

Honor Thy father And Thy Mother

Scripture Reading - Exodus 20:12

The fifth commandment is, "Honor thy father and thy mother". Have you ever thought about any of the goodness that your parents have done to you? Have you thought of the times when they fed you, clothed you, sent you to school, and spent sleepless nights when you were sick...? Have you thanked God for them? Do you obey them and honor them?

This is a commandment with a promise. The bible says, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you". Does that mean that our days will be long only if we honor our parents? The bible says in proverbs 20:20, "Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness". Then bible warns of curse to those who mock and despise to obey their parents in proverbs 30:17.

The mother toiled all day long to provide and bring up her son Raja. He was the only son. He was fatherless and also observed all the difficulties his mother had to go through and therefore studied hard to be the first rank student in his class. He then went onto be the best student in his entire school.

Raja invited his mother for the annual day celebration. His mother wanted to stay back. He refused to go to the celebration without his mother and therefore the mother went with him. When he was awarded with a gold medal at the function, he came off the stage and gave the medal to his mother. He said that her hard work was the reason behind his success.

Are you ashamed to introduce your parents to others?

Questions:

- 1) What should you do to prolong the days of your life?
- 2) What will happen when you curse your parents?
- 3) What will happen when you mock and despise your parents?