

4. Sirach 3:1-ff. OT

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Children listen to your father, do what I tell you, and so be safe;
For the Lord honors the father in his children, And holds the rights of a mother
over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins;
He who honors his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.
Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own.
He shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honors
his father,
He who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.
He serves his parents as he does the Lord. Respect your father in deed as well as
word, So that blessing may come on you from him;
Since a father's blessing makes the houses of his children firm.

The Word of the Lord.