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What is a Parent?

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4 "Hear, Yisrael: YHWH our Elohim, YHWH is one!

5 *And you shall love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your might.*

6 *And these Words which I am commanding you today shall be in your heart,*

7 *and you shall impress them upon your children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up,*

8 *and shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.*

9 *And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."*

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:4-9

18 *"And you shall lay up these Words of Mine in your heart and in your being, and shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.*

19 *And you shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up,*

20 *and shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."*

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 11:18-20

Our parents are supposed to teach us Torah and guide us in the right direction.

Why was Noach and his family saved from the flood? They kept Torah while everyone else did whatever they wanted to do. Did Noach and his wife have parents? Were they on the ark?

“And I shall establish My covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you.”

B’reshit (Genesis) 6:18

Noach and his wife left their parents for Torah, except for Noach’s father Lemek, who died before the flood.

So all the days of Lemek were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.

B’reshit (Genesis) 5:31

Yeshua’s Words on Parents

The Renewed Covenant tells us some interesting things about families that do not keep Torah.

“And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and a father his child. And children shall rise up against parents and shall put them to death.”

Matithyah (Matthew) 10:21

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Marqos (Mark) 13:12

And He said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the reign of Elohim, who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come everlasting life.”

Luqa (Luke) 18:29-30

This is a very strong message. Yeshua is saying that anyone who loves Him and keeps His Torah will have to leave his family if his family does NOT keep the Torah.

Parents as Torah Teachers

YHWH is our Father, our Parent, and our Guide. He has set the example of what a parent should be. He teaches us how to live our lives; i.e., how to keep Torah.

So what is a parent? A parent is a teacher of the Torah (someone who is continually teaching you the Torah). So when Scripture says “disobedient to parents,” it is talking about rebelling against the Torah.

2 And that we might be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men, for not all have belief.

3 But the Master is trustworthy, who shall establish you and guard you from the wicked one.

4 And we trust in the Master as to you, both that you do and shall do what we command you.

5 And the Master direct your hearts into the love of Elohim and into the endurance for Messiah.

Tessaloniqim Bet (2nd Thessalonians) 3:2-5

Scripture commands us to love and honor our parents. However, it also teaches us to turn away from those who do not teach us the Torah.

Do not be led astray, “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

Qorintyah Aleph (1st Corinthians) 15:33

If parents want their children to honor them, then they should teach their children the true Torah, by walking the true Torah for their children to see and to emulate. That way, their children do not have to choose between honoring YHWH, and honoring them.

14 My brothers, what use is it for anyone to say he has belief but does not have works? This belief is unable to save him.

15 And if a brother or sister is naked and in need of daily food,

16 but one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” but you do not give them the bodily needs, what use is it?

17 So also belief, if it does not have works, is in itself dead.

18 But someone might say, “You have belief, and I have works.” Show me your belief without your works, and I shall show you my belief by my works.

Ya’aqov (James) 2:14-18

Blessed is the child whose parents make it easy for him to honor them, by walking out the true Torah, in Spirit and in Truth.

A servant in our Master Yeshua,
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A Note from Zerubbabel:

Nechemyah wrote this when he was only seventeen years old. There is some very good wisdom and insight into parenting in this short study. Perhaps the summation of this study is in this sentence from above: 'So when Scripture says "disobedient to parents," it is talking about rebelling against the Torah.' Surely a more true statement has never been written. Keep studying, son, for surely you have blessed your parents with this article, including your heavenly Father!

Love,
Your earthly father

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