

THE HONOR OF GOD

Who Does God Choose?

I. Why did God choose them?

- A. 28-God honored them by choosing them OUT OF ALL THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL to be His priest
- B. The reason they got chosen to begin with was because they did honor God and his things
 - 1. *Malachi 2:4-5-And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. 5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. – Fear-Honor, Respect*
 - 2. Numbers 25:10-13-God's plan was that the priesthood continue in the family of Aaron forever (Exodus 29:9, 40:15)
 - a. He got chosen because he was **zealous**-Passionate in the pursuit of anything, Enthusiastic
- C. God's choosing is not random, those who honor him the most get chosen to have the most and do the most and be used the most
- D. 1 Timothy 3:10-To be saved all you have to do is believe, but to be chosen and used you have to be proven and qualified
 - 1. Proved-Deemed Worthy

II. Dishonor disqualifies you-Through dishonor they judged themselves unworthy of the priesthood

- A. 30-Be it far from me is an expression of impossibility – God cannot possibly honor those who have dishonored and despised Him
- B. 30-The Lord started off saying one thing, but now he's saying something else
 - 1. Something changed the plan of God for Levi and His house; The Lord said that Levi's house should walk before Him forever and that they priesthood would stay with him and his sons after him, but now the Lord says Be it far from me and something changed and something that was theirs from the Lord and should have been their children's after them, they lost and it wasn't God who changed it was them; God's plan didn't change, but they disqualified themselves from it by failing to honor and value his things
- C. Is it fair that they lost it?
 - 1. 31-His sons dies and all his posterity died young
 - 2. 33-The posterity of Eli continued to be high priests until Solomon, then judgment on Eli was completed-1Kings2:26-27
 - 3. 2 Timothy 2:11-13
- D. You can ensure that you get what God wants you to have and you can ensure that you keep it by honoring it and treating it as valuable and with great respect

III. Matthew 22:1-14-What you make light of you judge yourself unworthy to partake of

- A. 3-These people that didn't come are people of dishonor and it shows up right away
 - 1. He had to send his servants to call them there were invited; You can tell already that it doesn't mean much to these people; They were already were invited, but didn't come so he had to send his servants to go call them to tell them it's ready so come on now; if it was important to you you'd be there before it was ready
 - 2. 4-**AGAIN**-He Gave them a third chance (1st Chance was the invitation, 2nd chance was sending his servants the first time)
 - 3. If they will honor their king and come they are going to partake of some rich things and this wedding, but because of dishonor/disrespect/despising this their window of opportunity is closing; God affords us certain opportunities that won't last forever
- B. 3-Why wouldn't you come? You could have come, but you chose not to so why? It's not important enough to you and something else was too important to you, more important to you
 - 1. 3-They WOULD not come; that's didn't say they COULD not come, it said they WOULD not come; So they could have come
 - 2. 5-What was so important? One's farm and another's business was more important to them than God and His things
- C. 5-The made light of it (Carless, Neglect)-**NEVER make light of something that is important to the Lord, for that is dishonor**
 - 1. The dinner was no big deal to them and so them not being at the dinner was a no big deal to them, and they think that them not being there will be no big deal to the King/the Lord, but it was a big deal to the King/the Lord
 - a. Luke 14:16-**Great Supper**-Things esteemed highly for their importance
 - b. Luke 14:18-20-They made excuse and asked to be excused and they weren't excused; It was not okay with the Lord that they didn't come and it was a big deal to him that they didn't come, but they thought was it's no big deal
 - 1) Just cause you want it to be okay doesn't mean that it is okay ; "Oh it's okay" "Oh it's not a big deal" "The Lord understands"
 - 2) There's no excuse for God not being first, there's no excuse for dishonor
 - 2. You dishonor the Lord and your things will be lightly esteemed
 - a. 5-7-In doing this to the King's servants they dishonored the King and because they dishonored him their lives and their stuff was lightly esteemed by him and mean nothing to him
 - b. This guy's farm and this guy's business now mean little to nothing to the Lord

D. 8-The ones who rejected this wedding and didn't esteem and value it were not worthy of it; they actually judged themselves unworthy to partake of it because they didn't esteem it and it wasn't important to them

1. **What they were going to partake of at this wedding was too good for them to have; They weren't worthy of it**
2. What made them unworthy of it? It wasn't their bad conduct or that they were bad people or that they were substandard people who just didn't measure up and weren't good enough for it; You couldn't say that because He invited them, He picked them, He selected them and asked them to come and even when they ignored him he asked them again-What made them unworthy of it is that they didn't value it and it didn't mean anything to them
 - a. 10-They might have been bad, but they valued it enough to come and here there are people whose conduct wasn't all that good and yet they partook of it because it meant something to them
 - b. 10-With maybe not the best conduct they judged themselves worthy to partake of it because it means something to them
3. 10-Do you think these people in the highways were doing anything, going anywhere, had plans that day? Do you think maybe some of them had their own business or had their own farms and were tending to those things when the invitation came? Yet this wedding and their king meant enough to them that whatever they were doing it wasn't as important as their king and this wedding he was having and because that was their attitude they judged themselves worthy to partake of it
4. **If it's not worth it to you, then you are not worthy of it**
 - a. **There are billions of people on the planet and God could be using somebody else and if we stop appreciating it and valuing it then we stop being qualified for it and when it's not worth it to us any more, then we are not worthy of it**
 - b. **What you don't value and appreciate and honor you judge yourself unworthy to have – Is that fair?**

E. 11-His heart was revealed in how he is was dressed and what he wore

1. 11-The way he was dressed revealed his heart, that this wedding wasn't that important to him
2. 12-He was speechless b/c he didn't think that what he wore mattered to the king; after all HE showed up when others didn't
3. 13-He lost the opportunity to be at this wedding because he did not value it and we saw that in how he dressed

F. 14-Many are invited but few are chosen; who does God choose? He chooses those that honor him and value his things

1. **It's not a mystery or some type of random thing when it comes to who God chooses; it's clear and He makes it clear to us that he chooses those that honor him**
 2. **You don't have to wonder if you'll be chosen or be afraid that you won't be chosen, you can ensure that you will be chosen by honoring God and his things the best you know how**
- G. 2-The Kingdom of Heaven is like this (God invites people to partake of precious things and many don't have time for it so they miss out on it, but there are a few who will value it and esteem it as precious and they will partake of the rich things of God)