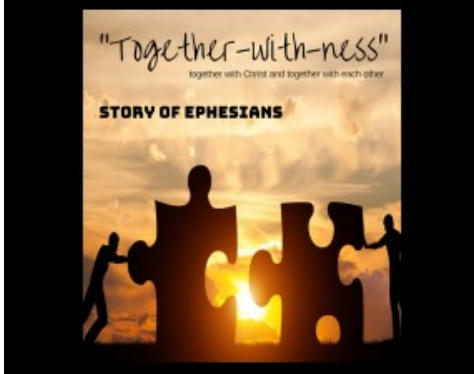
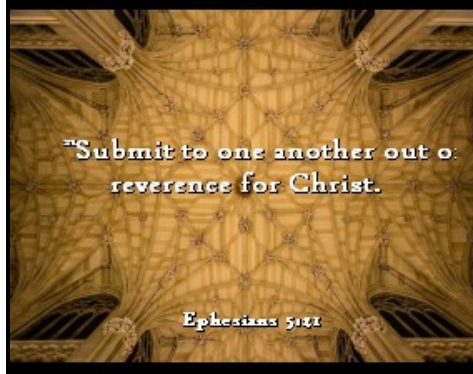


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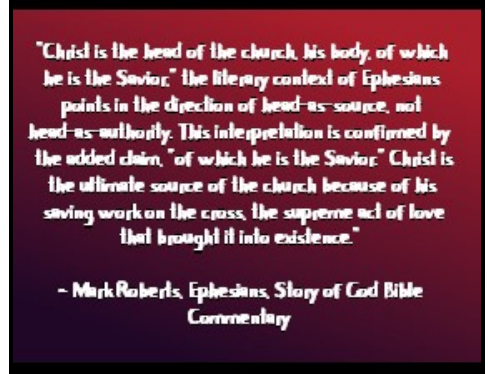


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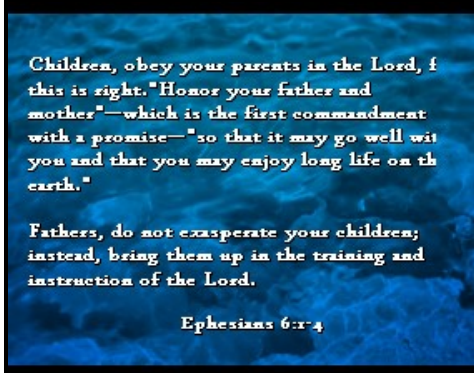
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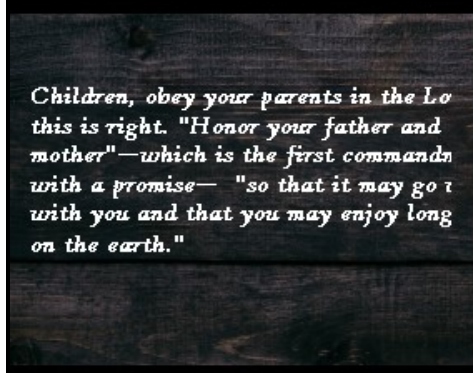
"Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior," the literary context of Ephesians points in the direction of head-as-source, not head-as-authority. This interpretation is confirmed by the

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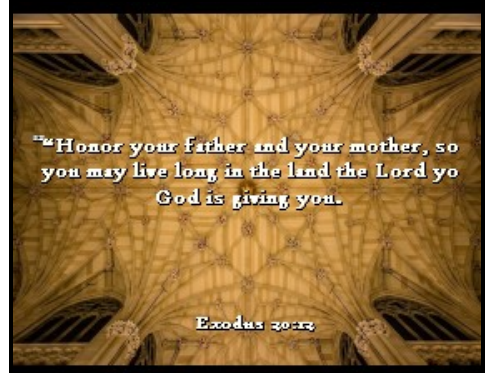
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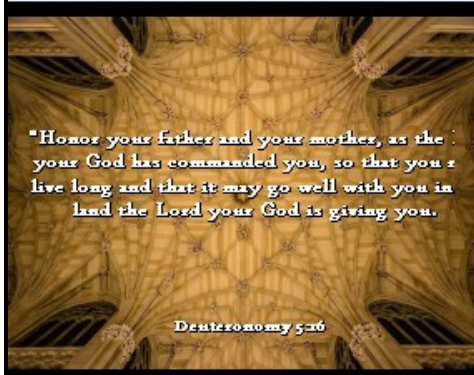
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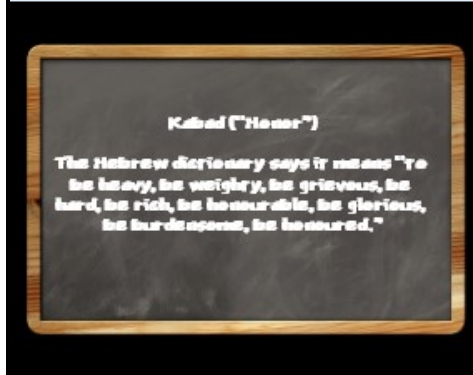
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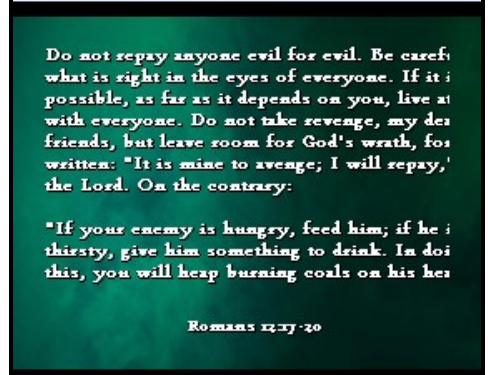
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8. Kabad ("Honor") 1. Page 1



Kabad ("Honor") The Hebrew dictionary says it means "to be heavy, be weighty, be grievous, be hard, be rich, be honourable, be glorious, be burdensome, be honoured."

9. Romans 12:17-20 (NIV) 1. Romans 12:17-20



Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room

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