

## THEM THAT HONOR ME

### Blessing & Honor

- I. **How God honors us-1Sm2:30-I said indeed that thy house and the house of thy father should walk before me forever: but now the Lord says be it far from me; for them that honor me I will honor (Exalt to most exalted state/glorious condition; Great; Elevate; Raise high with success/victory) and they that despise me will be lightly esteemed (curse)**
- A. **Setting us on high**-Honor is the way up-**Ps91:14**-Because he hath set his love (esteem with affection) upon me, therefore will I deliver him: **I will set him on high** (inaccessible, safe, strong, excellent, prosperity), **because** he hath **known** (regard, respect) my name. <sup>15</sup> He shall call upon me and I will answer **him**: I will be with **him** in trouble; I will deliver **him** and **honour him**. <sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy **him** and **shew him my salvation** (victory, prosperity, deliverance, health, welfare, help); **Is58:13**-If you turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing **thy pleasure on my holy day**; and call the sabbath a **delight**, the **holy** of the Lord, **honorable**; and **shalt honor him**, not doing **your own ways**, nor finding **your own pleasure**, nor speaking **your own words** <sup>14</sup> **Then** shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon **the high places of the earth**, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; **TL**-Get your full share of the blessings I promised Jacob; **Pr13:18-Poverty** (hangs head, in need) and **shame** (dishonor, disgrace, make light of, curse) shall be to him that refuses instruction: but he that regards reproof shall be honored
- B. **With His blessing**-**1Sm2:30-CEB**-Despises me shall be cursed-**Pr10:22**-It makes rich
- C. **Shows us His salvation**-Victory, prosperity, help-**Mt15:6AC, 1Tm5:3, Ps54:4**
- D. **Who should God honor?**-If you have no time for God, no interest in His Kingdom, no time for His things should he help you live a like that?
1. **Honor is all about the heart**-How hard you go after God and so honoring those that honor him is fair
- II. **There's no such thing as blessing without honor-Mal1:6**-If then I be a father, where is my honor? And if I be a master, where is my fear? Says the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that **despise my name**. And ye say, wherein have we despised Thy Name? <sup>7</sup>Ye offer polluted bread upon my altar...<sup>8</sup> And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil...<sup>9</sup> And now I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: **will he regard (lift, exalt, help, hold up furnish, honor) your persons?** Says the Lord of hosts.<sup>11</sup>...For my name shall be great among the heathen...<sup>12</sup> But ye have profaned (dishonor) it...<sup>13</sup> Ye said also, Behold what a weariness is it! And ye have **snuffed** (disesteem, resent, offense) at it, says the Lord of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn and the lame and the sick...<sup>14</sup>But **cursed** be the deceiver, which has in his flock a male and vows and sacrifices unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King says the Lord of hosts and my name is **dreadful** (reverence, honor, respect) among the heathen. <sup>1</sup>...This commandment is for you. <sup>2</sup> If ye will not hear and if ye will not lay it to heart, **to give glory (honor) unto my name** says the Lord of hosts, I will even send a **curse** upon you and I will **curse** your blessings: yea I have **cursed** them already because ye do not lay it to heart. <sup>3</sup>Behold, I will corrupt your seed and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts and one shall take you away with it... <sup>5</sup>My covenant was with him of **life and peace**; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me
- A. **They want His blessing without giving Him their honor**-**Mal1:13-CSB**-Nuisance-**NIV**-Burden-**AC**-Drudgery and weariness-**NCV**-Tired of doing this; **Mal1:9-GNT**-Now you priests, try asking God to be good to us. He will not answer your prayer, and it will be your fault; **TL**-God have mercy on us, you recite; God be gracious to us! But when you bring that kind of gift, why should he show you any favor at all?
1. **Many want the full measure His blessing and help, while they demonstrate little to no honor**-They want to run their own lives, not put God first, not Give God their best, not treat His things with respect but they want the full measure of His blessing/help ("God, help me with my marriage," He says, "honor me")

2. Many believe they're entitled to God's blessing-They're offended at the idea of having to honor God to experience His blessing and think they're entitled to it because they're a good person
  3. They tried to get God's blessing through prayer/confession alone-The most blessed people I know are the ones who have honored God the most
- B. Many believe the lie of blessing without honor-I'll enjoy His blessing independent of **MY** honor for Him and solely based on **HIS** love for me
1. Many overemphasize half verses-**Ps37:4**-*Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart* <sup>5</sup>**GNB**-*Give yourself to the Lord; trust in Him and he will help you*-**Is58:14**-*Then shalt thou delight...*
  2. Being able to do whatever you want and still get God's blessing, help, provision and protection is a very convenient idea and it's one that many want to believe is true-See **Psalm 91**
  3. You will not get the full measure of God's blessing and help without Him getting your honor-Many are looking for a Christian life that costs them nothing yest they still enjoy the full measure of God's blessing
  4. Grace doesn't mean you get to do whatever you want and still enjoy the full measure of God's blessing-**Jd1:4**-*Turning the grace of God into lasciviousness (looseness)*
- C. The blessed life is built on the foundation of honor
1. Honor is a major key in enjoying the fullness of God's blessing-He's first, you give Him your best, you go after Him with all you got and in the midst of this He blesses you beyond measure-**Is58:13**-*Shalt honor him, not doing your own ways...*
  2. You can even make mistakes like David did as long as you are after what's important to God-**1Ch29:28**-*He died in a good old age, full of days, riches and honor; Act13:22*-*I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will; 2h16:9*-*For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole Earth, to shew himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him*