

MESSAGE NOTES

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“God's Top Ten: Fourth Commandment: A Command with a Promise!”

Why is the fourth commandment a favorite of parents?

Honor your father and your mother that it might go well with you and that you might enjoy long life on the earth.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

CONSIDER 1 Samuel 2 & 3

Eli and his sons sinned against the 4th Commandment. How?

What were the results of their sins?

- *"1 Samuel 3:11-14 (NIV)*
¹¹ And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. ¹³ For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore, I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'"

All Authority _____!

1. _____
 - Matthew 28:18 *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*

2. _____
 - *Romans 13:1-2¹ Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.*
3. _____
 - *Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.*
4. _____
 - *Psalms 127: 3 Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him.*

In what ways do I sin against the 4th Commandment?

How has Jesus been my Savior from these sins?

Be Honorable _____

1. As God's representatives, we _____.
2. As God's representatives, we _____.
3. As God's representatives, we _____.

Be Honorable _____

Give ways Luther suggest we can follow this command.

How does God bless us as we keep this command?