

Father's Day

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[0 : 0 0] honor thy father and thy mother as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee that thy days may be prolonged and that it may go well with thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee all thy honoring father I read you one place in the Bible where it says to honor that same idea is in Exodus 20-12 Ephesians 6-3 and Jesus mentions honoring father and mother at least half a dozen times in his ministry here Romans 13-7 says we honor and we honor his duty and we're trying to do that this morning my mother two days ago was in 96 and she lived my father was coming to August was in 96 she never let him forget she was two years old two months old dad's been in heaven this year for 10 years and I miss them my older sister always texts me when it says their birthday or anniversary or something she would say something like miss and dad miss and mom we had wonderful parents didn't we we never forget

I did have wonderful parents I don't know if you can measure the blessing of a Christian dad I not only had a Christian dad I had a preacher dad stood for something showed me how to stand my dad and I had vastly different personalities I'm sort of an introvert it's hard for me to become a hard preacher I like people like me that doesn't go together hard preaching how people like me dad didn't give a clip you couldn't hurt his feelings somebody cussed him out and he said I don't have a problem I wish I had a little more if it hurt him out come on everything bothers me doesn't bother me but he showed me how to stand how to be strong

I doubt at least I doubt I hadn't had my dad the way he was I would have been able to make the change that I made to be able just put it out there boy if you like it it's fine if you don't like it it's not easy to do that but I grew up in a year only preaching was a big thing it was an important thing that's one of my points in my sermon how we honor our fathers if you had a Christian father wonderful but if you didn't have you better have a spiritual father somebody that led you in Christ or maybe a faithful pastor in your life I had lots of those Floyd Clark and Wesley Thompson and Albert Osteen stand out

I'll never ever be able to thank those men for being my preacher especially those five years my dad was trying to get over World War II now they call it what do they call it ADHD yeah sorry to say ADHD that's not right it's a bad five years to get over that my preacher stood by him and by us they hold great place in my heart I think all of you probably have somebody like that hope that you're a father somebody somebody a large piece of your heart that's not right amen and then what about the fathers and the faithfuls that went before here in America and in England we had great men that set up

America to be a Christian nation kept the truth sacred names like George Whitefield and Jonathan Edwards come to mind in early America setting the stage for America to be a God-fearing nation Charles Spurgeon over in England still known as the greatest Baptist preacher that ever lived amen D.L. Lurie probably the greatest preacher in America amen along with Billy Sundin and many other we have a great rich heritage of godly men of God amen and we can honor him as well as our father how do we honor father today we'll give you four ways the first one is about preserving the preaching that they did some of you don't know this except if someone tells you preaching is not the same today as it was in early days preachers are not the same you couldn't take most of the preachers

[6 : 01] I had in my youth most of those guys they got up and they told it like it was they didn't cut any corn or pull any bunches they were not beholden to any group of deacons or women their connection was to God almighty whatever he said and America became what she is because of it there was a Frenchman back younger 200 years ago who came to America to see what made America great he said I went to that great nation and I went into the government and it wasn't there and I went into the educational system the great that it was that was not the greatness of America I went into every institution

I could find then I went into the church and I beheld the focus and I found the reason for America is great and he said because of those who it's America it's good if America ever ceases to be good she'll never be great again he said America is great because she's good she's still good and I thank God for America and you can see around here we'll take the time and I'm glad that somebody has thrown around the world and I'm thrilled that though we had to wipe the pan off the map where the aggressors started the war I'm also glad that those same paths through the sea upon which the

Japanese carriers came to Pearl Harbor were filled with ships of Red Cross people going to help them walk over I'm thrilled the way I'm glad America did tsunamis and earthquakes and all sorts of natural disasters just look and you'll see a plane with a big star on the side full of supplies or a big ship pulling in the harbor.

America is a good nation. She has her problems. And I'm an old man now. I know that experience is not as good as someone you are.

But I've watched it happen. I'll tell you from experience and conviction, we had the same kind of preaching we had 75 years ago.

[9 : 21] We have a better nation. And if people like you would leave the preacher alone and let them tell you what God said, whether you like it or not, you'd be better off over your city and so with your nation.

We handcuffed and hauled by the old pits of our land. We run around and change churches to find something that brings us home. Well, I don't agree with him. We go on until we find somebody to agree with.

What in God's name is right that you have to find somebody you agree with. Get somebody with a dope and fiber and the truth. I never got a lick and it didn't hurt.

And I never did say, Dad, boy, I appreciate that. But now that it's over, I'm glad I got it. You might get a lick in the sermon. You might not say, preacher, I ain't going to do it.

One of these days you would thank God. We need preaching. We need old-fashioned preaching. We need to unbind our pulpit. Let them go.

[10 : 36] We're going to fix America. We've got to fix the church. We're going to fix the church. We've got to fix the preaching. Lay it down right at my feet. That's where it goes. We've silenced the pulpit and hurt our country.

I'm saying we can preserve the preaching that our whole father did. We're going to honor the father. God said in this Bible, I've chosen the foolishness of preaching to save those that preach.

The man calls it foolishness. God does not. Old Paul, the mighty warrior, when he got ready to go to heaven, he said, at the time of the mighty warrior, man, I've fought a good fight.

I've kept the faith. I've finished the court. Then he had a young man named Timberth. He didn't take over his winning streak. He wrote two letters in the Bible.

2 Timothy is the last writing of Paul made before he went to heaven. And in that he said, Timothy, preach the word. Be instant or urgent in seasonality.

[11 : 40] Whether it's popular, whether it is reproved, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come, I'm quoting now what Paul quote them.

The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine. But they'll hint to themselves, teachers with itching ears. And they'll turn away their ears from the truth and believe fables.

We are living in that prophesied today. We're itching ears. Think how the preacher and teacher that scratch their ears like a whole dog.

You don't need that. You need preaching. God have mercy on us. We preachers. The Bible says when Jesus came on the scene, he came preaching.

When John the Baptist came on the scene, he came preaching. Peter came preaching. John came preaching. They all did. Stephen preached and they took him out and killed him.

[12 : 45] John the Baptist preached. They took him out and cut his head off. Jesus preached and they named him to a cross. They didn't care. Their allegiance was of that one above.

They were going to do what he said to kill them. God give us the same kind of courage today. Nothing replaces preaching. Not teaching, though it's good and necessary.

Not singing, though we all love it. Not Christmas programs, skits, seminars, group discussions, or Bible studies. Nothing replaces preaching.

Nothing does. You want me to give you a piece of advice? You get yourself under preaching. You park yourself on somebody's view, knowing that that man opened this book and tells you the truth.

That's been more for your life than anything else you can imagine. I said get yourself under preaching. Some of you that get yourself under preaching once a month, go twice a month.

[13 : 47] A month. Good. And then go three times a month. A month. Keep on going. Go off with that. You need preaching. Amen. You may not like it, but you need it.

The Bible tells us to preach loud. To preach with burden. To preach with tears. To preach to many. Or to few with the preach. Preach.

Proclaim it. Publish God's message. People may not like it, but they need it. Preach doctrines. Warn them about hell and fire. I said Jesus was a preacher.

He hurt and bore him. Jesus everywhere he went, warned of a place of fire. A furnace. Where the fire is never quenched. And the worm died not. The word for the lake of fire, the eternal hell.

Is used twelve times in the New Testament. And he fell in the lips of Jesus 11 at the time. Our Savior was crucified because of the plain preacher. He preached what he was. He told them like it was. Amen. We gotta do that.

[14 : 52] It's the forbidden stuff. People won't like that. They say. No, they won't like it. When they're tossed in married.

they need a warning brethren preach the reality of heaven wonderful wonderful place of boldly blessed preach about the subtlety of Satan who has most of us wrapped around his finger at this moment preach the deceptiveness of sin preach the love of God the sin of the Savior and on and on and on preach standards of holiness oh that'll get the opportunity name sins like drinking and cursing and fornication and bad music and movies and ungodly attire and so on they did our forefathers did you want to honor them well pick up the banner and go on with it preserve the preaching they did you'll preserve your nation if you will you know right and wrong haven't changed in the last 6,000 years we've got this thing called situational evidence it might be wrong for you

Jeremy but it's not wrong for me or it might be wrong yesterday but it's not wrong today right and wrong change girls we just don't hear enough about the pulpit the pulpit are not speaking out about what's wrong and what's right our consciousness aren't attacked by the screaming of love it used to be you used to go in with your head held high and walk out with a tug God give us preaching can't do anything without it without preaching America once had real bible preaching let's honor those who did let me preach with you let's have one church at least I will command you in the view where you sit out there and say sickle let's go instead of frowning at me when I preach turn me loose turn brother

I know I know I know I know we need to preach number two how can we honor our forefathers by using the bible that's so simple I never thought there would come a day when you know there was a fight over which bible we need to goodness gracious my my old granny got love her. She could have met her. She's where daddy got his salt.

That old big Bible that she put to her lap every night, read from this little boy sitting beside her. Same Bible I knew. It did her all right. Got her kids all raised in heaven.

[18 : 33] Why change the Bible? On the other side of the family, my old grandpa. 16 kids. He and my grandmother have been there for years. All those 16 kids except one.

He's 91 years old. Well, the old Bible served them all right. It's been serving America all right.

Why change it? Why? It's behind the devil behind teaching the Bible. You get God's word keeping. My goodness, the life keeping. That's the only Bible we had back in the middle.

Nobody wanted another Bible. Now you go to a bookstore, you're hard to find the teaching of the Bible. What's wrong with us? 2 Timothy 3, 16 says, All scripture is inspired and is given by inspiration of God.

And is profitable for doctrine, reproof, direction, instruction, instruction, and righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished into all good works.

[19 : 43] All scripture is given by inspiration. All scripture is given by inspiration of God. You know what the new Bible says. All scripture is inspired by God. Which means some of it is.

That's right. Read it, your NIV. All scripture is inspired by God. All scripture is inspired by God.

All of it. It's all right. It's better than right. There's always these subtle little things. You may not know it, but your NIV, if you use that, it's left out thousands.

I think 64,000 words. And scores of total births are not inspired. You know what NIV stands for? Not inspired births.

You know what NASV stands for? Not also inspired births. Get you a holy Bible. Get you a King James and pour through it.

[20 : 44] You say, I don't understand. I had a preacher one time tell me, you run water through a seal and it won't pop water. It sure will make it seal. You run out enough scriptures through your mind, Jeremy, and it may not collect a lot of it.

But your mind will be like me. Read your Bible. Get the right one. Read it. The only scripture that is inspired is the book.

Not the Koran. Not the cultist Bible. Not the Book of Mormon. Not the books of Eddie's works. Not unchristian science. None of it.

Scripture is unique in its transmission. Did you know this Bible was written down? There was never water. It's eternal in the heaven. It's always been here.

And God decided to put it down on earth. He decided that from the very beginning it was going to be a Bible here. And so holy men of God were moved by the Holy Ghost to transmit that Bible from heaven to earth.

- [21 : 50] That's the way we got it. Not a bunch of old men that decided to write something down. No, sir. God chose some people and inspired it. It's not their words.
- It's his. Thank God for the Bible. It's inspired. It's unique in its transmission. It's unique in its purpose. That the man of God may be purified through the purgatory of all good works.
- And many other purposes. It's unique in its duration. Many places say it will never pass away. 1 Peter 1.24. Psalm 119.89.
- 1.60. Matthew 24.35. They all say it will endure forever and never pass away. And many other scriptures. This is the eternal word of God. This is part of God.
- This thing is alive. You know it's alive. Hebrews 12.5 says it's alive. You're holding a part of God.
- [22 : 45] It's the word of God. He breathed it. He gave it. He inspired it. And he kept himself in it. The Holy Spirit's in this book.
- That's why it's alive. I love it, man. I can't get enough of it. I wish other people would just fall in love with this scripture. The authorized KJV of 1611.
- I read a book recently about that. Not this. This Bible. And it says the Bibles that we use today. Although people say it's not the same.
- They're going to revise. Revive. Revive. Revive. It says you lay a 1611 Bible. The first printing. Beside this one. And go and go and go and go. It'll be words for words.
- You can change it. It's the same book. I got the one that's printed in 1611. I sat down. Page after page. Read both pages. It's the same.
- [23 : 45] This is the word of God. God preserves it. God keeps it for us. We need to keep the same Bible that our forefathers kept. You have one of those other kinds. Go home and go and put it in the trash can.
- It's not the word of God. It gets you a 1611. Do you say, I don't like that? I didn't think you would. I didn't say it so you like.
- I said it because you need to know it. Now you have no excuse. I'm from a long time. A Baptist preacher. My great grandfather was a Baptist preacher.
- And I don't know how many back before. You know, I don't know. I do know this. Aaron's dark was the first dark in America. In the early 1600s. Around the time that the pilgrims came here.
- I don't think he came on the boat with them. Because they had thrown him in the sea. He was a bad guy. My first forefather in America. Aaron's dark. Had a Bible name.
- [24 : 47] But he didn't have a Bible. He was wicked. He raised a son. Named William. In the later part.
- Later half to 1600. Second generation in America. He raised a wicked man. He raised a good son. He had a heart of God.
- And he went searching for God. He founded a Baptist church. William was grown. Had a wife. And a couple kids. And all four of them got saved and baptized in the Baptist church.
- There weren't many Baptist churches in the community. He was from Connecticut. And the first thing that William started was to start a church in Connecticut.
- The first Baptist church that was ever in Connecticut. My forefather was behind him. It was on his property. He donated the land. Kept the building.
- [25 : 47] He buried behind where the church was today. I have a long, wonderful history of Christians. And do you know that what William Stark started in 1660 or so.
- Somehow was passed on down through those generations. And kept pure. A whole line of Baptist preachers and people.

Until when I came along. I didn't know anybody who wasn't saved in my family. All my uncles. All my aunts. All my cousins.

My dad was the youngest of the family. They were all older. Had older kids. I couldn't. You couldn't go anywhere to find anybody. It wasn't a born again Christian serving God.

That is a wonderful heritage, folks. Wonderful heritage. Thank God for it. Don't you think I need to honor those poor fathers? Well, they stood for something.

[26 : 46] They got them a Bible and stood on it. They preached that word. It does me some kind of a thrill to know that I'm standing here. Preaching what my ancestors did in the 1700s.

In the 1800s. In the 1900s. In the 1900s. I'm not going to. Hey. You think I'm going to. Be allowed to live. You think because you come up to me and say.

Right on the day. Thank you. You think that's going to happen. You think I'm going to. I'm going to. Betray. All of my ancestors.

That gave their lives. So that it would be. Be pure. When it came down to me. You think I'm going to. Make it impure. And those that come after me. Won't have where I got. You're nuts.

You're not going to change me. I may not ever have a big church. Problem. I'm going to tell you. I'm going to tell you the truth. Amen.

[27 : 46] I'm going to use the right Bible. And like I said. It wasn't easy to become a position like that. Kind of hard really. No black people.

No black people. Somebody says. Don't be select legalistic. Don't be so judgmental. Be more tolerant. There are alternate lifestyle.

Leave us alone. Let us party our way on the day. I can't do that. Two reasons I can't be self-received.

God forsaken. Poorly. Weird. Unsuspecting people need somebody to love them. That's right. Love them enough to tell the truth. I don't know about you. But I see a house burning.

And somebody hanging out going to a car. Help. I'm not helping. We got folks who are really worse than hanging out of a burning building.

[28 : 45] They're facing burning hell. Somebody needs to love them enough to tell the truth. So I can't. I can't. I can't let up for that reason. There's another reason. I'm not going to betray my fathers and grandthothers.

In the faith and garden. The truth is that pure hearts and clean hands. Kept it pure all their lives. I'm not going to betray them. Besides. Oh. Unholy living doesn't work.

You know what's that? No. It doesn't work. For sure. People try to. Read the book of Ecclesiastes. Richest man on earth. Told you what all he did is try to find everything outside of God.

He said it's all in. It's all in. You don't have to try it all. He tried it all. He said everything that the heart can desire. I don't know. And he named it much of it.

He said the wealthiest man in the world. Going after everything that the flesh desires. To see if it's satisfied. When you die a bitter old man. Because he said none of it's satisfied.

[29 : 45] It's all man. It's all in. You don't have to try it. People that are trying it find out that nothing only living doesn't work. This decadent sin, crazed pleasure, mad age is the most depressed, diseased, and unhappy generation in America.

It's the truth. You'd be absolutely shocked if you knew that. You know how many billions was spent on tramplilizer. Prozac and all those other things.

I got a young man that's in my family. I wanted to be a pharmacist and he couldn't get into pharmacy school. He was full of where he was. So he thought I was checking some of these pharmaceutical companies.

They'd like to work for them. He wouldn't be into that. Somehow he's got medicine. Well, even I lived after he's a company that hired him. He's a foreign salesman. Guy's about 6'2".

He's got a handsome face. An outgoing personality. Energy going forward. Just a great guy. He went to get his training about how to sell drugs.

[30 : 56] Okay. He got there the first day and he thought, man, listen, I don't know if I'm going to remember all this stuff. How do you keep it? And his question was, how do I keep straight all these drugs?

And the guy laughed at him. And he said, Wayne, you don't have to worry about that. And Wayne said, why not, sir? He said, you don't want me to sell any drugs.

All you got to do is learn everything we need to know about the world of that. Because we're selling as much of that stuff.

We ain't have to say no to. That's right. You can't even imagine. They don't even worry about all the other drugs.

The guy that makes it. They're too busy selling plant providers. This sin-crazed stupid generation. He's blowing their mind. Wayne makes money right now.

[32 : 00] He's selling me. And God is sending me. Don't want to stop. Am I not telling the truth?

Wayne sends the offerings to this church. He calls me Hunk. He's supporting Hunk's church. Great guy.

Can you imagine? All that on Prozac. I think he's changed recently. He's got to get a man's job or something.

That blows my mind. I don't understand. People eating these pills and drugs and blowing their minds. Getting addicted to all these painkillers and everything else.

It's simply saying, somebody help me. I'm in trouble. I need help. Well, I've got the answer right here. I'm not blowing my mind.

[33 : 00] Nobody in my family. I'm not blowing this man. We've had a happy home. Good kid. I don't know. I've got the answer. You won't like it.

Because you'll have to bow down to a God. Let him be your God, your Lord. You can't run your own life and do your own thing. But you know what?

The stuff he won't allow me to do, I didn't need it for it. And the life he's given me is going to be better than the one I've gotten. Is that right or not? Yeah.

You try both sides, didn't you? Which side is better? This side is better. See, I didn't have to try the other side. I was going to be like you told me. Don't do that. You wish you had done some other thing right.

I'm not embarrassing you, I would. I love your testimony. Do you? Chris, you try both sides. Okay, I won't go there. You're too quiet.

[34 : 06] I'm going to try both sides. More hands up, better down. I'm telling you, that life doesn't work. That's what I'm trying to tell you. This life leads to happy homes and laughing kids and great families together.

It's fun and love. Separated, sold out. God-serving Christianity is the greatest life on earth. Our fathers preached that.

I'm going to preach it, please. Number four. He's already in number four. The nine. I must have skipped something here.

Did I skip three? I was preaching three of you. I'm going to tell you I was. Number three is how can we honor our forefathers by living holy lives like they did.

I've been preaching that. I didn't take it. Come on. Number four. Finally. Isn't that a good word? Finally. How can we honor our forefathers by living in church?

[35 : 11] Best thing that ever happened in this country? Good God here in church. Come on. When the church was like it should be, they should be like it should be.

When the church went down, they should be like it should be. There's a based on the New Testament model. You can read about it in Acts chapter two, chapter four. They had preaching. They had teaching.

They had giving. They had soul winning. They had fellowship. That's about what we do. You can find that in the first church. All those things. There's this composing members that put God first and love the brethren.

When they say they really say. They didn't sit in the church with a long face right there for saying praise to God. That's good. They joined in. They felt something.

God have mercy on religions you can't see. Come on. I don't want to take that. I wish you guys could. I wish I could transport you back to my child. Wish I could.

[36 : 08] I wish I could take you to a revival meeting. My dad's church. Phil goes to a trespass church in the country. South of Agnes. I wish I could take you back to a revival in my 13th year that Evangelist H.G.

Burks created a cemetery. You think you wouldn't. I don't know how you take it. Even us kids were so overwhelmed that we were weeping and crying.

We were walking around. Throwing our arms around our buttons. We were bringing them to the altar. Every adult there was consumed. And the spirit was to think you could reach up and cut it.

Now, Brother Burks would preach and it just worn out. Get him a glass of water. Get him breath to go after it again. The whole house was saying, amen, brother.

It's the truth. God have mercy on us. We go. I wish you knew what that was like. I mean, I'm 13 years old, man. And I'm not wishing I was somewhere out there playing market.

[37 : 13] I'm glad I'm in church. And the Holy Ghost has got me a little heart. And I'm wandering around looking at somebody I can lead to that altar. Somebody shows up at the altar.

15, 20 people come around and moaning and groaning and praying for him to get saved. I wish you knew about that. I want it back.

I want you to feel something. I want you to be changed by church. We've got so much devil that can come into these churches. We're alive. The Holy Spirit has to stay outside and be buried.

Get yourself cleaned up. Get in here and expect something. When enough of us do that, brother, the glory will fill this place. Look, I'm not weird. I'm not going to fall down and garble like some turkey.

I'm not nuts. I'm not going to wave my hand. You'd have to fall down. Wish I could.

[38 : 23] I'm just talking about the Holy Spirit. He's got a bad name in the wrong place. Well, I think we'll put on his record that he's not anywhere near.

I know when he's there. I want him there every time. Built a church like they had. Members that loved God and loved each other.

Church where the preacher was just the spokesman for everybody else. They all believed in what he preached. Because it was the Bible. Oh, the first churches I remember had eight men corners. One over here and one over here.

The old saints, you know, beard and old guys, about 60. I'm 77 this year, folks.

I ain't talking about these folks being old. I'm not that old. They don't know what they were my age. They get their cane. Don't give me a cane.

[39 : 25] Don't give me a walk. They all take the place, you know, shake hands. And when the preacher got started, they were raised. You didn't sound like a bunch of bullfrogs.

Rumble. Some of them take the cane, beat the floor. They elbow each other. They made a scene.

I mean, I've seen them made a scene. They were into it. They didn't. There was something real there. The preachers were sick. The amen corners were sick.

The preacher's off. The preachers have a death in each other. She knew about that. The amen corners. My grandpa was in one side and my other grandpa was in the other.

I have a wonderful heritage. Their church is one where sinners won't help them not judge. And regularly got saved.

[40 : 29] I can remember it, folks. I can remember a preacher having been interrupted. Some guy come in the back and come screaming down the aisle and fall on this place. Here's there. Oh, God, have mercy.

And the preachers say, folks, that's all the preaching today. Let's get around this man. Let me interrupt the preaching. God have mercy. We don't know what it is anymore.

It's a cold, dead. Drag our own problems and sins in the church house. Quench the spirit. Get yourself right with God.

See what happens in the church. Theirs was one where the sweet spirit of God fell to ride home. It was a church where the community knew something to go on, too.

It was a church that led to fighting against social evils like gambling and drinking and porn and later on, public community profanity. A good church is not complicated, like you know.

[41 : 33] You get sincere and faithful people that follow the right Bible and really love the Lord. Give them the rest. These old guys didn't do it.

That preacher didn't do it. Those good women didn't do it. They just got out of the way so constantly. Let me do that again. I guess I'm finished.

I'm so mixed up with that. I'm not going to go away. I'm so mixed up with that. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.