obedience to your voice
- C. Here we may make application of our 1 Timothy 3:4-5 provision regarding a man being blameless
 - 1. in most cases...
 - 2. in exceptional cases...

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V. In the Rare Case of the Stubborn, Rebellious Child, the Parents Must Take Drastic Measures

- A. A child who was chastened by his parents yet remained disobedient all the way to young adulthood would be a very exceptional case of great evil, calling for drastic measures.
- B. No warrant or requirement for violence
- C. Our laws
 - 1. at 18 parents no longer required to provide
 - 2. at 18 the young person is an adult in the criminal justice system
- D. Application to the matter of a man being blameless

CONCLUSION

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Anna -Prelude

Allison - Trinity 634 "We Praise Thee, O God!"

Rita - Trinity 15 "Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord"

Anna - Trinity 207 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

Dillon - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - 1 Peter 1:3

Jeremiah - Scripture Reading - Psalm 103

Chris - Congregational Prayer

Jeff - Benediction - 2 Thess 3:5

What parents should expect/require, the standard for a child's behavior, is that he obey the voice of his father and of his mother.

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if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, 15 and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant, 16 I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. 17 I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you. 18 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will **punish [H3256 yasar]** you seven times more for your sins.

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LXX: G3811 *paideuo*

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Consider the seriousness of breaking God's commandments!