

mandment, and the promise attached to it. *Pietas parentibus* or obedience to parents has been an important first principle of morality in the history of all nations.

The three relationships in life, namely, with superiors, inferiors and equals, are enjoined in these three quotations: (1) "Thou shalt not curse the ruler of thy people." (2) "Thou shalt not oppress a stranger." (3) "Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor."

HINTS. A lesson on the fuller meanings of the term obedience, illustrated by the story of the Garden of Eden. The relationship between children and parents is a fixed principle which no manner of living in any community can change,—the parents having to protect and control, the children to obey and honour. The same relationship should be found in school between teacher and pupils, where the former is in *loco parentis*. The breaking of a school law or regulation may or may not be a breaking of God's law. Moral precepts are eternal, and teacher and pupil are alike subject to them. Respect for all laws, moreover, makes duty an instinct. The fifth commandment says to parent and child, to teacher and pupil, to everybody, young or old, "Do your duty."

QUESTIONS. 1. What was the patriarchal system of government? 2. Give the derivation of the word *patriarch*. 3. Name some of the patriarchs of early Bible times. 4. Give an event in the life of one of them which illustrates the relationship between parents and children. 5. Give