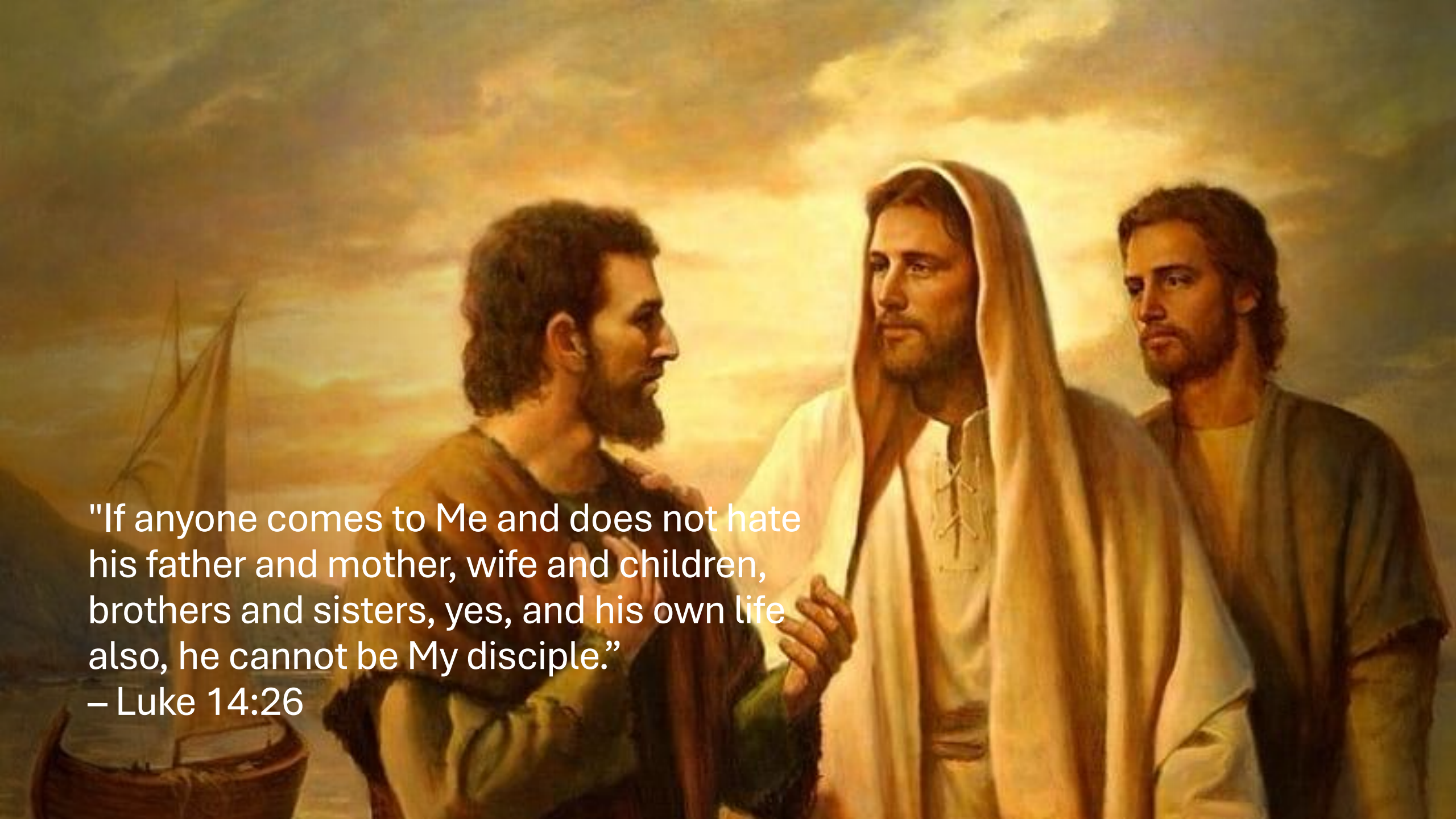
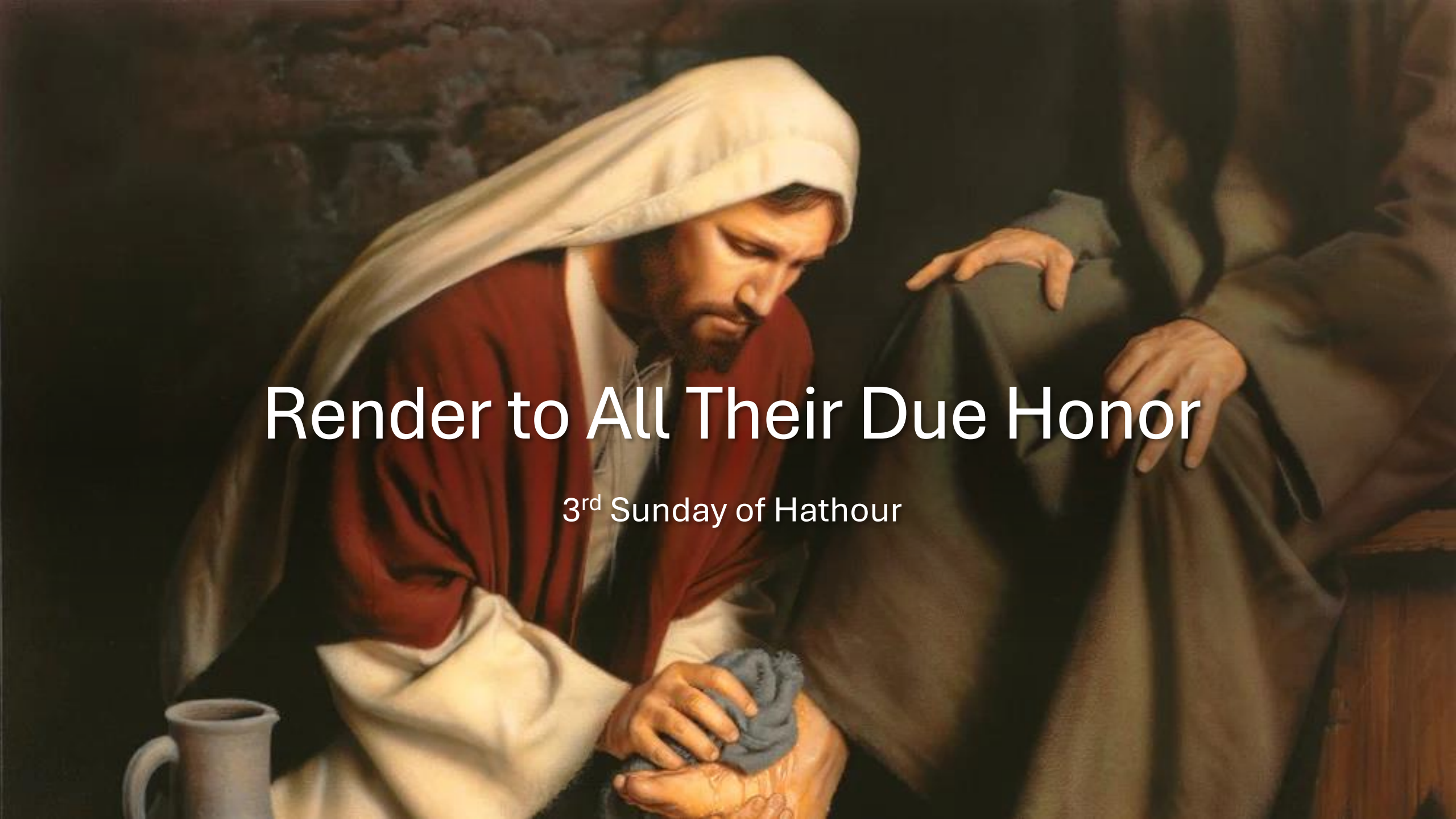




"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple."

– Luke 14:26



Render to All Their Due Honor

3rd Sunday of Hathour

Introduction

- “Render therefore to all their due: ... fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.” (Rom. 13:7)
- Render to All Their Due Honor
 - To Honor
 - To whom should we render honor?
 - The Value of Honor
 - The Personal and Communal Impact of Dishonor
 - Practicing Honor



To Honor

[English]
respect, esteem,
or dignity.

[Hebrew]
"to be heavy" or
"weighty."

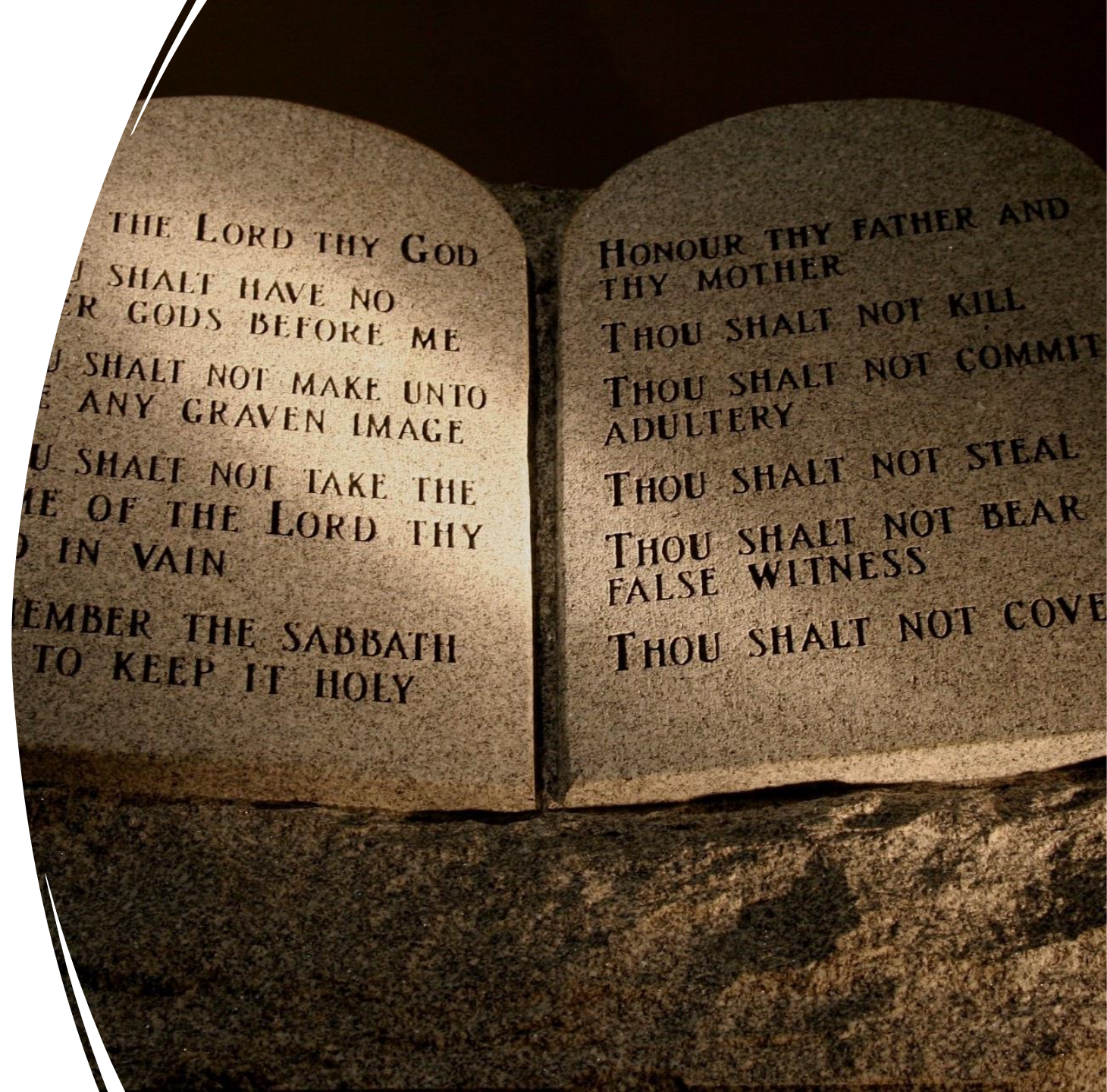
[Greek]
worth or value



To Whom Should
We Render Honor

God

- The 10 Commandments (1-4) = to honor God
- "You shall have no other gods before Me." (Exodus 20:3)
- "You shall not make for yourself a carved image...you shall not bow down to them nor serve them." (Exodus 20:4-5)
- "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." (Exodus 20:7)
- "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Exodus 20:8)





God

- "A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the Lord of hosts." (Mal. 1:6)
- "That all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him." (Jn. 5:23)

Parents

- "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you." (Ex. 20:12)
- According to Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, *"The Torah equates honoring parents to honoring God"* (Kiddushin 30b). Why?
- For God commanded, saying, Honor your father and your mother; and, He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death. 5 But you say, Whoever says to his father or mother, Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God— 6 then he need not honor his father or mother. (Matt. 15:4-6)
- Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. (Col. 3:20)

The Elderly

- "You shall rise before the gray-headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the Lord." (Lev. 19:32)
- *"If you see an elder who has endured many temptations and hardships, do not hesitate to learn from him, for in his scars is the wisdom of heaven."* (St. Anthony the Great)
- *"To revere the aged is to honor the grace of God, who has given them years and wisdom."* (St. John Chrysostom)



Authorities and Leaders

- "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." (Rom. 13:1)
- "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." (1 Tim. 2:1-2)



Superiors



- "Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed." (1 Timothy 6:1)
- "Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully." (1 Pet. 2:18)



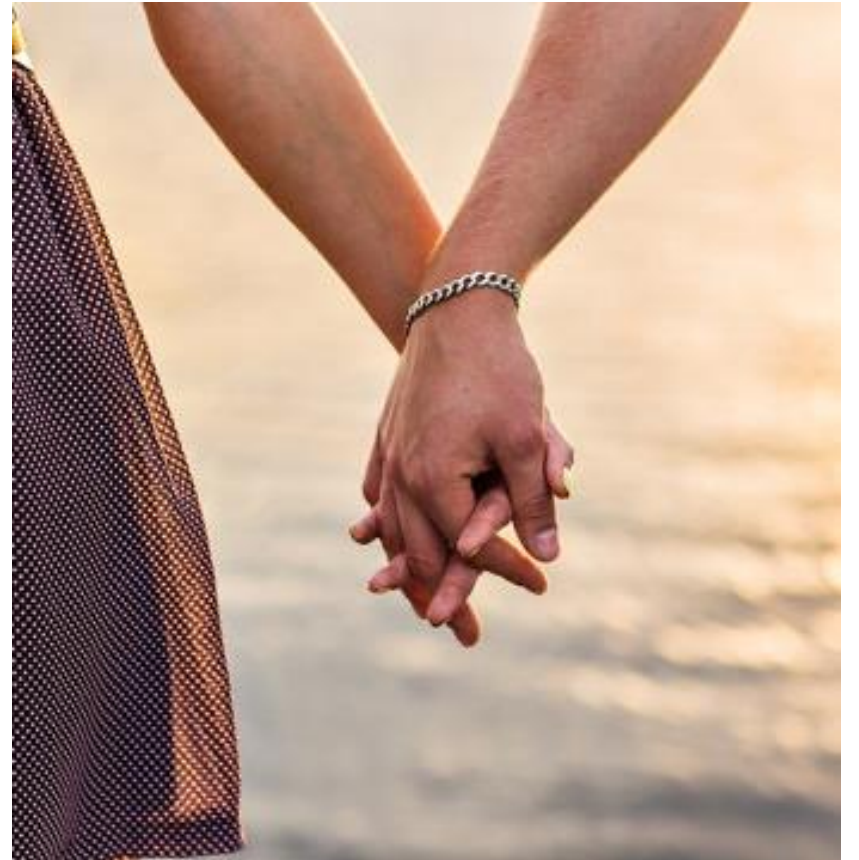
Widows

"Honor widows who are really widows." (1 Timothy 5:3)

Do not prey on their vulnerabilities and weaknesses

Spouses

- "Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered."
(1 Peter 3:7)





All People

- "Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." (1 Peter 2:17)

The Value of honoring others

1. Reflect God's Nature and Order
2. Teaches Humility and Gratitude
3. Strengthens Relationships
 - “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another...” (Rom. 12:10)

The Value of honoring others

- Show God's Love to the World
 - "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (Jn. 13:35)
- Receive Blessings
- Receive Wisdom and Guidance
 - "The glory of young men is their strength, and the splendor of old men is their gray head." (Prov. 20:20)
 - *"Respect for the aged is the foundation of every virtue."* (St. John Chrysostom)