



**Clanking Chains: 3d Commandment: Blasphemy; 4th Commandment: Consistent Worship; 5th Commandment: Glory & Honor for God & Parents; Exodus 20:7-12**

Finally, blasphemy toward God is prohibited:

**Kittel, Gerhard (ed.). *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*. Translated by Geoffrey W. Bromiley. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1964), 1:621-23:**

**βλασφημία, blasphemía.** (Blasphemy) is a. abusive speech; b. the strongest form of personal mockery and calumny; c. blasphemy of deity by mistaking (His) true nature or violating or doubting (His) power. Blasphemy always refers to God, whether in the sense of the disputing of His saving power, the desecrating of His name, or human arrogance with its implied depreciation of God. Blasphemy may be directed immediately against God, against the name of God, and against the Word of God.

Those who belittle or diminish God in any of these ways has a disposition that withholds from Him the respect, honor, and glory due to Him by discrediting His true essence including all the divine attributes. These things are therefore a form of theft.

5. The Fourth Commandment has to do with the concept of worship and service that must become habitual parts of one's spiritual life. Failure to be consistent in worship and service steals reverence and respect owed to God. There is the absence of a personal sacrifice to the only true God. These concepts are summarized by Paul in:

**Romans 12:1** - I urge you therefore, fellow believers, by means of the logistical blessings from the source of divine justice, that you place your bodies under orders as a living sacrifice. This is well-pleasing and acceptable to God. It is your rational and spiritual worship.

6. The Fifth Commandment establishes a system of plenipotentiary authority in which children learn about God. The desired objective is to lead them to the point of giving the gospel an objective hearing.

Submission of children to parents is said by Paul to be "well-pleasing to the Lord" (Colossians 3:20b). Rejection of their authority is therefore not pleasing to the Lord and amounts to embezzlement. Such rebellion is tantamount to rejection of God's authority with steals duly appointed parental authority and transfers it to self. When this occurs the child fails to fulfill the commandment to "honor" his parents.

The Hebrew word for "honor" is a derivative of the word for "glory":

**Glory, כְּבוֹד kavoth:** Giving glory is a form of worship that pays respect to divine essence and is an expression of reciprocal love for Christ. It is recognition and acknowledgment of His being and attributes. Giving glory to the Lord distinguishes Him above all others. It recognizes His greatness, renown, fame, and nobility and is a response to His majesty and grace.

**Honor, כָּבוֹד kaveth:** Giving honor is also a part of reciprocal love for God. It is the believer's duty to place ultimate value on the Person of God and to recognize His reputation. It is impossible to honor God unless you understand God and His essence.



The root idea behind these two words means literally “to be heavy.”  
Figuratively it refers to a person’s authority, reputation, wealth, influence, and character which is deserving of respect, attention, and obedience.

By taking a look at biblical examples of those who did not give honor and glory to God we will learn first of all why children must honor and obey their parents but also the impact that a collective failure of children to do so leads to national decline.