

THE HONOR OF GOD

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

- a. *Isaiah 24:20-The earth shall reel to & fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; & the transgression thereof shall be **heavy** upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again*
- b. *Genesis 18:20-Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very **grievous**; (Their sin was heavy, it was a big deal)*
- c. ***Job 6:2-3-Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together! 3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea (He's grief and calamity are a big deal to him and they are the biggest thing going on his life)***
- d. *Genesis 12:10- Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was **grievous** in the land. (The famine was a big deal)*
- e. *Exodus 5:9-7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8 And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.9 Let there more work be **laid** upon the men, that they may labor therein; and let them not **regard** vain words. (He wants this work to be the heaviest thing in their life, not sacrificing to their God)*
- f. *Ezekiel 27:24-25-These were thy merchants in all sorts of things, in blue clothes, and broidered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise. The ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market: and thou were replenished, and made very **glorious** in the midst of the seas. (As they loaded it down, it was heavy, more valuable, more significant)*

B. Weighty vs. Light

1. *2 Samuel 6:20-22-They got the ark of the Lord back, it is a very big deal and David is acting like it's a big deal and in doing so he's being honorable (**Vile**-To slight, trifling, lightly esteemed, make light, treat with contempt, bring dishonor; **Base**-Low)*
 - a. *How **glorious** was the king of Israel today; She thinks he's devaluing himself in the eyes of the people, that the people will think little of him if they see this; David said they won't think lightly of me for seeing this they will think more of me when they see this*
2. *Isaiah 43:4-When something is very valuable to you, precious to you it's weighty, it's important to you*
 - a. ***Precious***-Esteem, valuable, highly valued; ***Honorable***-Weighty, Heavy
3. *Isaiah 49:5-6-The prophet said I will be glorious (heavy) in the eyes of the Lord – The Lord esteems me highly*
 - a. *God said to him it's no **light** (little, insignificant, treat with contempt and dishonor, to make light of) thing to be my servant*
4. *Isaiah 3:5-The **base** (lightly esteemed) against the **honorable** (weighty, heavy)*

5. Lamentations 1:8-All that **honored** (weighty) her, **despise** (Light, insignificant) her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea she sighs and turns backwards; She used to be a big deal, weighty, but not she is insignificant
6. Isaiah 23:8-9-God's going to cause the "weighty" of the earth (those who are heavy in the world's eyes) to be made light, **Contempt**-Little, insignificant, make light of, lightly esteemed)
7. Psalm 15:4-In whose eyes a vile person is **contemned** (Despise, worthless, regard with contempt) but he honors them that fear the Lord
 - a. The person who fears the Lord is weighty to him
8. Jeremiah 30:19-I will **glorify** (Heavy, Weighty) them and they shall not be **small** (Insignificant)
9. Nahum 3:10-They cast lots for her **honorable** (heavy, weighty) men and all her **great** (in importance) men were bound in chains
10. Leviticus 10:1-3-When the fire of the Lord is devouring people for offering strange fire before the Lord, which the Lord commanded them not to, it's going to cause the Lord to be more weighty among the people; this would cause God and His stuff to be weighty
11. Haggai 1:8-Their stuff was weightier than God's and God said if you put me first and build my house I will be heavy (glorified)

C. Malachi 1:6-12-God's stuff wasn't as weighty to them as it should have been, it's light to them and that led to them disrespecting the Lord

1. They **despise** God's name-Regard with contempt; To slight; To neglect as unworthy of regard, esteem, respect; Worthless
2. They said the table of the Lord was **contemptible**-Unworthy of regard, esteem, respect; To slight; Worthless
3. **What that tells me is that without honor in place your prayer life will be unfruitful**
 - a. 9-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
 - b. **This is an epidemic in the body of Christ today; People that have no time for God, people to whom his stuff is not weighty and means little to praying and asking God to be gracious to them and give them a happy life**
 - c. **If the Kingdom of God is not first in your life, then you are not positioned to reap the benefits of it for your life**

II. In a life of dishonor everything is common, everything is casual, nothing is sacred, nothing is special, everything is light

A. Mal 1:12-You have **profaned** my name (treat as common, dishonor); It should have been weighty to you, but it became just another thing

1. **God and His stuff can't be common to you if you're going to live a life of honor**

2. Some put God on the scale and there's no difference between Him and everything else that goes on in their life; That means the scales balance; They put God and their job on the scale and it balances, God and the family and it balances, Church and baseball practice and it balances; And if that's your attitude then God is going to get treating just like everything else, as common
- B. In a life of honor there is some stuff that is really big deal that should be treated as sacred and special
1. In layman's terms this is what honor does, it makes a big deal of things that important to the Lord; When you truly do honor something you make a big deal out of it, it means something to you
 - a. In an atmosphere where nothing is a big deal dishonor is running lose
 2. **They brought these offerings everyday and at some point what was once heavy/weighty to them became light, it became common to them and when it became light the respect dissipated**
 - a. In a routine it is easy to lose honor because what we do over and over again it's easy to allow to become common
- C. The opposite of making a big deal out of it is this word CASUAL and this attitude that it's no big deal
1. **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*
 2. **Our approach to God and to His things should never be casual**
 - a. You are doing nobody a favor if you act like treating the things of God casually is okay
 - b. If your approach to God and His things is casual then you don't truly know who or what you are approaching
- D. If God's stuff will become more weighty to us our respect for Him will be demonstrated at a higher level a life of honor will be the result
1. By magnifying the Lord and His things we can cultivate a life of honor; Magnifying the Lord has to do with seeing God bigger and making a big deal out of Him and His things
 - a. Acts 10:46-**Magnify**-Esteem highly, Deem great
 - b. Psalm 34:3-**Magnify**-Become great or important, Praise
 2. Romans 11:13-I **magnify my office** (honor, hold in honor, cause the worth of a thing to be acknowledged)
 - a. The respect for your office won't be there if you're honor for the office is absent
 3. Daniel 11:36-38-He magnified himself and in His eye is the biggest thing, heaviest thing in his life
 - a. **Magnify**-Make great or important; Proverbs 12:9-Honoring yourself, Make yourself heavy
- E. 11-The Lord said I'm going to find somebody who my stuff is weighty to (**Great**-In importance)

1. Acts 13:46-It's a principle in the scripture that God's going to find somebody who honors him, who his stuff is weighty to

F. Isaiah 58:13-14-If God's stuff is weighty to you and you honor him and treat Him with respect he will honor you

1. The way you treat something that is important to the Lord reveals your respect for the Lord
 - a. The Sabbath is **honorable**-heavy, weighty; **Holy**-It is sacred, special, set apart
 2. It's too weighty to just be treating it like it's another day and doing your own stuff

III. 1 Samuel 2:12-30-In your life, when stuff is weightier than the Lord and His things dishonor will be the result

A. God and his stuff was light to them, He and His things were no more weighty than anything else and that is dishonor

1. **Knew**-Discriminate (Observe the difference between), Distinguish (To know or ascertain difference) Consider (To have regard to, to respect) acknowledge (To receive with respect)
 - a. **They didn't observe the difference between God and everybody else; to them God was common**
 - b. They didn't ascertain that God has His things were weightier than everything else; to them God and His stuff was no more weighty than anything else
2. They didn't **regard** Him-To attend to with respect and estimation, to value; To esteem; to hold in respect and affection

B. Because God was light to them irreverence manifested; They abhorred the offering of the Lord [**Abhorred**-To contemn (To slight; To neglect as unworthy of regard), Despise, To Spurn, Neglect (To slight, to not treat with attention or respect)]

1. 17,29-They abhorred, despised, made light of the offering of the Lord and they thought what they were doing was no big deal
 - a. This offering meant nothing to them, but it was a very big deal to the Lord (**Very great**-Exceedingly important)
 - b. What they value is very different from what the Lord values; They treated it lightly, but it was not a light thing to the Lord
 - c. If it's a big deal to the Lord, then you need to make a big deal out of it
 - d. Judges 20:34-Here you have something that is very heavy, weighty but they didn't know it was weighty
2. 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."*

3. **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**

C. Honor your sons above me-Nothing in your life should be weightier, heavier than God and His things, on the scale God should never go up

1. He put his sons and God on the scale and His sons were heavier than the Lord
2. Whoever, whatever is heavier than the Lord will be honored and respected above the Lord
 - a. Malachi 1-Where's my honor? Where's my fear? – That's literally God saying who's heavier to you than me
3. To Eli's sons they were weightier than the Lord; they put themselves on the scale with the Lord & they went down and the Lord went up
 - a. So then when it came to the best part of the offering in their eyes they were worthy of it and God was not
4. **To live a life of honor we have to locate the things in our life that are weightier than Him**

IV. This disrespect is most greatly demonstrated in how we treat God and His stuff, not in what we say

- A. Malachi 1:6-12-They didn't actually say this with their words, but they are "saying" this by how they are treating God and His things
 1. Because this wasn't weighty to them irreverence/disrespect manifested in how they treated God and His stuff; Going through the motions is very disrespectful and they are doing so b/c to them this is no big deal (They're still bringing the sacrifice and the bread)
- E. Matthew 15:8-Jesus talked about people who honored God with their lips, but didn't really honor him; So these are people who said God we honor you, but they didn't honor him
 1. When it comes to determining whether or not you honor the Lord, your lips have very little to do with it and what you say has very little to do with it; Honor is not measured by the mouth, it's measured by the heart and when God searches for honor he doesn't search the mouth he searches the heart
 - a. **You don't locate honor by looking at what a person says, but by looking at what they value and treat with great care & respect**
 - b. If you do say you respect/honor/value something there should be evidence of that other than you just saying it with your mouth
 - c. This is an area where there is the greatest distance between what we say and what actually is
 2. Malachi 2:17-God can grow wearisome of your words
 - a. Ezekiel 33:31-With your mouth you can show love, but your heart can go after something else

3. This area is one of the biggest areas where people lack sight
 - a. People are dishonoring the Lord and aren't locating it because they don't know what dishonor looks like
 - 1) I believe there's a lot of space between how much we think we honor him and how much we actually do honor him
 - b. These people in Malachi apparently have no idea how they are dishonoring the Lord
 - 1) Their initial response to the Lord saying, "Where is my honor is?" is "No way. How have we despised your name?"

F. How does this disrespect and dishonor manifest? In what way does it show up?

1. Malachi 1:7-They asked him how they were despising Him and He pointed to how they were treating something that belonged to Him; Their disrespect and dishonor for the Lord was seen in how they treated something that belonged to the Lord
2. 1 Samuel 2-Their dishonor was demonstrated not by what they said or didn't say, but by how they treated God and His things; This lack of respect and esteem and honor is r seen in how they treat God's things (This is God's offering, God's priesthood, God's people)
3. **Most believers aren't going to God and saying I don't honor you; If believers are dishonoring the Lord it's manifested mostly in a lack of regard and esteem for His things**
 - a. **You can't say you honor God while you treat His things with contempt and disregard and disesteem; NO! How you treat his things reveals whether or not you respect and honor Him**
 - b. People like to try to separate God from His things and disrespect and dishonor his things and yet say they honor God
 - c. With them it was the Lord's offering, the Lord's priesthood, the Lord's people, but what is if for you? Maybe it's the Lord's services, the Lord's assignment on your life, the Lord's Word, the Lord's command – If it belongs to God and you treat it with disesteem, then you treat him with disesteem and dishonor

V. Does it matter how you treat God's things?

- A. There's a danger inside this environment of everything being convenient and everything being casual of eventually reaching this place where nothing matters and nothing is a big deal and everything is light and everything is okay and honor gets lost
 1. The deception and darkness a lot of times is people saying it doesn't matter because God loves you, he loves you the way you are, he accepts you the way you are, so just do what you want, be want you want and it doesn't matter
 2. **They enemy is a despiser and he belittles; And things that do matter and are a big deal, he will tell you oh it's not big deal and oh that doesn't matter and God understands and God loves you; Nothing matters, nothing is a big deal, God doesn't care, he loves you**

- B. Malachi 1:6-8-They despised him and dishonored him by treating his table with disesteem
1. The altar was 30ft x 30ft x15ft high and it was made of stone and covered in brass
 - a. It's a big, huge brass covered table; it's natural and yet the way they treated this natural thing revealed their dishonor for the Lord
 - b. When it was time to bring an offering to this natural table they would bring natural animals; just fleshy natural cows and sheep and oxen and yet the animal they brought revealed their dishonor for the Lord
 2. I bet they thought it's just a table, it's just bread, it's just an animal and I mean how much does that really mean in the big picture; after all we are giving something and the Lord doesn't care about these natural things, he looks at our heart
 - a. Yes the Lord does look at the heart, but the way you handle natural things reveals your heart
- C. Matthew 22:4-They made light of this dinner and treated it with careless neglect and by treating this dinner with dishonor and disesteem they treated the Lord that way
1. This dinner is natural there was natural food, natural music, natural dancing, it was in a natural building and yet how they handled and treated these natural things that will all be ash someday revealed their lack of honor for the Lord
 2. It meant something to the Lord and was very important to the Lord – IT'S A DINNER
 3. I bet they thought it's just a dinner, I mean how much does it really mean in the big picture; after all we have lives and the Lord understands and the Lord loves us and the Lord knows our heart
- D. 1 Samuel 24:10-By treating God's choice with honor and respect, David treated God that way
1. Dishonor would say oh it doesn't matter, he's just a man and after all he's going nuts and doing the wrong stuff
 2. David said about Saul, "He is the Lord's anointed," and David wouldn't touch him
 3. This right here showed that David was a man of honor, a man after God's own heart, and this had so much to do with why David was picked to be the next king and why God used him the way he did
- E. 1 Kings 17:10-11- How you treat the one the Lord sends is how you treat the Lord
1. Does how she treat this flesh and blood, imperfect, natural, living, breathing, talking immortal man matter to the Lord? Is he just flesh or is he something else? This is so much bigger than just flesh
 2. Luke 10:16-"I mean they're just a man, they're just a woman like I am and they're just flesh and I know I might not treat them with the greatest respect, but I respect the Lord." – The Lord himself says you don't
 3. Numbers 14:2,27-They were murmuring against Moses but God counted it as murmuring against Him
- F. Luke 16:10-Money is natural and you can't take any to heaven with you and yet the Lord says if you are not faithful in this NATURAL thing called money then I can't trust you with true riches

1. So apparently how you handle your NATURAL money God is watching and he's interested in and it's playing a huge part in whether or not He gives unto you true riches; Does it matter or is it just money?
- G. It's a strategy of the enemy to make everything natural and about flesh in attempt to demean the importance of something that you should be really important to you
1. The enemy will belittle and disesteem something that you should be honoring and esteeming
 2. The enemy wants you to think that nothing really matters and he doesn't want you to see the true importance of these things
 3. So many times when it comes to things in this natural life there's something bigger going on that we don't see
 4. In your mind the enemy wants to turn it into something natural/flesh and demean the importance of it so that you get to the place where you're not treating it with any respect and you think it's okay because you think it's not that big of deal
 5. The more carnal you are the less real spiritual things are to you and the tendency is to look at everything only from a natural, fleshy, carnal perspective and carnality says these are just things and because they are just things it doesn't matter all that much
 6. Mark 6-He did this with Jesus in his hometown; He was just the carpenter, Mary's boy and to them it was all natural all flesh
 7. Colossians 3:23-25-Don't make everything about natural and about flesh because a lot of this stuff is much bigger than that
 - a. The Lord is gazing into your heart & even though these things are natural they're bigger than that because they reveal your heart