



Clanking Chains: Parents Must Be Theocentric; Historical Trends follow Each Generation's Submission to or Disobedience toward Parental Authority

The second passage takes up the subject of divine faithfulness toward those who comply with the contract and his severity for noncompliance:

Deuteronomy 7:9 - "Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant [Exodus 19:5-6] and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

v. 10 - but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face.

v. 11 - "Therefore, you shall keep the commandment and the statutes and the judgments which I am commanding you today, to do them."

From these passages we may conclude that the stability of a client nation depends entirely upon believers within its borders fulfilling their end of the contract which is "to do all which the Lord has spoken."

The administration of the five cycles of discipline to a client nation follows the gradual drift of its believer-citizens away from the teachings of the Word and into a vortex of confusion created by the failure of pastors to accurately and consistently teach doctrine. This confusion leads to apostasy, heresy, and blasphemy.

The family is the basic structure of any society. Within a client nation, the family is the academy in which the divine contract is transferred to the next generation. Parents must teach the content of the divine contract, beginning with the gospel, if their children are to enjoy the benefits of client nation citizenship.

Such instruction requires devotion on the part of the parents. Their first priority in life must remain theocentric—God-centered. This places emphasis on the first four commandments. This priority must be communicated to and inculcated by their children.

In order for the children to become members of the next generation's pivot, they must submit to the authority structure of the home. They first learn to submit to authority in the organized humility of the home. Parents are in charge and they establish and enforce house rules which they develop from their knowledge of the contract.

Parents have a sacred duty to put God and His plan first and this means that in order for the client nation to be maintained they must instruct their children about all the details concerning the contract. This instruction includes both positive and negative techniques. Positively there is encouragement, compliments, and reward. As the child advances in his submission to the contract he earns more freedom which is the reward for assuming responsibility. On the other hand, when there is arrogance, disobedience, and rebellion then the negative aspect of teaching must occur and includes correction, rebuke, punishment, and discipline. This is exactly what God does with all of those in His royal family who violate the contract.

In order to protect the client nation against an ever increasing influx of rebellious adults, God provided a means of removing them from society beforehand. Therefore, gross violation of the Fifth Commandment was a capital crime.



There is one overriding problem common to rebellious youth of any generation and the reversionistic believers of a client nation in decline: disobedience. It starts with violations of the Fifth Commandment in the home and continues in adulthood with violations of the other nine.

Thus the pivotal commandment among the ten is the fifth. It is here that we discover the elements that contribute to the advance of a client nation or its inevitable decline. Therefore we must now bring together the passages we have now studied and draw conclusions regarding the importance of the Fifth Commandment.