

Honor Your Father and Mother

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1. **Exodus 20:11:** Honor your father and your mother, that you may long endure on the land that the Lord your God is assigning to you.

כָּבֵד אֶת-אָבִיךָ וְאֶת-אִמְךָ לְמַעַן יַאֲרֹכְךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְיִתֶּן לְךָ

2. **Leviticus 19:3:** You shall each revere his mother and his father and keep My sabbaths: I the LORD am your God.

אִישׁ אִמּוֹ וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ וְאֶת שַׁבְּתוֹתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ אֲנִי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם

3. **Genesis 2:24:** Hence a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, so that they become one flesh

עַל־כֵּן יַעֲזֹב אִישׁ אֶת-אָבִיו וְאֶת-אִמּוֹ וְדָבַק בְּאִשְׁתּוֹ וְהָיוּ לְבָשָׂר אֶחָד.

4. **Babylonian Talmud Kiddushin 31b**

Our Rabbis taught: What is 'fear' and what is 'honour'?

'Fear' means that he [the son] must neither stand in his [the father's] place nor sit in his place, nor contradict his words, nor tip the scales against him.

'Honour' means that he must give him food and drink, clothe and cover him, lead him in and out.

תנו רבנן : איזהו מורא? ואיזהו כיבוד?

מורא : לא עומד במקומו ולא יושב במקומו ולא סותר את דבריו ולא מכריעו.

כיבוד : מאכיל ומשקה, מלביש ומכסה, מכניס ומוציא.

