

THE HONOR OF GOD

What's The Big Deal?

I. To live a life of honor what's important to God **MUST** be important to us

- A. 1 Samuel 16:1-10-There are two different value systems; What the Lord regards and values and pays attention to is different than what a man regards, values, and pays attention to; What's important to man and what is important to the Lord differed
- a. Man looks on (regards, values, pays attention to) the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart
 - b. Samuel saw Eliab and said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before me," because he valued appearance and height
2. When the Lord saw Eliab He didn't see height and stature, he a heart that was lacking
- a. God refused Eliab-**Refuse**-Despise, Regard lightly
 - 1) 1 Samuel 2:30-Apparently Eliab doesn't respect God and His things and because he doesn't he is being lightly esteemed
 - b. He's good looking, He's tall and yet in the eyes of the Lord he is regarded lightly and that's simply because the Lord doesn't value appearance or height; Those things aren't important to the Lord even though they may be important to man
 - 1) **Countenance**-Appearance; **Stature**-Height
 - c. When Samuel saw Eliab he regarded him, but when the Lord saw him He didn't think much of him
 - 1) They're not seeing the same thing and they don't value the same thing
 - 2) God's not looking for somebody tall and pretty when it came to selecting a king, because to Him that meant nothing and it wasn't important to Him when it came to selecting a King
 - 3) Because Samuel values height and appearance in a King he regards Eliab and because God does not value those things he does not regard Eliab
3. The Lord told Samuel to not regard or pay attention to his looks or his height because those things mean nothing when it comes to selecting a King (**Look Not**-Respect, Show regard to, Pay attention to, Consider)
- a. God's telling Him don't regard and value and pay attention to stuff that's not important
 - b. **Samuel's value system is being recalibrated – Our value systems need to be recalibrated**
 - c. The Lord regards and pays attention to and considers a man's heart
 - d. **Look**-To regard, give attention to, Consider
- B. Why does God look at the heart? – He looks at your heart to find out what's most important to you, what you value the most-Matthew 6:21

1. When God looks at your heart, he discovers what you treasure or what's important to you
 - a. **The most important thing to God is to find out what's most important to you**
 2. **When God sees your heart what you want Him to see is a heart like His, that values what He values**
 - a. Acts 13:22-David was selected b/c His heart was like God's, He valued what God valued; This was what the Lord valued in King
 - 1) 1 Samuel 13:14-The Lord has sought him a man after his own heart
 - 2) God's looking for someone who is pursuing what's most important to him
 - b. David was after what was important to the Lord because if you are after God's heart you are after what He values
 - 1) *CEB-A man who shares my desires; EXB-A man whose heart is like mine; MSG-Whose heart beats to my heart*
 3. **When what's important to the Lord becomes the most important thing to you, THEN you'll be honoring Him as a man after His heart**
 - a. What's important to God needs to be what's important to you and what's not important to Him shouldn't be important to you
- C. 1 Samuel 15:1-When what's important to the Lord is not important to you, you will dishonor Him and then you will be lightly esteemed
1. 1 Samuel 16:1-Saul was **rejected**-despised so apparently Saul dishonored the Lord and what was important to the Lord wasn't important to him and because of it he was despised, lightly esteemed-1 Samuel 2:30
 2. **1-Hearken**-He needs to regard these words from God; these words from God should be important to Him and mean something to him
 - a. 2-3-It was important to the Lord that Amalek and all they had be destroyed for what they did to God's people
 - b. It was important to the Lord because He made promises to His people regarding enemies that came against them
 3. 7-9-What the Lord wanted and what was important to the Lord wasn't important to Saul; something else was more important
 - a. What was more important to him was being praised and honored by the people; He wanted to come back and be celebrated
 4. 17-In his eyes He became bigger than the Lord and what He wanted was more important than what the Lord wanted; He honored himself above the Lord (**Little**-Small, insignificant, unimportant)
 5. 23,26-Saul **rejected**-despised the word of the Lord; He regarded it lightly, it meant little to Him, God's word was no big deal to him

a. **Something that should have been a big deal to him, he treated as no big deal**

b. I bet Saul thought that what he was doing was this was no big deal (What's that matter, I mean the thing is we won and most of what they had was destroyed, we just kept some of the good stuff for ourselves)

6. 30-He wanted to be honored by the Lord while he dishonored Him

II. When what you value and what the Lord values is different disrespect and dishonor is inevitable

because you're going to treat something that is important to him with disesteem and the reason is

because it is not important to you; it's only when what you value mirrors what He values that you will

live a life of honor

A. Luke 14:16-What they valued and what their master valued differed and because it differed dishonor was inevitable and they treated something that was very important to their master with disesteem and in doing so they dishonored/disrespected him

1. This dinner was a big deal to the Lord, but it meant nothing to them (**Great-Things esteemed highly for their importance**)

B. Matthew 22:5-Never make light of something that is weighty to the Lord

1. This means that they said something was no big deal, that was in fact a big deal to the Lord

2. What's the big deal?

3. There are things that are so weighty and precious to the Lord and so valuable to Him and when we see them, we think ho hum

C. It cannot be that things that mean very much to Jesus mean very little to you and things that mean very little to Jesus mean very much to you; this is the foundation to a life of dishonor

1. Stuff that is not a big deal to the Lord has been too big of a deal to us and stuff that has been a big deal to the Lord has been no big deal to us; Beware of having a different value system than the Lord has

2. When you're value system is different than the Lord's it's impossible to live a life of honor

III. We need mind renewal about what's valuable and what's not; We have to see the true value of things and attach the proper value to things

A. If you're value system is off your honor is going to be misplaced (Stuff will be important to you that shouldn't be important at all)

1. We need to begin to see through his eyes and value what he values so that we don't treat something that he esteems highly with disrespect-(1 Samuel 16:7-The Lord sees not as man sees)

2. The cry of our heart should be Lord open my eyes to what is truly valuable and to see the true value of things

3. **Light of what's truly valuable is paramount in living a life of honor**

4. John 5:41,44-The honor of men was important to them, the honor of God was important to Him

- a. Matthew 12:11-12-Are we to value a sheep more than we value a man
- B. What you don't see the value of you will not honor; if something is valuable, but you don't see it as such you will not treat it as such
 - 1. Luke 14-This dinner was of great value, but they didn't see it as such and as a result they didn't treat it as such
 - 2. Matthew 7:6-Dogs don't honor that which is holy and hogs don't honor pearls because they don't see the value of them
- C. Philippians 3:1-10-His value system was reset and these things that used to be important to him no longer are
 - 1. Before stuff that was really important to him meant nothing to the Lord and stuff that was really important to the Lord meant nothing to him, but now what he values is lined up and in agreement with what the Lord values
- D. A characteristic of children is they don't see the true value of things; spiritual immaturity is revealed in that you don't know what's truly important

IV. In layman's terms this is what honor does, it makes a big deal of things that important to the Lord

- A. 1 Samuel 2:17-If it's a big deal to the Lord, then you need to make a big deal out of it
 - 1. They abhorred, despised, made light of the offering of the Lord and they thought what they were doing was no big deal
 - a. **Abhorred**-Spurn, despise, contemn – This offering meant nothing to them, but it was a very big deal to the Lord
 - 2. This was a very big deal to the Lord, but it was no big deal to them (**Very great**-Exceedingly important)
 - a. What they value is very different from what the Lord values
 - 3. The outrage is that they think this (what they're doing, how they're treating His things) is no big deal
 - a. *EX: It was probably this kind of language, "Oh what's the big deal, it's just meat, after all what we're taking is just being burnt off anyway and there have been thousands of a sacrifices to the Lord so what's it matter if we take the fat of these offerings."*
 - 4. **In a life of dishonor people demean the importance of things so that they don't have to be honorable and treat them with respect**
 - a. You can tell yourself that it's not a big deal, but that doesn't mean that it's not a big deal; You can act like it's not big deal, but that doesn't mean it isn't a big deal; I know people like to act like it's not a big deal so then it requires no honor of them
- B. In a life of dishonor everything is common, everything is casual, nothing is sacred, nothing is special, everything is light

1. **In a life of honor there is some stuff that is really big deal that should be treated as sacred and special**
 - a. **When you truly do honor something you make a big deal out of it, it means something to you and there is certain behavior and certain talk that you're just not going to let happen in regards to something or someone whom you honor**
 - b. **In an atmosphere where nothing is a big deal dishonor is running loose**
2. The opposite of making a big deal out of it is this word CASUAL and this attitude that it's no big deal
 - a. *Casual- Informal, unceremonious, unconcerned; Made or done without much thought; Off the cuff; Do something in a halfhearted way, unfocused; Lacking plan, purpose, or enthusiasm; Acting without sufficient care of thoroughness; Without formality in particular of clothing suitable for everyday wear rather than formal occasions, informal, everyday*
 - b. **Our approach to God and to His things should never be casual**
 - 1) **You are doing nobody a favor if you act like treating the things of God casually is okay**
 - 2) **If your approach to God and His things is casual then you don't truly know who or what you are approaching**
 - c. People have tried to make Christianity more casual to draw the masses, but if the masses aren't willing to treat it as something other than casual then they are worthy to be apart of it
 - 1) We are trying to make something that's not for everybody for everybody (It's available to everybody)-Matthew 7:13-14
 - 2) Should I conform to your carnality to draw you? Should I start treating precious and holy things as less precious to draw you? "I'd come if you didn't preach so long," you're not worthy to partake of it if that's your attitude because what's going on here is so precious that you should be willing to give as much time to it as it takes. – Should I conform to that carnality to draw you and if I do then when are we going to change because that attitude about the things of God is unacceptable.
- C. We need to see God and His things as greatly important and make a big deal out of them
 1. Romans 11:13-I **magnify** (honor, hold in honor) mine office (I see it as a big deal)
 - a. **The assignment is big because of who gave it to you, not because of the details of the assignment**
 - b. **It's not a big deal because of WHAT it is, but WHO it is that gave it to him**
 - c. **You can't magnify the Lord and not magnify his things (You can't tell God how important He is to you and then despise His Word, His services, His assignment on your life, His people)**

2. Magnifying the Lord has to do with seeing God bigger and making a big deal out of Him and His things and that is honor
 - a. Acts 10:46-**Magnify**-Esteem highly, Deem great
 - b. Psalm 34:3-**Magnify**-Become great or important, Praise
 3. Things that are so huge to him are often seen as very little to flesh-Zechariah 4:10
- D. Make sure that you're not saying stuff is no big deal, that is a big deal to the Lord; You have to get what's going on in this people's hearts and minds; To them these things aren't that big of deal, and they don't matter that much; They would have probably said, "**What's the big deal?** What's it matter?" (Luke 14, 1 Samuel 2, Malachi 1)
1. Luke 14-This dinner was important and they made light of it
 2. 1 Samuel 2-Being priests and the house of God and this offering was important, but they made light of it
 3. Malachi 1-This offering was important and they might light of it
 4. Matthew 22:10-13-Something was worth getting cleaned up for, just not the Lord's things

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What Is Weighty?

- I. **When we honor God He and His things are weighty to us, they are important to us, they're big to us and we treat them in such a way that reflects that; When we dishonor God He and His stuff is light and insignificant to us and we treat them in a way that reflects that**
- A. Just 'how weighty is God and His things to you?' is a determining factor in the level of honor that you'll walk in
1. **Honor**-To be heavy, To be weighty (**Weighty**-Important, big, serious, momentous, important, significant, meaningful)
 - a. The opposite of weighty is **light**-having little weight, not important, **slight**-of no great importance, negligent, not done with effort, **trifling**-being of small value or importance, trivial, acting and talking with levity, without seriousness
 2. **When God's stuff is weighty to you, then you will live a life of honor treating God and his stuff with great respect**
 - a. When God and His stuff is light to you will demonstrate dishonor and treat God and his stuff with disrespect
 3. Heavy Scriptures