YITHRO-

the 5th commandment.

What is different about this commandment from the rest? This is a commandment with a promise.

Ephesians 6:1-3 Paul says **Eph 6:1** Children,G5043 obeyG5219 yourG5216 parentsG1118 inG1722 the Lord:G2962 forG1063 thisG5124 isG2076 right.G1342

Eph 6:2 HonourG5091 thyG4675 fatherG3962 andG2532 mother;G3384 (whichG3748 isG2076 the firstG4413 commandmentG1785 withG1722 promise;)G1860

Eph 6:3 ThatG2443 it may beG1096 wellG2095 with thee,G4671 andG2532 thou mayest(G2071) live longG3118 onG1909 theG3588 earth.G1093

What is the meaning of honor? (as defined in the noun form)

Modern day definition: honesty, fairness, or integrity in one’s beliefs & actions: ie. A man of honor -a source of credit or distinction: to be an honor to one’s family. –high respect: to be held in honor -high esteem, fame, glory

(as defined in the verb form)

-to hold in honor or high respect, to revere: as to honor one’s parents -to worship (God – (the supreme being)) - to show a courteous regard for -to accept as valid & conform to the request or demands of: ie a set of rules (as in this case the commandments)

In Hebrew the word is Kaw-baad, Strongs #3513- it is a primitive root word meaning “to be heavy”. It can be used in a bad sense definition meaning (to be burdensome (this word is mentioned throughout Pharaoh’s stance towards the Israelites in earlier chapters of Exodus (example 8:32), severe, or dull). In a good sense definition meaning (to be numerous, rich, honorable).

As noted in the Chumash, This 5th commandment casts a revealing light on the significance God attaches to the honor He wants us to show parents, for this commandment was included among those that refer to the honor and reverence that are due to God Himself. When people honor their parents, God regards it as if they honor Him. As the sages express it: There are three partners in a Human being: God, father, and mother. If someone honors his parents, God considers it as if he had honored Him.

A couple other things to note: One should always be aware that respect for one’s parents is part of his obligation to God. This 5th commandment is the guarantor of the previous 4. The honor due to the parents is similar to that which the 1st three commandments render to God. They must acknowledge who their parents are, not do anything that might cause them to be disgraced or degraded, serve them unselfishly and not for the sake of an inheritance or any other ulterior motive, and not swear in their names. I would also like to note that by breaking commandments 6-10 you are not only sinning against man & God, but you are dishonoring God and your parents!

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Exo 21:15 And he that smitethH5221 his father,H1 or his mother,H517 shall be surely put to death.H4191 H4191Exo 21:17 And he that cursethH7043 his father,H1 or his mother,H517 shall surely be put to death.H4191 H4191**Lev 19:1** And the LORDH3068 spakeH1696 untoH413 Moses,H4872 saying,H559 Lev 19:2 SpeakH1696 untoH413 allH3605 the congregationH5712 of the childrenH1121 of Israel,H3478 and sayH559 untoH413 them, Ye shall beH1961 holy:H6918 forH3588 IH589 the LORDH3068 your GodH430 *am* holy.H6918 Lev 19:3 Ye shall fearH3372 every manH376 his mother,H517 and his father,H1 and keepH8104 my sabbaths:H7676 IH589 *am* the LORDH3068 your God.H430

Lev 19:4 TurnH6437 ye notH408 untoH413 idols,H457 norH3808 makeH6213 to yourselves moltenH4541 gods:H430 IH589 *am* the LORDH3068 your God.H430Deu 27:16 Cursed be he that degrades his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. **Pro 6:20** My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Pro 6:21 Bind them continually upon your heart, *and* tie them about your neck.

Pro 6:22 When you go, it shall lead you; when you sleep, it shall keep you; and *when* you awake, it shall talk with you.

Pro 6:23 For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the Torah *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:

What did Messiah Yahshua have to say about this? Mat 15:3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

Mat 15:4 For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

Mat 15:5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It* *is* a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

Mat 15:6 And honor not his father or his mother, *he* *shall* *be* *free.* Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Mat 19:16 And,G2532 behold,G2400 oneG1520 cameG4334 and saidG2036 unto him,G846 GoodG18 Master,G1320 whatG5101 good thingG18 shall I do,G4160 thatG2443 I may haveG2192 eternalG166 life?G2222

**Mat 19:17** AndG1161 heG3588 saidG2036 unto him,G846 WhyG5101 callestG3004 thou meG3165 good?G18 *there is* noneG3762 goodG18 butG1508 one,G1520 *that is,* God:G2316 butG1161 ifG1487 thou wiltG2309 enterG1525 intoG1519 life,G2222 keepG5083 theG3588 commandments.G1785

Mat 19:18 He saithG3004 unto him,G846 Which?G4169 JesusG2424 said,G2036 Thou shalt(G3588) do no murder,G5407 G3756 Thou shalt notG3756 commit adultery,G3431 Thou shalt notG3756 steal,G2813 Thou shalt not bear false witness,G5576

Mat 19:19 HonourG5091 thyG4675 fatherG3962 andG2532 *thy* mother: and,G3384 Thou shalt loveG25 thyG4675 neighbourG4139 asG5613 thyself.G4572

To sum this up about honoring your mother and father : it is written in Deu 5:16 HonourH3513 (H853) thy fatherH1 and thy mother,H517 asH834 the LORDH3068 thy GodH430 hath commandedH6680 thee; thatH4616 thy daysH3117 may be prolonged,H748 and thatH4616 it may go wellH3190 with thee, inH5921 the landH127 whichH834 the LORDH3068 thy GodH430 givethH5414 thee.

Lastly we can see where the Torah portion is called Yithro, as it is in the 1st verse of this Torah portion. I’d also like to add that Yithro IS Moses’ FATHER- in – law, and we see that Yithro was received royally, not only by Moses, but by the entire nation, and he later justified the honor given to him by offering counsel on how to organize the nation’s judicial system…