HONOR

One of the early uses of honor is found in Exodus 20:12 “Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.” It was the first of the ten commandments for which there was a promise attached.

Honor means to “highly respect, esteem, regard with great respect integrity, honesty, uprightness, ethics, morals, morality, principles, high principles, righteousness, high-mindedness; virtue, goodness, decency, probity, character, good character, scrupulousness, worth, fairness, justness, trustworthiness, reliability, dependability.”

There was a penalty for not honoring ones parents, and it was death by stoning. “For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall surely be put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.” (Lev. 30:9)

As detailed above, honor is a very good word and the practice of it should be on the mind of every Christian to use. We honor people that “deserve” it. If a person has shown strength, faithfulness, goodness, decency, etc. they should be honored.

The problem is that in these times we find “honors” given to those who do not deserve it. Can a person be “honored” that is undeserving? Absolutely! It happens all the time. An official who uses the “color of authority” to do things against the law or that are immoral.

Honor should always be reserved for those who deserve it.

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P. S. I wish each of you a very happy and prosperous New Year!