

THE LOCAL CHURCH

Our Core Value

I. To honor God means that Him and His things are weighty to us, they are very important (valuable) to us and we treat them in a manner that reflects that

A. Honor & Value-Honor has everything to do with how much you value something/someone

1. To value, to prize, of great price, most precious, dear, beloved, to esteem, to revere, to honor as sacred/special-NOTE-Honor-From G5099 (Tino)-To pay a price; G5092 (Time)-A value, that is money paid, or valuables; by analogy esteem (especially of the highest degree) – honor, precious, price; Thayer-A valuing by which the price is fixed; Honor which belongs or is shown one, deference, reverence; G5093 (Timios)-Valuable, that is, costly, or (subjectively) honored, esteemed, or figuratively beloved: dear, most precious; Thayer-As of great price, precious; Held in honor, esteemed, especially dear; G5091-To prize, that is, fix a valuation upon; by implication revere: - honor, value; Thayer-Estimate, fix the value; To honor, to have in honor, to revere --- To honor somebody as sacred/special
2. To be heavy or weighty-The heavier or weightier something is the more valuable it is; A weighty matter is something important-NOTE-Honor-Kabad-H3513-To be heavy, that is in a bad sense (burdensome, severe, dull) or in a good sense (numerous, rich, honorable); causatively to make weighty (in the same two senses): - abounding with, more grievously afflict, boast, be chargeable, be dim, glorify, be glorious, glory, very great, be grievous, harden, be (make) heavy, be heavier, lay heavily, (bring to, come to, do, get, be had in) honor, honorable, make self many, nobles, promote, be rich; BDB-To be heavy, be weighty; To be made heavy, be honored, enjoy honor, be made abundant; H3513-Weight; but only figuratively in a good sense, splendor or abundance; BDB-Abundance, riches, reverence, honor, glory

B. Honor & Respect-Honor is valuing something so much, it's so important to you so you treat it with great respect

1. Honor & Treatment-Your honor for a thing is seen in how you treat that thing; If you honor something it is important to you and you treat it in a way that reflects that (EX: Two watches)

C. The opposite of honor is to despise-God uses the word despise to contrast honor-**1Cor4:10-You are honorable, but we are despised; 1Sam2:30-For them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed; Mal1:6-Where is mine honor?...O priests that despise my name.**

1. Modern despising-To detest, hate, loathe, feel a deep repugnance for; That's not a scriptural picture
2. To despise-1) Unhonored or dishonored-Rather than valuing it and treating it with respect you don't 2) Disesteem-Slight disregard that is less than hatred 3) Disregard-Implies indifference, neglect, unworthy of regard 4) Esteem lightly, treat something as unimportant, make small account of, fail to acknowledge the importance of, care little for, to not value something, regard lightly; NOTE-Despise-Atimos-G820-Unhonored or dishonored; Thayer-Base, of less esteem; H936-Booz-To disrespect, contemn; BDB-Hold as insignificant (Pr13:13); H959-To disesteem, despise, worthless, regard with contempt; W1828-Contemn-To slight; To neglect as unworthy of regard; W1828-Disesteem-Slight disregard less than hatred; To consider with disregard-(To neglect to observe, neglect, slight, implying indifference, to slight as unworthy of regard or notice) --- Esteem something lightly, Treat something as unimportant, To care little for, regard lightly, make small account, Fail to acknowledge the importance of, To see a thing as worthless, to not value something
3. Degrees of despising-The strongest is to abhor or hate, but includes to make light of or hold as insignificant
 - a. **Gen25:34-Esau despised his birthright**-He didn't hate it, but he didn't value it the way he should/made light of it; **Ec9:16-Poor man's wisdom despised**; It's not hated, people just don't value it; **Ob2-I have made you small (insignificant, unimportant) among the heathen; you are greatly despised**; Despised is to be small, insignificant, unimportant; **Mal1:7-The table of the Lord is contemptible**-It's not that they hate the table of the Lord, but they didn't treat it with the respect that they should have

II. 1Sam2-God will honor those that honor him and those that don't honor Him, He will not honor

- **1Sam2:12-¹² Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD. ¹³ And the priests' custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; ¹⁴ And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither. ¹⁵ Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. ¹⁶ And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force. ¹⁷ Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.**

A. 12-Your honor for the Lord is seen in how you treat His things-Eli's sons did not honor the Lord we see it in how they treat His things

1. Knew-Regard, respect, care-**CS**-Did not respect; **CJ**-Had no regard; **ER**-Did not care; **NIRV**-Did not honor
 2. They mistreated, mishandled the Lord's offerings-People would bring meat as an offering and put it in a boiling pot to burn the fat (best) as a sacrifice to the Lord; The priest's servant came with a flesh hook to grab the meat out and whatever was there the priest could have; They were talking the best for themselves
 3. 17-The abhorred (despise, neglect) the offering-To them it was no big deal
- B. Respect is the result of honor-Honor deals with value; Respect deals with treatment; When you value someone/something you treating them/it respect; They reason they are not treating this offering with respect is because they don't value God/His things
- C. 17-Dishonor is a big deal to the Lord-This is b/c it's connected to your heart and reveals heart problems-Pr4:23
1. The sin was the dishonor (Lack of value, lack of respect)-The offerings were how dishonored manifested
 2. Your heart is connected to what you value-So if you value the wrong thing it reveals something wrong with your heart-**Mt6:21**-For where your treasure is there will your heart be also
 3. The way they treated God's things exposed their lack of honor and revealed something about their heart-It wasn't just what they were doing, it was what it revealed about their heart; God things meant little to them
 4. Who's more important you or God?-What He wants or what you want? The principle was that the best of the meat for God; They took it for themselves because they honored themselves above the Lord-To them they were worthy of what God was not worthy of
 5. The Lord addresses dishonor-He does not allow it to go on unaddressed
- *²²Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²³And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. ²⁴Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress. ²⁵If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them. ²⁷And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? ²⁸And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? ²⁹Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? ³⁰Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.*
- D. Honor is the leader's responsibility-When God has put you in charge of His work and His things one of the main jobs of the leader is to make sure God's things are handled with the honor and respect they are due
1. When there was a lack of honor in the house of God, God came to the leader, to Eli Not His sons
 2. Did Eli do enough? Asking why and say it's not good?-Talking isn't enough; They needed to be removed
- E. God picked them in the first place because they honored him-He could have chosen anybody
1. **Mal2:5**-**ER**-I made that agreement with Levi. I promised to give him life and peace and I have him those things. Levi respected me and showed honor to my name; **Nm25:10**-I give unto him (Phinehas-Aarons grandson) my covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God,
- F. They are despising and disrespecting God and His things-(Kick-Trample down, despise)
1. God has things and they should be treated with respect-My sacrifice, my offering, my services, my house
- G. There was something more important to Him than the Lord-His sons were more important to Him than the Lord
1. Should family be first?-His sons already think they're more important than the Lord and Eli actually fed into their delusion by choosing them over the Lord

2. Nothing should be more important to us than the Lord-Lk9:59-62-He said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. ⁶⁰ Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. ⁶¹ And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.⁶² And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

H. Be it far from me-People who do not honor God and have no little regard for Him/His things He will not honor

1. Dishonor disqualified-You can't handle precious things; God's plan changed based on their lack of honor; God didn't change, His will/plan didn't change, but they disqualified themselves from it

I. Them that honor me I will honor-That's some of the best news you've ever heard

1. God honor us with His presence, protection, long life, victory, prosperity-Ps91:15-16; God honors us by supporting, keeping, sustaining us-Pr29:23; God honors us by choosing us, equipping us and using us-2Tm2:20; God honors us with provision & increase-Pr3:9

III. Malachi 1-Honor for God and His things should mark the people of God – Where's my honor?

▪ **Mal1:6**-A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? ⁷ Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. ⁸ And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.⁹ And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.¹⁰ Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.¹¹ For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.¹² But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.¹³ Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

A. Honor for God should be evident in the lives of God's people-If you are a son you're supposed to honor your father, if you're a servant you're supposed to honor your master-**Rm13:8-AC**-Honor to whom honor is due

1. Honor is one of the first things you should learn-God/His things are important and to be treated with respect

2. Honor is not automatic-Just because you're a child of God doesn't you automatically honor God

B. 6-The deceptiveness of dishonor is that you don't see it-It's like they don't believe they dishonor Him

1. Words & intentions-We tend judge our honor based on our words and intentions not on what we actually do

2. If we ask God will show us-If there's dishonor in your life do you want to see it? Don't assume there's none

C. God has things-His altar, His table, His services, His offerings, His word, His sent ones, His house and their lack of honor manifested in how they treated His things

D. 7-How you actually treat His things speaks of your honor for Him-Not your words or good intentions speaking

1. Were they actually saying this with their mouths?-Most likely with their words they were saying how important His table was, but by how they were treating His things they said something different; By the how they treated the Lord's offering and table, their actions spoke (Contemptible-Disesteem)

2. You can say you honor God and not actually honor Him-You can say one thing but another be true-**Mt15:8**-*This people draw nigh unto me with their mouth and honor me with their lips but their heart is far from me*

E. 8-God calls this dishonor, this despising, this disesteeming evil-When the people of God are treating the things of God like they're not important is this good or bad?

1. They brought the least valuable thing they had to the Lord because this was not important to them

F. 8-The height of dishonor-I'm will to do it for someone, but I won't do it for you

1. Will you do it for Him?-You'll stay late for something, you'll show up early for something, you'll be uncomfortable for something, you'll be inconvenienced for something
 2. Everything, anything, anytime, anywhere-Something in your life right now is worth your everything, your anything, your anytime, your anywhere; When you locate it you've found what you honor the most
 3. To honor above-This means you would do stuff for someone that you won't do for someone else-Eli honored his sons above the Lord; They honor themselves above the Lord because had they not paid their taxes that would've affected them negatively and so they were worth the good offering, but God was not
- G. 9-The opposite of those that honor me I will honor and be it far from Him-TAY-You recite God be gracious to us, but when you bring that kind of gift why should he show you any favor at all
1. This describes many Christians today-God and His things mean little to nothing to them and yet they're asking God to be gracious to them; Want His best while we give Him our least, our leftovers, our if we have
 2. Honor and a fruitful prayer life-Without honor for God in place your prayer life will be unfruitful
- H. 10-AMP-Pretending to honor the Lord-They're going through the motions, playing, pretending like God and His things were important when they weren't and this upset the Lord
- I. 11-God will find someone who Him and His things mean something to-Will that be you?-**ERV**-*People all around the world respect my name. All around the world they bring good gifts to me and burn good incense as a gift to me, because my name is important to all of them*
- J. 12-God and His things can't be treated as common in a life of honor-Profaned it-Treat as common, dishonor
- K. 13-God's things were an inconvenience-Weariness-What a trouble; *Snuffed*-Resent, offended, disesteem
1. **TLB**-*Oh it's too difficult to serve the Lord and do what He asks. NIV*-*What a burden; CSB*-*What a nuisance*
 2. They brought offerings everyday and at some point what was once heavy and holy and weighty to them became light, became common the honor and respect dissipated

IV. God wants His things to be important to you and He wants you to treat them like they are important

- A. When what is important to God is important to you hit the heart of God-A man after God's heart-1Sm13:14
- B. Convenience and casualness-The two greatest enemies to honor; Convenience means I don't want it to cost me much; Casualness means I don't want to have to make that big of deal about it
1. When casual and convenient becomes our marketing approach we need to be very cautious
- C. Casualness? God and His things should be a big deal to us-There should be nothing casual about our approach to the things of God
1. **Ps34:3**-*O magnify (to raise in estimation, become great or important) the Lord with me, and let us exalt (to elevated in estimation, to lift to a high place) his name together; Rm11:13*-*I magnify my office*
- D. Convenience? God's and is things are to be so important to be inconvenienced for them
1. Many want a Christianity that cost them nothing, David said I want it to cost me something-2Sam24:24-*The king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of you at a price: neither will I offer burn offerings unto the Lord my god that which doth cost me nothing*
 2. Honor is revealed in sacrifice-What you're willing to pay for a thing reveals how much you value a thing or your honor it for it; If you won't pay much, sacrifice much, then you don't honor much
 3. Time energy, effort, resources-If we locate these things, we have located what you honor and value
- E. The master key-Jesus paid the price the high and precious things of God are available to us because of the price He paid, but honor is the master key that unlocks the door

1. God will not put precious things into the hands of people who don't value them-**Mt7:6**-*Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet and turn again and rend you;* **1Sam2:30**-*Be it far from me*

F. Why don't you want to?-Many ask do we have to? The heart must be addressed

V. NOTES

- A \$1 bill weighs the same as a \$100 bill, but the piece of paper represents gold and the gold that \$100 represents is heavier than the \$1 bill and so the heavier something is the more valuable it is

- In those days when you went to buy something they had scales and how much something cost, was determined by a weight; If something is really expensive you had to pile a lot of precious metal on that scale to buy it; The more valuable it was the heavier the price; To honor has to do with something that is heavy or weighty and by implication something that is precious or valuable
- Nowadays a lot of times the opposite is happening; We've cut down our services you can wear what you want everything is casual and convenient and we're basically communicated it's not a big deal
- If you say you honor God but are unwilling to be inconvenienced, make any sacrifice and don't have any time for Him then do you really honor him
- Many are giving God their least, their leftovers, their if I have
- When your paycheck is on the line you'll be on time, you'll stay late, you'll get there early, you'll be corrected, but then when it comes to Church you're unwilling to do any of those things
- They are going to church and bringing and offering and God calls it evil; God is interested in the heart and going through the motions and throwing your scraps and leftovers won't cut it
- ***MSG-I am honored all over the world. And there are people who know how to worship me all over the world, who honor me by bringing their best to me. They're saying it everywhere: 'God is greater, this GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies***
- The way you reveal value, honor, importance is by choosing something over something else, it's by the sacrifice you make for it