

Devotion for May 2014

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth VU 100

Scripture: Luke 3 :40-51 and John 1: 2-5

Reflection:

Mother Day is a pretty recent celebration: roughly since 1908 and started by a mother in the US, and eventually spread around the world, however similar celebrations were in affect many centuries before. "Honour thy father and mother," was an edict to the Jews according to the sixth commandment. After checking many dictionary definitions I concluded that the phrase meant the same in the ten commandments thousands of years ago as it does now. I thought that important because I wondered what was Jesus interpretation? Recall Jesus went missing at the age of twelve. Worried parents returned to Jerusalem and three days later he was found, and even then was not very apologetic. When asked by his mother, to make wine from water some years later, he was not exactly enthusiastic about obeying, but he did. So, how does that sixth commandment fit with Jesus, and how does that filter down to us today?

Discussion:

Did Jesus really keep the sixth commandment, and do we?

Hymn: When mothers of Salem. The Hymnary (blue book) 609

Prayer:

God, father and mother of us all, we ask your blessing on all mothers no matter what corner of your world they live in. We pray that we are worthy of being your children, that with your help we truly honour our mothers, and fathers. We pray for your guidance to make us worthy of being parents, so we may also be worthy of that honour from our children. We thank you Lord and ask your blessing on our mothers, our fathers, on us and our children. In Jesus name we pray, amen.