

## Revering Parents and the Sabbath

*Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am Yahweh your God. (Lev 19:3)*

Ex 20:8-11 — What is the modern-day application for Christianity today concerning the commandment to keep the Sabbath day holy? And what about the other nine? What about the fifth commandment to honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land, which is brought into the New Covenant in Eph 6:1-3? The *land* would be in the church, as Mal 1:5 prophesies of the restored twelve tribes (Acts 26:7; Jms 1:1), the land where we dwell in every place (Mal 1:11).

Most Christians believe that the Ten Commandments are still to be obeyed, and that Sunday now is their Sabbath Day that they are to keep holy. But this commandment has the death penalty attached to it,<sup>1</sup> as does the commandment for children to honor their parents. To not honor one's parents is tantamount<sup>2</sup> to cursing or slighting them, which is to bring dishonor to them, to bring shame to their name. That is deserving of the death penalty. It's like one of us putting our Master to shame by what he does in public (Heb 6:4-6), where he is known to be a disciple of Yahshua. That is hanging Him up to public shame, and it is a sin unto death. It shows that he has no honor or respect for our Master Yahshua.

I remember a time when I was a boy, and the boys in our neighborhood wanted to break into a firecracker stand and steal some cherry bombs, and I ran away from them because I didn't want to disgrace my parents and bring shame to my father's name. If I had gone with them, I would have ruined my father's name. I would have cursed him.

What reveals one's true character is what he does when he thinks no one is watching, whether he shows himself to be a fool, saying in his heart that there is no God, as if He were not watching. There is no way you can get away with it, or get around it,

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<sup>1</sup> But Christians are deceived as Eve was by the serpent's contradiction, "You will not surely die." (Gen 3:4)

<sup>2</sup> Tantamount — equivalent to; amounting to the same thing as.

because the judgment is coming. If you wait until the judgment, it's too late to repent. Your sin has found you out.

This is very important for you who aren't married yet and don't have children, so that when you have children you can inculcate it into your children. They need to have it put into them before they get old enough to rebel against it. It's too late to try to get it into them after they're already rebellious, like Eli's sons.

Paul said the commandment to honor one's parents was the first commandment with the promise of long life in the *land*, by which he meant the *community* of the redeemed. How many children have been sent away from the Community? Lev 19:3 — In all your dwelling places the Sabbath is to be kept, and children are to honor their parents (Ex 20:12; 21:17; Lev 20:8-9).

These are the very words of our Master, bringing it into the New Covenant:  
*For God commanded, "Honor your father and your mother," and, "Whoever reviles [brings shame to] father or mother [by his behavior] must surely die." (Mt 15:4)*

In old Israel if a child dishonored his parents, defiantly bringing shame to them, the whole community, including the parents, would pick up stones and stone the child, for the parents love the holy nation more than they love their child. They agree that it is better for one to die than for the whole nation to be corrupted (Jn 11:50; Dt 17:7).

In Ex 21:17, *curses* (#7043) means to slight, be trifling, to treat of little account, without respect or honor. In Ex 20:12, *honor* (#3513) means to consider as weighty, heavy, having glory, of great value. The way one treats parents or rulers (those in positions of great responsibility and authority) is the way one treats God Himself (Mal 1:6). The way you treat your parents is the way you treat God. The way you treat authority is the way you treat God. If you have a problem with authority, you have a problem with God. Parents are worthy of respect and honor and glory, deserving of attention and obedience. If they are not getting the honor they deserve from their children, it is not honoring them, but is breaking the commandment to honor them.

In Isa 29:13, their honor was an outward show while their hearts were far from Him, having an improper (not clean) fear. Pr 21:27 — It's an abomination to say nice words (or sing or dance) in the minchah when your heart is not there, when you're unclean with unconfessed sin. A child or youth who does not back up his honorable words with honorable action is guilty of hypocrisy of the highest form, as someone who is prone to honor authority — parents, God, elders, teachers — with his lips only (lip service), while his actions make his parents (etc.) appear as worthless as his religion (Jms 1:26-27). In reality he is dishonoring or cursing his parents or authority, putting them to shame, and is as Heb 6:4-6. He brings shame to our Master Yahshua by his behavior in front of the world. It's as if to say He's still on the cross, not able to save anyone. Look at those people who are supposedly saved — they still love the world, they don't bridle their tongue, they don't care for people.

So those who treat parents with mere words, sounding honorable, but whose behavior negates their honorable words, dishonoring them and making them appear worthless, are the worst hypocrites. They are like whitewashed tombs (Mt 23:27), children or youth who look good on the outside, but on the inside are full of dead men's bones (corruption).<sup>3</sup> They will not be long in the land (Pr 2:21-22). This is a promise God will keep — to purge out the insincere who would corrupt the land of the living (1 Sam 2:12-17,22-25; 4:11,17,21). This is a proverbial lesson for us (1 Cor 10:11).

**ha-êmeq** — A proverbial lesson is more than just an example. A proverb is meant to be written down and memorized, so that all anyone has to say is, "like the sons of Eli," and we would immediately know exactly what that means, because the story has gone into us indelibly. To hear someone say, "You're just like the sons of Eli" would be the worst thing a child could ever hear about himself. No one would ever want to be like them.

There is no middle ground in the commandments, especially Eph 6:2, for the children of the priesthood, the priests of Yahweh, which the parents are, though some

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<sup>3</sup> Our Master is not going to come back until the inside is like the outside, and the outside is like the inside.

may be like Eli. Do you think we've ever had parents like that in the Community? Some are still here, but they're being revealed more and more, because their children are revealing it by their behavior. But even though Eli did not discipline his sons, the sons still died for their disrespect of him, dishonoring him (Heb 6:4-6). Although Eli rebuked them, it was too little, and too late (1 Sam 2:12-17,22-25,27-30).

Eli's sons were as 1 Sam 2:9,12,17, but Samuel was as verse 18. What child would not want to follow Samuel's example and despise Eli's two sons' attitude? They were but bastards (1 Sam 3:13; Heb 12:7-9, KJV) serving in the tabernacle of Yahweh (corresponding to the Body of Messiah).

Eze 18:20-24 — The wicked one who turns away from wickedness must make reparations for his evil. What does it mean to make reparations? It means that if you break a window, you can't just say you're sorry, but you have to fix the window. But for some crimes a man cannot make reparations (intentional sins, as in Num 15:22-36). For such sins he shall die (Ex 21:17). To die always means to go into death (Lk 16:23,28). The rich man woke up in death, and he was in torment. Our Master testifies here that death is a place of torment.

*(Yônêq addressed a child who had broken someone's water bottle, probing him to see whether he would be truthful about how it happened...)*

Be sure your sins will find you out. That's why you have to be totally honest with your parents. If you honor your parents, you'll be honest with them. You can't just tell half-truths and cover over your guilt.

A child who does things that his or her parents would not approve of dishonors them, and when it is revealed, it puts those parents to shame. The child becomes a liar. I've seen so many children become liars. If they would only confess it and bring it to the light, they would be saved. But they're afraid they're going to be caught, so they conceal it and they go to death, that place of torment.

The death sentence in the New Covenant is to be sent out into the world. That is

where those belong who are not worthy to be in the Body of Messiah, who do not pray to be delivered from the evil one, to not be led into temptation. They couldn't care less that our Father's name is hallowed, or that His kingdom would come and His will be done, since they never pray for it. They do not fear our Father, or obey the voice of His servants (parents, elders, teachers), but prefer to walk in darkness, in the light of their own reasoning (Isa 50:10-11). *So they will lie down in torment.* They will lie in the bed they have made for themselves. They will reap what they have sown (Gal 6:7; Pr 2:22).

Rev 21:8 — Did you not know that all liars go to the lake of fire? There's no way around it: if you're a liar, you're going to the lake of fire, regardless of what you say you believe. A liar is a great pretender. A liar is a person who practices lying. He gets out of things. He tells half the truth. But you don't have to be a liar. Don't let the enemy make you a liar!

Those who rebel against authority can only go to eternal death. Someone in authority comes to them, wanting to know the truth, and they won't tell the whole truth. People have come back to the Community, and I've told them, "If you don't tell the whole, absolute truth, you're not going to prosper. Your sin will find you out. And you're going to be seven times worse." And that's what happens.

When one rebels against authority he rebels against God. Satan is the rebel. All who follow Satan are rebellious, and all who are rebellious follow Satan (Rev 20:10; 19:20) to the very same place of torment, where the Beast and the False Prophet are, and *all* who have heard the gospel over and over again, having grown up here, but they keep on lying and they don't receive our Master Yahshua. They're judged already (Jn 3:18), and when they die, they go straight to the lake of fire, the place prepared for the devil and his angels (Mt 25:41), and *all who follow them*. But still, some children prefer to lie, to conceal the truth, to do their own thing, to dishonor their parents. Their behavior brings shame to their parents' honorable name. Such children *deserve* to go to the lake of fire!

That is where those of Korah's rebellion are now (Num 16:30-35) and will be eternally, as Rev 20:10 says, along with the Beast and the False Prophet — "ARE" (NKJ), i.e., have been for 1000 years and *still are*, and will be forever and ever, for trillions and trillions of years, without end (Rev 21:8; 20:15; 14:10-11; 22:15). Korah and those who were persuaded by him went straight into the lake of fire. They didn't go to death to be raised at the Judgment. The earth opened up and swallowed them, right into the lake of fire. And in the Millennium there will be a place where people can look right into the lake of fire (Isa 66:24). Good parents in the nations will take their children to see it, so they will fear our Father.

Our Father wants to save us from it. He wants to save every child here. But if you don't want to be saved, the lake of fire is good enough for you. You're getting what you deserve. Look at Rev 14:10-11 and you'll get a good idea of what our Father wants to save us from. You don't have to see it literally; you can see it in your mind. Rev 22:15 — Sorcerers, people who do sexually immoral things with other people, and everyone who loves and practices lying goes there.

Even if you're truly saved, but you lie about your sin and die in that condition, you'll go to the place of torment, and you'll be there for a thousand years, because you're not worthy of the Kingdom. If you're doing evil things and lying about it (1 Jn 3:6-7), you're not going to be doing the good works that qualify you for the Kingdom. You can work your hands to the bone in pretense, but it's an abomination. Even washing dishes is worship if we're doing it for our Master, to build up the Body of Messiah. If you don't want to do that, then you don't belong here, where He is, since you don't want to serve Him here (Jn 12:26).

If you love the world, the love of the Father is not in you. If you're baptized, and you say you received the Holy Spirit, but you still love the world, the love of the Father is not in you. If we have His love, we'll love our brothers and sisters.

**ha-êmeq** — One time in England, I went to a flea market (car boot sale), hoping to find a blender for the household. Of course, the sellers know they're never going to see the people they're selling things to ever again. They can sell things that are really junky, and you will never be able to get your money back. So there were several blenders for sale at the different stands, and all the vendors said their blenders were good ones. But I did not trust that the machines were actually working. I came to one man and asked him, "Is this a good blender? Does it work well?" And he said, "Yes, it's a good blender. It works really well." And I said, "Yeah, that's what everyone says. But are you sure? Does it really work? Because it costs two pounds and I don't have very much money. That is all the money I have left." And he looked at me really serious and said, "I'm not going to sell my soul for two pounds." What he meant was, "I'm not going to lie to you." Somehow he knew that if he lied to me at that moment, he'd be selling his soul. I took the blender home, and of course it worked, because he was a trustworthy man.

When you ask a child, "Did you eat all your food?" after he has already cleaned off his plate, there's no way you can prove whether he was telling the truth. If I say, "Was your plate clean? Did you eat all your food?" and he says, "Yes," but he knew there were a bunch of peas left on it, because he hates peas, he'll never get past that point unless he can repent. He'll go on and become a liar after that. Then people will not even want to ask him questions anymore, because they know he won't tell the truth. So I just watch him carefully to see what he does, because I know he doesn't have the kind of character that would make me trust his words.

Our Father is trying to make a nation of people whose word you can trust, even though you don't have any way of proving whether they're telling the truth. They know that it's our Master they're answering, so they'll answer truthfully. That's what our Father is looking for, a people who have what that man had, that thing in a human being that can actually call up the truth out of his soul when he is questioned.

That woman who visited us today said she had a name for us, the best Hebrew word: *Emet*. Wouldn't it be nice to have someone whose name is *Truth*? And we said we have some people named *Emet*, because the truth is so important to us. We're a people who stand for the truth. Truthful men are rare, but there's a new breed of them being raised up on the earth — people who will actually tell you the truth if you ask them a question.

Our Master said, "Whoever is of the truth will hear My voice." Even if you've lied many times, you can repent, and you can hear His voice, and be *of the truth*. If you can

say, “Yes, I’m a liar,” then you’re *of the truth*, because you’re admitting you’re a liar. Then you can hear His voice. Otherwise, our Father can’t save you. It’s impossible for Him to save anyone who doesn’t want to be saved. There’s no way Satan can be saved, for he’s the father, the source, of lying.

### The Sabbath<sup>4</sup>

Ex 35:2-3; 16:23 — The death penalty is also fitting for anyone in the Body who breaks the Sabbath (Num 15:32-35), which is a deliberate “high-handed” sin (verse 30). To break the weekly Sabbath is to break that commandment which is *above all* the sign of who God’s people are (Ex 31:13-15; 20:8-11). The seventh day is holy, set apart for redeemed man (Gen 2:2-4; Ex 23:12; 16:22-23; Dt 5:12-15; Jer 17:24), which applies in the New Testament (Mt 12:8; Mk 2:27; Col 2:16). The Sabbath is to be kept “in all your dwelling places” (Ex 35:2-3; Lev 23:3). Even the land was to have its rest (Lev 25:2), yet Israel rebelled and was driven off the land (Eze 20:12-26; 2 Chr 36:20-21). Their pretentious keeping of the feasts and Sabbaths was a stench to Him, for it wasn’t accompanied by justice and care for the widows and orphans (Isa 1:13-23; Jms 1:27).

But we have come back into the “land” to restore all things, including the Sabbath, which is *for man* (Mk 2:27). Jer 17:21 (ESV) — “... for the sake of your lives...” and “into the gates of Jerusalem” means into the Community (Jer 17:22,23,27).

The festivals and the Sabbaths will be restored in “our Twelve Tribes” (Acts 26:7; Isa 49:6). Col 2:16-17 — “Let no one judge you... but the Body (is) of Christ” — the “is” is not present in the Greek, but is added by the translators, because they don’t understand what Paul is saying: *Let no one outside the Community judge your keeping of the Sabbaths, festivals, etc.*

There is to be no cooking or baking on the Sabbath. So what about the loaf for the Breaking of Bread? Ex 16:22; 35:2-3 — There is to be no cooking or baking on the

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<sup>4</sup> Yônêq ended the teaching here, but what follows is the continuation of the teaching from his notebook.



Sabbath. The loaf should be and must be baked on Preparation Day. There is no need for the loaf to be hot or even warm (but if you want to eat it warm, you can warm it up after the sun goes down). Ex 35:3; 16:23,27-30 — Bread for two days *includes* the loaf for the Breaking of Bread. The loaf is to be kept holy all day until we break it.

Ex 35:2-3; 16:18,22,23 — Faith was at work, the body principle that establishes and maintains community. Ex 35:3 is in reference to the labor of cooking or baking, not necessarily for keeping warm. But if all you have is woodstoves or fireplaces for keeping warm, then gather your wood and kindling on Preparation Day.

Num 15:32-36 — He was gathering kindling for a fire, maybe for cooking. I don't know whether it was to keep warm or not, but even if one has an electric cooking stove, it is the same as Ex 35:3 in regard to the *work* of cooking on the Sabbath (verse 2). But if a woodstove or fireplace is your heating system, or even if you desire or choose to keep warm by the woodstove or fireplace, make sure you gather the wood and kindling for the Sabbath on Preparation Day, and have it all put in place, so there is no labor involved on the Sabbath. But the fire is not for cooking or baking, which is to be done on Preparation Day, for that is what Preparation Day is for, not as Num 15:32-36.

Ex 35:3 — You kindle a fire to do the work of cooking or baking. The striking of a match is not work. You should have done all your carrying-in the day before, as it says in Jer 17:22 to carry no load in or out of your houses on the Sabbath, which is working.

So how do Christians apply the Sabbath commandment to themselves without doing what James said in his letter to the Twelve Tribes of the Body of Messiah in his day? Jms 2:10-11 — You're guilty of murder because you break one of the Ten Commandments, especially the one which is "above all" (Ex 31:13-14, NEV, ESV). Some translations say *surely*, or *truly*, or *you must*, or *verily*, or *take care*. It is emphatic because it is the sign between His people and Himself as to who are and who are not His people. So it is above all other commandments, and if we are His people we will not break the Sabbath rest either.

The Sabbath is observed by all who live “in every place” — where we have a community. 1 Pet 2:12 — As they observe *your* (corporate) behavior. “Your” is plural, not meaning isolated individuals living 20 miles apart, but who go to the same meeting every week. Keeping the Sabbath as a corporate whole is the sign. The sign signifies something very significant — the Body of Messiah, which is the holy nation of twelve tribes (Jer 31:1).

Lev 23:30 is regarding Yom Kippur, not a regular weekly Sabbath, which has the same consequences (Ex 31:14).

So if the Sabbath day, the seventh day, has been transferred to the first day, Sunday, then can Christians violate *this* “Sabbath” without consequences, considering 1 Jn 2:4 and Jn 9:41? So if Sunday is their “Sabbath,” shouldn’t all the places in the Old Testament that call for the death penalty for one working on the Sabbath apply to this day? Shouldn’t they call for the death penalty as a modern-day application, to execute Christians for working on Sunday? If Christians believe that the Sabbath was divinely ordered to be observed on Sunday, then the death penalty in these passages of scripture (Ex 31:14) ought to apply to any Israelite/Christian (God’s people). Of course, the Sabbath is the sign of who is God’s holy people and who is not.

So why is it that Christians justify compromise and reason away the commandment which is the sign of who is and who isn’t God’s holy people? So why then is there no reason to expect that the capital nature of this offense should be applied to the supposed new Israel today (Mt 21:43; Isa 49:6; Mk 9:11-12), the church/Christianity, who claim to be the Body of Christ? (Col 1:18; Eph 1:22-23; 1 Pet 2:9; Acts 26:7; Jms 1:1; 2:11; Eph 2:12; Gal 6:16).

So are they saying that the Sabbath no longer is the sign, or that there is no longer any sign at all? Rom 8:4 — Isn’t Messiah’s Body the fulfillment of the Law? His people do keep the Ten Commandments, don’t they? Do Christians actually work on Sunday, their Sabbath? (Ex 35:2)

The sign (above all) of the Sabbath in the age of the church is nowhere to be seen. As significant as the Sabbath is in the Old Testament, it was not retained by the fallen church, since the true church/Body of Messiah was no longer in existence after the lampstand was removed from every place/township. Since the church was cut off from its foundation and roots, the Sabbath was no longer a sign of the covenant with Israel. The Sabbath served as a symbol of God's covenant with Israel, serving to remind each generation of Israelites of their roots and their identity as God's covenant people, serving as a sign of creation and their deliverance from Egyptian slavery (Dt 5:15).

Keeping the Sabbath was a measure of keeping the covenant relationship with Yahweh (Ex 31:12-17; Isa 58:13-14). The people of Yahweh, His holy people, set apart from all others, observed the Sabbath by resting from ordinary labor (Ex 23:10-12). Yahweh cared for both their spiritual as well as their physical state, for they were His people, as we are (1 Pet 2:9).

So today it seems that God does not care for either His people's spiritual or physical state, since He did away with the Sabbath rest day, as it is evident and obvious in Christianity today, both Protestant and Catholic. The Savior is still the Lord of the Sabbath, which was made for man, but why? Where? Who is He who cares anymore about man? (Mk 2:28; Mt 12:12). So the Sabbath was supposedly shifted to Sunday, for some unknown reason, or one they don't want to admit...

Could Isa 58:13-14 be applied to Sunday football? So do Christians qualify to be rated as the holy people of God, who keep the sign of the covenant that God gives to His very own people? Or are they all under the curse of death for not rating their God high enough to even take the time out of their worldly lives to keep the Sabbath, as His people are commanded?