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God's Command For Covenantal Obedience Is Based In His Revealed Nature, (vs. 1 - 33)

• God's covenant people are to take on & demonstrate His revealed nature, (vs. 6 – 21)

Who We Are

4. God's people are to show honor to God's established hierarchy, (vs. 16)

What We Do

- a. Holding your parents in high esteem is not an option, (vs. 16a); "Children, OBEY your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, DO NOT PROVOKE your children, lest they become discouraged. Slaves, OBEY in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, FEARING the Lord. Whatever you do, WORK heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, KNOWING that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are SERVING the Lord Christ. For the WRONGDOER will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality." (Colossians 3:20-25, ESV)
- b. Holding your parents in high esteem is a tangible proof of your relationship to God, (vs. 16b); "For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever REVILES father or mother MUST SURELY DIE.' But you say, 'If anyone tells his father or his mother, "What you would have gained from me is given to God,"he need not honor his father.' So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, TEACHING as doctrines the commandments of men.' " (Matthew 15:4-9, ESV)
- c. Holding your parents in high esteem is blessed by God, (vs. 16c); "And the Father who SENT me has himself borne WITNESS about me. His voice you have NEVER HEARD, his form you have NEVER SEEN, and you do not have his word ABIDING in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. You SEARCH the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear WITNESS about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life." (John 5:37-40, ESV)

- 5. God's people are to submit to God's sovereignty & value His image, (vs. 17)
- 6. God's people are to exercise control over their natural tendencies, (vs. 18)
- 7. God's people are to depend exclusively upon the provision of God, (vs. 19)
- 8. God's people are to speak only the truth, (vs. 20)
- 9. God's people are to consider others as more important than themselves, (vs. 21)
- 2. God's revealed nature will utterly consume His covenant people, (vs. 22 33)