

## The Gospel and Children Ephesians 6:1-3

### Two Initial Observations concerning Obedience (vv. 1-2)

- Obedience to parents isn't natural in any society or home.
  - This is exceedingly obvious to parents.
  - This is extremely important to God.
  
- Obedience to parents isn't required at every age or stage.
  - God calls us to absolute obedience in our childhood.
  - God calls us to perpetual honor in our adulthood.
    - Listening and speaking with respect.
    - Expressing gratitude to the extent possible.
    - Caring for them as they age.

### Two Simple Encouragements toward Obedience (vv. 2-3)

- The promise of God's goodness.
  
- The prospect of God's glory.

### Two Practical Reminders about Obedience

- We must have the Spirit's fullness for obedience. (Eph. 5:18)
  
- We must have the Savior's forgiveness for disobedience.

*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, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, and they shall say to the elders of his city, "This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard." Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear. And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance. (Deut. 21:18-23)*