

**SERMON SERIES**  
**THE LAW & THE CROSS**  
**“FROM REBELLIOUS TO HONORING AUTHORITY”**

**Exodus 20:12**

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**I. The Father calls us to love those in authority.**

*“shall honor”* (both Exodus & Deuteronomy)

Leviticus 19: *“shall fear”* (ESV) or *“respect”* (CSB) or *“reverence”* (NASB)

*“your father and your mother”*

Jesus: Luke 2 (child) → Luke 2 (teen/adult) → John 8 (earthly ministry)

**Leviticus 19:3**

**Luke 2:40; 51-52**

**John 8:49**

**2 Timothy 3:1-5**

*“God intend the family to be our first hospital, first school, first government, first church. If we do not respect authority at home, we will not respect it anywhere.”*

*-Philip Ryken*

**II. The Father provides a carrot (and a stick).**

*“live a long life”* → Deuteronomy *“you may prosper”*

*“in the land that the LORD your God is giving you”*

**Proverbs 3:1-2**

**Micah 7:6**

**Romans 1:29-31**

**Philippians 2:8**

*“Only Jesus ever loved the Father with all his heart and soul. The price of his love for his Father was to lose the love of the Father on the cross. He did that to bear the wrath that our sin deserved.”*

*- Edmund Clowney*

**III. Jesus provides Spirit-empowered submission.**

**Malachi 4 ↔ Matthew 10**

Reverence: *"Hi dad/mom"*

Obedience: *"Yes, dad/mom"*

Gratitude: *"Thanks, dad/mom"*

*"Sorry, mom/dad"*

**Malachi 4:1-6**

**Matthew 10:34-36**

**Hebrews 12:9-10**

*"The family is where we learn about respect and obedience and hopefully (if it is a good family) about love and protection."*

-Kevin DeYoung