

Proverbs 6:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Analysis

Parental teaching provides moral guidance throughout life. The pairing of father's commandment and mother's law gives equal weight to both parents' instruction, reflecting their joint covenant responsibility. This wisdom becomes internalized conscience, guiding even when external accountability is absent.

Historical Context

Mothers in Israel taught children Torah and wisdom, preserving covenant knowledge across generations. Deborah, Hannah, and the Proverbs 31 woman exemplify this vital maternal role in spiritual formation.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do your parents' godly teachings continue to guide you today?
2. What spiritual heritage are you building to pass on to future generations?

Interlinear Text

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keep My son commandment thy father's and forsake not the law

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of thy mother

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Additional Cross-References

Ephesians 6:1 (Parallel theme): Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Deuteronomy 27:16 (Parallel theme): Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Proverbs 23:22 (Parallel theme): Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

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