

## THE HONOR OF GOD

What's It Worth?

**Foundation Statement:** *So often your honor for a thing (how much you value it) is seen in the price you are willing to pay and what you are willing to do to have it, to be apart of it – What are willing to pay for it? What are you willing to do for it? That reveals your honor for it, that reveals how much you value it and how important it is to you-Matthew 13:44-48*

### I. **Matthew 13:44-46-The Kingdom of God (God and His things) are so precious and so valuable**

- A. This first of reveals the value of God and His things; In these verses we are talking about something very precious; God and his things and getting to be a part of them is precious (**Treasure**-Place or thing where what you value most is stored or kept, **Pearl of great price**-Very valuable)
- B. God and His things, to get to experience and be a part of, according to this verse is worth everything a man has
  - 1. **If you get a chance to be apart of the kingdom of Heaven (God and His things) you should give everything you have to do so**
  - 2. *What price should you be willing to be to get to be apart of and experience God and His things?*  
**Everything** – *What should you be willing to do?* **Anything** – *Where should you be willing to go?*  
**Anywhere** – *When should you be willing to do it?* **Anytime**

### II. **Matthew 13:44-46-We see your honor for a thing in the price you are willing to pay for it, what you are willing to do for it**

- A. One of the main ways we see a lack of honor for God and for His things is in the price a person is unwilling to pay for them; If you are not willing to give much for them, to do much for them, to sacrifice much for them, to be inconvenienced much for them then that reveals that God and His things don't carry much value your life
  - 1. Matt13:44-He paid a price for this precious item and he paid the highest price he could be because he sold all that he had; you can't pay a higher price then giving all you got for it and this reveals to us just how important this treasure in this field was to him
    - a. How do we know how much he honored this treasure? **We see his honor for it in the price he was willing to pay for it**
  - 2. Matthew 13:46-He found a pearl that was so precious to him that he willingly went and sold all that he had and bought that one pearl; he couldn't have paid a higher price and **his honor for it was seen in the price he was willing to pay for it**
- B. Why would you be willing to sell how that you have and pay such a great price? B/C it means something to you, it's precious to you

1. How much does the first guy value that treasure in that field? How much does the second guy value that pearl? We see how much they valued it, honored it, in the price they were willing to pay for it
2. **Paying a "great" price reveals great honor and when you are willing to pay a great price it reveals great honor**
3. **Unwillingness to pay a price reveals dishonor**

C. \*One way in which people are failing in this area of honor is they don't value God and His things enough; it's just not precious to some; The problem with that is when you don't value a thing you won't be willing to give much for it, do much for it, sacrifice much for it because it's not worth it to you

### **III. Matthew 13:44-Buys that field; so there was some cost involved, a price he had to pay and this is what the kingdom of God is like**

- A. Is there cost involved in the Kingdom of God? Is there a price you have to pay?
1. Luke 14:33-There is cost involved when it comes to God honoring you and getting to experience and be a part of the precious things of God and the question is how much does God honoring you mean to you, how much does being apart of the precious things of God mean to you
  2. Luke 14:16-He's talking about the dinner and to come it was going to cost some time with their land and their cattle and their wife and to them that dinner wasn't worth it and they weren't willing to pay the price; it wasn't worth the cost of inconvenience
  3. There was a cost involved in being at that dinner and the cost was come right now and they weren't willing to pay it and because they wouldn't pay the price they didn't get to experience these precious things
- B. When you are talking about paying a price, you're talking about it costing you something; When you are talking about something costing you something you're talking about you giving something in exchange for something else that you deem to be worth it (or worth the price you paid)
1. These two guys are giving something in exchange for something else that they deemed worthy of what they gave up
  2. **What you are or are not willing to pay or give for a thing reveals your honor or lack thereof for that thing because with what you are or are not willing to pay you are saying that it either is or is not worth it (worthy of the price)**
  3. **What is Jesus worth to you? What is God worth to you? What is following Jesus worth to you? What is pleasing Him worth to you? What is experiencing God and His precious things worth to you? What is being used of Him worth to you? What is His anointing worth to you? What is fulfilling His plan for your life worth to you? What price would you be willing to pay for Jesus, to follow Him, to please Him, to experience Him, to be used of Him, to fulfill His plan?**

C. The problem with people is they immediately spout out of their mouth, "He's worth everything," and yes he is, but if you are not willing to do *anything* for him, then He is not worth *everything* TO YOU; and that a lack of honor

1. Honor is seen, more than it's heard-Matthew 15:8
2. Some aren't willing to do much for him and if so then what they are saying is he is not worth paying that price
3. What would you be willing to pay? What would you be willing to do? How much does it mean to you? – These questions are not answered with words, they are answered by the price you *actually* pay
4. EX: If I ask a guy what he'd be willing to pay for this new phone and he says he'd be willing to pay \$500 for it and I said so you'd pay \$500 for it and he says absolutely yes, it is worth that to me. Then two hours later somebody shows up with that phone available to him to buy and he says, "Well I'm not sure," then what we just found out is that it's not worth \$500 to him because he wouldn't pay the price and even though he said it was worth that, it turned out to not be true.
5. **If you're not willing to do much, to pay much, to be inconvenienced much then the simple reality is that even though it may be a precious and valuable thing generally speaking, the reality is that it does not mean much to you**

D. As we discover what it's worth to you, the price you'd be willing to pay, we will discover just how much you honor God and his things

**IV. Matthew 13:47-48-If it is not worth it to you, then you are not worthy of it because you don't honor it, value it**

A. What would make somebody worthy and somebody else worthless? It's not good or bad behavior – The person who is not willing to give everything they have for it doesn't value it and therefore they are unfit to have it, handle it, experience it; The person who is willing to give everything for it does value it and therefore they are worthy, suitable, fit to have it, handle it, experience it

1. **Good**-Useful, suitable, approved, honorable, precious
2. **Bad**-Unfit for use, worthless
3. Something as precious as His kingdom has no business being in the hands of someone who doesn't value it

B. 48-The worthless ones are the ones to whom the Kingdom of God was not worth it