

Honor Your Mother and Father

A Spiritual View on the Challenges of the Fifth Commandment

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Honoring Parents as a Form of Worship

The honor due to our parents is not a social obligation but a mode of worship.

Incorrect Grouping of the Ten Commandments

Notice how the commandments are unevenly divided (four on one side and six on the other) in order to place honoring one's parents on the second tablet.



Correct Grouping of the Ten Commandments

The commandments are now evenly divided between the two tablets with the fifth commandment of honoring one's parents on the first tablet.

