

Gospel Lighthouse Church
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“Mother's Day”
Honor

Text: Exodus 20:12; Psalm 22:9

"Honor your father and your **mother**, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."—Exod. 20:12 (emphasis added). "Yet you brought me safely from my mother's womb and led me to trust you at my mother's breast."—Ps.22:9 NLT.

- 1. Honoring Mothers: A biblical vision and a church responsibility.**
 - a. Meaning: the verb *kābēd* means “to be heavy” or “weighty”—to give weight to, to treat as significant or important, to respect, honor, or esteem.
 - b. God’s commitment—the command itself. The verb stem intensifies the force of the word, emphasizing its seriousness.
 - c. The Hebrew verb form underscores intentional, practical expressions of honor in everyday life.

- 2. Hourless honor: the command implies ongoing behavior—not a one-time act, but a continual obligation.**
 - a. Insightfully, social and developmental observations identify four enduring human needs: to be seen, soothed, safe, and secure. These are not limited to childhood—they persist throughout life.
 - b. These needs are reflected within the honor command—Exod. 20:12:
 - To be seen reflects dignity and recognition (echoing the Genesis theme of being fully known by God).
 - To be soothed reflects comfort and compassion.
 - To be safe reflects protection under loving care.
 - To be secure reflects stability and belonging.
 - c. Illustrated in a mother’s care as testified by the psalmist—Ps. 22:9:
 - We offer gratitude to faithful mothers—the first to meet our needs, steady our steps, and soothe our hearts. Through their daily love, they reflect something of God’s own heart.

- 3. Honor intentionally.**
 - a. By supporting the work God has entrusted to them.
 - b. By helping carry unseen burdens.
 - c. By providing spiritual replenishment through prayer and words of encouragement.

We honor both past and present mothers. We support and partner with you—not merely as a cultural gesture, but as an expression of alignment with God’s design: to treat as significant, to respect, to honor, and to esteem.

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