



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 31st, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Cody Wallace
- Hymn "O Worship the King"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Seth Lirette
- Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- Hymn "At the Cross"
- The Reading of the Word — *Proverbs 4:1-27* Hal Pritchard
- Hymn "Nearer My God to Thee"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"Children Obey Your Parents" (Ephesians 6:1)* Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "Only Trust Him"
- The Benediction Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"
- Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life"
- The Sermon — *"The Ministry of the Word" (Ezekiel 33)* Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "Seek Ye First"
- The Benediction Pastor Winn
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

Paul's emphasis in Ephesians 5:22–6:9 is on the submission of service and how believers fulfill the call to serve one another in love (Eph. 5:21; see Gal. 5:13). In today's passage, the apostle addresses Christian children, his main audience consisting of kids who still live under their parents' roofs. Adult children can certainly draw principles from Ephesians 6:1–3 for their relationship with their parents, but the primary instruction is for those who have yet to reach maturity. Ancient Roman society, like most cultures throughout history, believed that children should listen to their parents and respect their elders. Indeed, no one can escape what the created order tells us about the propriety of kids obeying their mothers and fathers. Yet Scripture uniquely addresses children directly, commanding them as individuals with a moral sense of what they should and should not do. This elevates children from the status of mere possessions to persons, conferring upon them a dignity and worth not always given to them in unbelieving societies. Kids are not chattel who can be treated any way their parents like. Addressing children this way presupposes that regenerate young people, especially if they are nearing adulthood, have the duty and ability to obey their parents wisely. No human authority, parents included, deserves absolute allegiance. Abusive, neglectful, and impenitently foolish parents are not to be honored in the same way as good parents. John

Chrysostom, the ancient patriarch of Constantinople, addressed this issue, noting Paul's qualification that youths obey parents "in the Lord." Chrysostom says, "They [parents] are to be obeyed in whatever way they are not offending against God" (accent 8, p. 191). Obedience "in the Lord" qualifies the child-parent relationship, but it cannot excuse rebellious kids who disobey rules they do not like. God gives us parents for our benefit, and obeying their wisdom, besides being right, brings us many benefits (Eph. 6:2–3). In fact, children who impenitently disobey the godly instruction of their parents mark themselves off as unregenerate (Rom. 1:28–32; 2 Tim. 3:1–5). Yet children who profess Christ and render respectful love to their parents demonstrate the reality of their salvation, enjoying many other blessings as well.

Coram Deo: The Old Testament often speaks of honor for one's parents by employing language elsewhere associated with the fear of the Lord (Lev. 19:3, 14, 32). Although no human authority deserves absolute allegiance, we must show proper, biblical reverence to our parents. This applies to us no matter how old we are or how long we have lived outside of our parents' homes. Let us seek to be models of godliness in how we honor our mothers and fathers.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

October 31st
<i>Morning</i> Mary Margaret Pritchard & Claire Shores
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Mary Hunter Sharp & Bethany Wallace
<i>Wednesday - November 3rd</i> Jessica Mullins (<i>Laurie Price</i>)

Today's Sound Operator - John Ingram



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The collection date for Operation Christmas Child this year is November 14th. See Mrs. Lawanda with any questions.

