

## 18. Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother

Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. (Deuteronomy 5:16 KJV)

The LORD Almighty says to the priests: “A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master. I am your father and master, but where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have despised my name!

“But you ask, ‘How have we ever despised your name?’

“You have despised my name by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar.

“Then you ask, ‘How have we defiled the sacrifices?’”

You defile them by saying the altar of the LORD deserves no respect. When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn’t that wrong? And isn’t it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!” says the LORD Almighty. “Go ahead, beg God to be merciful to you! But when you bring that kind of offering, why should he show you any favor at all?” asks the LORD Almighty. (Malachi 1:6-9 NLT)

Jesus replied, “And why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God? For instance, God says, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who speaks evil of father or mother must be put to death.’ But you say, ‘You don’t need to honor your parents by caring for their needs if you give the money to God instead.’ And so, by your own tradition, you nullify the direct commandment of God. You hypocrites! Isaiah was prophesying about you when he said,

“These people honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far away.

Their worship is a farce, for they replace God’s commands with their own man-made teachings.” (Matthew 15:3-9 NLT)



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ANIMALS	HONOUR	PROPHECYING
CRIPPLED	HYPOCRITES	REPLACE
DEATH	INSTANCE	RESPECTS
DEFILE	LAND	SACRIFICED
DESERVE	LIPS	SHOW
DESPISED	MASTER	TEACHINGS
DISEASED	MONEY	TRADITION
FAVOR	PARENTS	VIOLATE
GIFTS	PRIESTS	WELL
GOVERNOR	PROLONGED	WRONG