



# “HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER: GODLY GRAVITY”

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EXODUS 20:12 BIBLE STUDY

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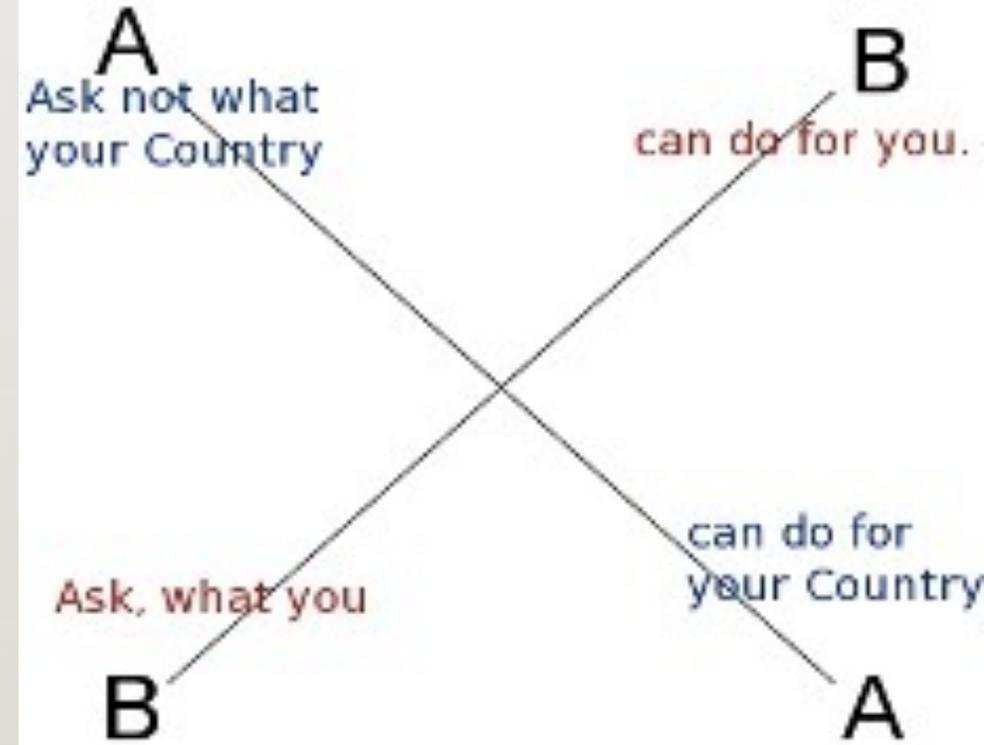




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## CONTEXT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



- 1 Then God spoke all these words, saying: 2 I am the LORD [YHWH] your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. (Ex 20:1-2, AT)





## CONTEXT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



- You shall not have any other gods before Me!  
(Ex 20:3, AT)
- There shall not **be to you** any other gods before My Face. (Ex 20:3, AT alt.)





## CONTEXT

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



- 4 You shall not make for yourself a [carved] idol in the form of anything that is from the heavens above, or that is from the earth below, or that is from the waters below the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them nor worship them. For I the LORD [YHWH] your God am a jealous God, punishing the sin of parents on their children, and on the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, 6 but showing unfailing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. (Ex 20:4-6, AT)



## CONTEXT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



- You shall not take up the Name of the LORD [YHWH] your God in vain. For the LORD [YHWH] will not leave unpunished those who take up His Name in vain. (Ex 20:7, AT)





## CONTEXT

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



- 8 Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD [YHWH] your God. [On it,] you shall not do any work – neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female slave, nor your animals, nor any foreigner within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD [YHWH] made the heavens and the earth, the seas and all that is in them. But He rested on the seventh day. Therefore, He blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Ex 20:8-11, AT)

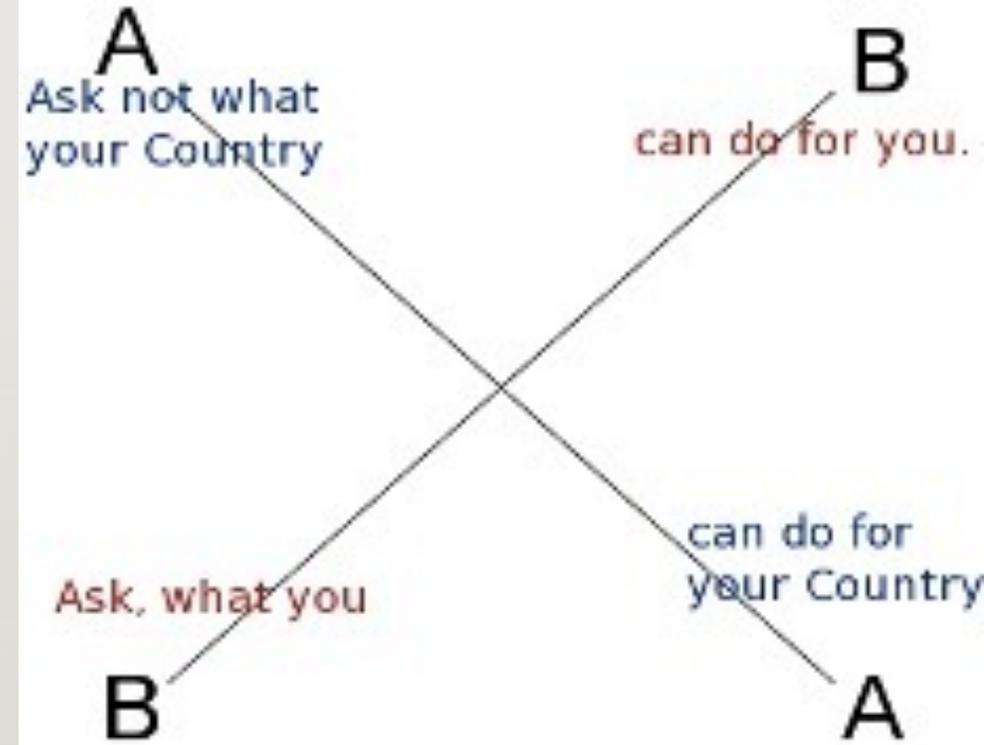




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## CONTEXT

### LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS



- 37 Jesus replied: “ ‘**Love the Lord** your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ [Dt 6:5] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘**Love your neighbor** as yourself.’ [Lev 19:18] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Mt 22:37-40, NIV; cf. Mk 12:29-31)



EXODUS 20:12  
WEIGHTY WORD



- Honor your father and your mother so that your days will be lengthened in the land that the LORD [YHWH] your God is giving to you. (Ex 20:12, AT)
- Give weight to your father and your mother so that your days will be lengthened in the land that the LORD [YHWH] your God is giving to you. (Ex 20:12, AT alt.)





EXODUS 20:12  
WEIGHTY WORD



Listen, my son, to your **father's instruction**  
and do not forsake your **mother's teaching.**  
(Pr 1:8, NIV; cf. Pr 6:20)





EXODUS 20:12  
GRAVE CONSEQUENCES



- “Whoever sacrifices to any god **other** than the LORD must be **destroyed**.” (Ex 22:20, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:12 GRAVE CONSEQUENCES



- 25 Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. 26 So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD [YHWH], come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.
- 27 Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD [YHWH], the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each **killing** his brother and friend and neighbor.’ ” 28 The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about **three thousand of the people died**.  
(Ex 31:25-28, NIV)



EXODUS 20:12  
GRAVE CONSEQUENCES



- anyone who **blasphemes the name of the LORD** [YHWH] is to be **put to death**. The entire assembly must stone them. Whether foreigner or native-born, when they blaspheme the Name they are to be **put to death**. (Lev 24:16, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12  
GRAVE CONSEQUENCES



- This is what the LORD [YHWH] Almighty, the God of Israel, says about Ahab son of Kolaiah and Zedekiah son of Maaseiah, who are **prophesying lies to you in my name**: “I will deliver them into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he will **put them to death** before your very eyes. (Jer 29:21, NIV)



## EXODUS 20:12 GRAVE CONSEQUENCES



- 14 “ ‘Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be **put to death**; those who do any work on that day must be **cut off from their people**. 15 For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the LORD [YHWH]. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be **put to death**. (Ex 31:14-15, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12  
GRAVE CONSEQUENCES



- For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day shall be your holy day, a day of sabbath rest to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it is to be **put to death**. (Ex 35:2, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:12 GRAVE CONSEQUENCES



- “Anyone who attacks their father or mother is to be **put to death**. (Ex 21:15, NIV)
- “Anyone who **curses** their father or mother is to be **put to death**. (Ex 21:17, NIV)
- “ ‘Anyone who **curses** their father or mother is to be **put to death**. Because they have **cursed** their father or mother, their **blood will be on their own head**. (Lev 20:9, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:12 REGARD IN GOLDEN YEARS



- 8 You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”  
9 And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! 10 For Moses said, ‘**Honor your father and mother,**’ [Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16] and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ [Ex 21:17, Lev 20:9] 11 But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)—  
12 then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. 13 Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.” (Mk 7:8-13, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12  
REGARD THEIR  
GODLY GOLDEN RULES



15 “**Cursed** is anyone who makes an idol—a thing **detestable to the LORD** [YHWH], the work of skilled hands—and sets it up in secret.”

Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”

16 “**Cursed** is anyone who **dishonors their father or mother.**”

Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” (Dt 27:15-16, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12  
REGARD THEIR  
GODLY GOLDEN RULES



- 18 If someone has a stubborn and rebellious son who **does not obey his father and mother** and **will not listen to them** when they discipline him, 19 his father and mother shall take hold of him and bring him to the elders at the gate of his town. 20 They shall say to the elders, “This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. **He will not obey us.** He is a glutton and a drunkard.” 21 Then all the men of his town are to **stone him to death.** You must **purge the evil from among you.** All Israel will hear of it and be afraid. (Dt 21:18-21, NIV)





## EXODUS 20:12 HOLINESS



- 3 Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD [YHWH] called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now **if you obey me fully and keep my covenant**, then out of all nations you will be my **treasured possession**. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” (Ex 19:3-6, NIV)



EXODUS 20:12  
HOLINESS



- But you are a **chosen people**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, **God's special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pet 2:9, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12  
REGARD THEIR  
GODLY GOLDEN RULES



- 1 Children obey your parents in the Lord. For this is right. "Honor your father and mother" – which is the first commandment with a promise – “So that it may go well for you and that you will live long in the land.” (Eph 6:1-3, AT)



EXODUS 20:12  
REGARD THEIR  
GODLY GOLDEN RULES



- Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the **training and instruction of the Lord**. (Eph 6:4, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12  
REGARD THEIR  
GODLY GOLDEN RULES



**Train up a child in the way he should go:  
And when he is old, he will not depart from  
it. (Pr 22:6, KJV)**

