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# Isaiah 3:1-5 NKJV

For behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, Takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah The stock and the store, The whole supply of bread and the whole supply of water; 2 The mighty man and the man of war, The judge and the prophet, And the diviner and the elder; 3 The captain of fifty and the honorable man, The counselor and the skillful artisan, And the expert enchanter. 4 "I will give children to be their princes, And babes shall rule over them. 5 The people will be oppressed, Every one by another and every one by his neighbor; The child will be insolent toward the elder, And the base toward the honorable."

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  - Elisha's experience – 2 Ki. 2:22-25

## 2 Kings 2:23-25 NKJV

Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up the road, some youths came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!" 24 So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of the LORD. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths. 25 Then he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.



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Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.

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- Help them – 1 Tim. 5:3; James 1:27

# Helping the Elderly

- 1 Timothy 5:3 - Honor widows who are really widows.
- James 1:27 - Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

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## Ephesians 6:1-3 NKJV

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH."

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# Proverbs 30:17 NKJV

The eye that mocks his father, And scorns  
obedience to his mother, The ravens of  
the valley will pick it out, And the young  
eagles will eat it.

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  - The rebellious son – Dt. 21:18-21

# Deuteronomy 21:18-21 NKJV

18 "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, 19 then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. 20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' 21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.

# How to Respect our Parents

- Obey them in the Lord
- Bless them
- Express appreciation for them and to them
- Treat them with love and affection
- Provide for them in their old age – 1 Tim. 5:4,8,16

# 1 Timothy 5:4, 8, 16 NKJV

But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God. ... 8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. ... 16 If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.



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  - Knowledgeable in the Scriptures – Tit. 1:9-11

## Titus 1:9-11 NKJV

holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict. 10 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.

## Hebrews 13:7, 17 NKJV

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. ... 17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

# How to Respect The Elders

- Heb. 13:7, 17
  - Remember them
  - Imitate their faith
  - Consider the outcome of their conduct
  - Obey them
  - Be submissive
  - Make their oversight of your spiritual well-being a source of joy

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## Daniel 7:9-10 NKJV

"I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; 10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened.

# Psalms 90:2 NKJV

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
Or ever You had formed the earth and the  
world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You  
are God.

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  - How much honor does He deserve? Mal. 1:6; Mat. 27:28-31

# Malachi 1:6 NKJV

“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...”

# Matthew 27:27-31 NKJV

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. 28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. 29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. 31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

# How to Respect God

- Hear Him
- Obey Him
- Praise Him
- Love Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength
- Honor those whom He directs you to honor

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