

Message – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (March 6, 2011)

## “HONOR’S REWARD”

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Text: Ephesians 6:1-4; Leviticus 19:3; Isaiah 55:11; Philipians 4:6-9;  
Deuteronomy 27:16.

After a month’s absence, I’m back at my favorite task – gaining insight and understanding (**light**) from the study and meditation of God’s Word (**truth**).

Rev. Eric Maliwat briefly reviewed the past messages delivered on this theme – **Honor’s Reward**: Respect for God results in rewards. Husband and wife should trust and respect each other, in addition to love. People in authority should be respected. After election all debates must cease so that the elected officials could use their set of skills for their service to the people.

Respect in the home is demonstrated in parent-children’s relationships. Rev. Eric Maliwat led us to **Ephesians 6:1-4** which commands children to obey their parents, and parents not to exasperate their children. **Leviticus 19:3** commands us not only to respect our parents, but also to respect the Sabbath. Note that these are not suggestions nor recommendations, but rather God’s commands. Respect, honor, and obedience can be demonstrated in behavior, speech, even in our thoughts and in silence. Regardless of what we see in others, our duty is to obey our parents. Obedience results in blessings. *The Word of God does not return to Him empty, but accomplishes what the Lord desires and achieves the purpose for which God sent it (Isaiah 55:11).*

Parenting is both a privilege and a responsibility, an art and science. Parents are the first teachers of the children, prior to the school and church. In this modern age television, movies, books, magazines provide harmful inputs into children’s minds. Parents should fill their children’s minds with *“...whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy (Philipians 4:8-9)*. To a large extent, parents influence what their children would turn out to be...like father like son. Parents, in turn, are not relegated to the “home for the aged” by loving children, but tenderly cared for. Those who dishonor God’s commands, beware! *“...cursed is the man who dishonors his father and mother, and everyone says amen” (Deuteronomy 27:16).*

So, parents, don’t give up your responsibility as parents. Children, obey God’s command to honor your parents; it’s the first commandment with a promise – prosperity, wellness, long life, the rewards of honor.