

## THE HONOR OF GOD

### Suffering & Glory

#### I. Suffering and the glory are connected because suffering is a manifestation of you honoring him and glory is a manifestation of him honoring you

##### A. 1 Peter 4:1-2-The Bible definition of suffering

1. *He that has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin*-Suffering is simply you not giving your flesh what it wants and you not pleasing yourself and not living by your human appetites and desires, but living for what God wants and pleasing Him
    - a. Hebrews 2:18-Jesus suffered, being tempted and not giving into what his flesh wanted; the suffering is being tempted and not giving your flesh what it wants; When you stop pleasing your flesh, you started suffering
    - b. Jesus did suffer for us on the cross, but he also suffered in the flesh by not giving into his flesh
  2. Arm yourself with the same mindset that Jesus had about suffering
    - a. **Arm**-In preparation of warfare, furnish with arms; **Take on the same mind**
    - b. **Mind**-The same resolve, the same determination, the same attitude, the same thinking, the same feeling
    - c. **Suffer rather than fail to please God-That's the mindset, that's the attitude and that's honor**
      - 1) **Whatever it takes to please God I'm going to do it; if I have to wake up early, stay up late, miss meals, be inconvenienced**
      - 2) **That mindset is a weapon you use against the adversary**
  3. The life of honor is simple: I do whatever pleases Him b/c He is the biggest thing in my life and pleasing Him is what I value the most
    - a. John 8:29-You always do what pleases Him? Even when it's hard, uncomfortable, inconvenient? Why would you do that?
      - 1) When pleasing God is more important to you than pleasing your flesh that's you honoring God above your flesh
      - 2) **When living for what God wants is the most important thing in your life you'll will be living a life of honor**
    - b. Why would you live like that? Because what God wants is the biggest thing in your life
  4. This is where you find your life and your fulfillment-John 4:24, Matthew 10:39
    - a. **When you start living like this the glory follows, the honor of God follows and that is life**
- B. 1 Peter 1:11, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Romans 8:18-There is a principle in the Word of God that says glory follows suffering
1. That's easy to understand because suffering is you honoring God and glory is Him honoring you

- a. **Sufferings**-Enduring, Affliction; **Glory-Honor**, excellence, most glorious condition, most exalted state
- 2. 1 Peter 5:1,10-This is you honoring God and him honoring you
  - a. God making you perfect, establishing you, strengthening you, settling you is God honoring you
  - b. **Suffered**-To feel, Have sensible experience, to under go (The idea is that your flesh is having some feelings that the you don't need to be yielding to)
- C. 1 Peter 4:12-16-What to do when you suffer?
  - 1. 12,13-You're supposed to rejoice when you're being tempted and suffering
    - a. Hebrews 2:18-Christ's sufferings was that he was tempted and didn't yield to the temptation
      - 1) You don't partake of the suffering he partook of on the cross; you're not qualified to take part of that suffering
    - b. Rejoice when things come to try your character and pressure is being put on your flesh
      - 1) This has not be our attitude when in times of pressure
  - 2. 13-Rejoice when you honor him (through suffering) and you're going to be rejoicing when he honors you (through glory)
  - 3. 14-Being reproached for the name of Christ would be you suffering as long as you don't yield to flesh when you are reproached
    - a. The spirit of glory rest upon you-That's God honoring you
    - b. On your part he is glorified-That's you honoring him
  - 4. 15-You can experience a different kind of suffering because you gave into the flesh
    - a. Many times when people think about suffering they are thinking about stuff that's happening to them because they disobeyed God and that's not suffering, that's righteous judgment; Suffering is you doing what God wants and not giving the flesh what it wants; had people done that they wouldn't be experiencing so much so-called "suffering"
  - 5. 16-When you're suffering the Bible instructs you to glorify God
    - a. NOT tell everybody how hard it is and what a great price you've paid, NOT put a sad look on your face to get attention
      - 1) Ex: God told you to get up at five and pray everyday and it's not enough to just do that you have to put it on twitter
    - b. **Glorify**-Praise, magnify, celebrate, honor; Be thankful that you were deemed worthy to suffer for his name
    - c. **1 Peter 1:7-These situations of suffering are too precious to just give to anybody because of the potential glory attached to them; When God has put you in a situation where your flesh is being pulled on in every direction and there's so much pressure on you to just give in and give up and quit and leave; When God has entrusted you with that type of suffering**

**be thankful because not everybody gets to do that and also there's some of him honoring you attached to that that not everybody gets to partake of**

**II. If you magnify the price you paid you devalue what you obtained and you judge yourself unworthy for greater**

- A. Philippians 3-He valued knowing Jesus, being found in him, having his righteousness, the power of his resurrection, the fellowship of his sufferings and to him it was worth everything he gave up and in comparison to what he got, what he gave up was dung
1. If anybody could have magnified the price they paid it was him
  2. All things-**Everything** and Everything he gave up he called it **dung**-worthless
- B. Matthew 13:44-For joy thereof goes and sells all that he has and buys the field – Joy in paying the price is a manifestation of honor because it reveals that what you obtained in exchange for the price you paid was well worth it (**Joy**-Gladness, the cause or occasion of joy)
1. Why would he be so joyful? Why so happy? He gave everything for this treasure and this field yet he's happy so why so happy?
    - a. Because in his mind what he paid was no comparison to what he got; He paid the greatest price he could pay and was happy to do it because of the greatness of what he got
  2. He didn't lament the price he paid and he didn't do it begrudgingly; He was happy to pay it
  3. Romans 8:18-Don't compare suffering with the glory because they are not to be compared
    - a. Don't make a big deal about what you're giving up because compared to what you're getting it's dung
- C. The tendency of the carnality and immaturity is to magnify the suffering, magnify the price you paid
1. When you act like the price you paid was so great you are devaluing you what you got (It makes it sound like it was barely worth it)
  2. **When you really value something and honor it and esteem it you'd be willing to pay any price for it and you'd be glad to do it because the thing you got means so much to you that the price you paid means nothing to you in comparison to what you got**
    - a. EX: If I lament to Amber how much I gave up to marry her it's going to make it sound like she was barely worth it
  3. Some believers have the attitude that they do so much for the Lord (Is He not worth it, barely worth it?) and to act this way is to act as if He is not worth it and you are judging yourself unworthy to have more because you don't value what you got to be apart of
    - a. **You don't got to do it, you get to do it and you're glad to do it because it's worth it**
- D. It's not that it's too hard or that the price is too great it's that you don't value it enough; If you value it enough no price would be too great, nothing would be too hard

1. "You're making it too hard" – I'm not making it anything, I can't make it harder or easier, it is what it is; maybe it seems too hard for you and the price seems too great because you don't value it enough