## THEM THAT HONOR ME How To Be Secure In This Life

- I. You must put His things first to get your things taken care of, elsewise your things will be lightly esteemed-1sm2:30, Mt6:33
  - A. <u>Many invite problems by laws they put in motion</u>-**Pr19:3-AM**-The foolishness of man undermines his way [ruining whatever he undertakes]; Then his heart is resentful and rages against the Lord [for, being a fool, he blames the Lord instead of himself]-**MS**-People ruin their lives by their own stupidity, so why does God always get blamed?
- If God is not first in your life, if honor is not in place, you're not secure II. -Pr1:20-Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: <sup>21</sup> She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, <sup>22</sup> How long, ye <u>simple</u> (seducible, deceive, foolish, naïve) ones, will ye love simplicity (naivety)? and the scorners (scoff, mock, talk arrogantly, despiser) delight in their **scorning** (laughing at in contempt, bragging), and **fools** (foolish confidence, arrogant) hate **knowledge** (W18-Clear perception of the truth)? <sup>23</sup>Turn you at my **reproof** (correction): BEHOLD, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. <sup>24</sup>Because I have called and ye **refused** (firm, continuance); I have **stretched out** (offer) <u>MY</u> hand (direction) and no man regarded (attend to with estimation; to value);<sup>25</sup>But ye have set at nought (dismiss) all MY counsel (plan, advice) and would none of MY reproof (correction):<sup>26</sup>I also (likewise) will laugh at your <u>calamity</u> (oppress, destroy); I will mock <u>WHEN</u> your fear cometh;<sup>27</sup>WHEN your fear cometh as desolation and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; WHEN distress and anguish come upon you.<sup>28</sup> THEN shall they call upon me but I will not answer; they shall seek me early but they shall not find me: <sup>29</sup>FOR that they hated (turn from) knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord (reverence, respect, piety-devotion to honor):<sup>30</sup>They would none of <u>MY</u> counsel: they <u>despised</u> (scorn, low opinion) all my reproof.<sup>31</sup><u>Therefore</u> shall they eat of the fruit of THEIR OWN WAY and be filled with THEIR OWN devices (purpose).32For the <u>TURNING AWAY</u> of the <u>simple</u> (foolish, naïve, deceive) shall slay them and the <u>prosperity</u> (false security) of **fools** shall destroy them.<sup>33</sup>But whoso **hearkens** (regard) unto me shall dwell safely (refuge, assurance, confident) and shall be quiet from fear of evil.
  - A. <u>Wisdom</u>-Know how things work, make decisions conducive to prosperity-They don't know how things work, making decisions unconducive to prosperit
  - B. <u>Naïve, scorning, foolish ones who don't want the truth-Naïve</u>-Duped, deceived, don't recognize reality-<u>Scorn</u>-Arrogantly **despise**-<u>Fools</u>-Foolishly confident, arrogance-<u>Knowledge</u>-Clear perception of the truth
  - C. <u>They believe they're fine doing their own thing, not honoring The Lord</u>-The truth is they aren't, but they don't want to hear that-**ob1:3**-The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? <sup>4</sup> Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.
  - D. <u>They lack honor</u>-Dismiss correction if you don't honor whose giving it and they dimissed it thinking they were fine
  - E. Lack of honor is why they WILL have problems-It's a law-When fear comes
  - F. The way you honor God is the way that He'll honor you-I will also-26
  - G. <u>Many want to pay no attention to God but also want His help</u>-Many even expect His help and are offended if He doesn't help-It's honor without honor, blessing without honor-28
    - 1. There should have been some repentance not just petitioning
  - H. <u>God didn't answer because He doesn't honor those who don't honor Him-28-</u> 31-Ps91:14-Because he has <u>SET HIS LOVE UPON ME</u> therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high because he has <u>KNOWN MY NAME</u>.<sup>15</sup>He shall call upon me and <u>I WILL ANSWER</u> him

- 1. <u>Turning away from God's way to their own way is the opposite of</u> honor and seeking first the Kingdom-31-32
- I. <u>They thought they were okay living without honor for God</u>-The false sense of security of the foolishly confident destroys them-32
  - 1. <u>Many think they're secure, but are not</u>-I'm a "good Christian" I "love God" so God will keep me-The truth is if honor isn't in place you're not secure and it's naïve and foolish to think you are
- J. Earth is a dangerous place but you can secure in the midst of it-Secure-Free from danger of being taken by an enemy, safe; Unprotected, at risk-Ps121:5-The Lord is thy keeper...<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: <sup>8</sup> The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore-Jb1:10-Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side-Ps91:7-A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
  - 1. <u>Things in your life can be kept and cared for by God-Gn48:15-The God</u> who has been my Shepherd [leading and caring for me] all my life to this day,<sup>16</sup> The Angel who has redeemed me [continually] from all evil
- K. The only way to be secure in the earth is for God to keep you and God keeps them that honor Him-Pr1:33-CJ-Those who pay attention to me will live securely, untroubled by fear of misfortune-CEV-But if you listen to me, you will be safe and secure without fear of disaster-MS-First pay attention to me, and then relax. Now you can take it easy-you're in good hands-VO-Those who listen to me now will live under divine protection; they can rest knowing they are out of harm's way; AC-Shall dwell securely and in confident trust and shall be quiet without fear or dread of evil; Ps91:14-16-Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. <sup>15</sup>He shall call upon me, and <u>I WILL ANSWER</u> 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
  - 1. The right to confidently expect God to take care of you only belongs to those that honor Him-You can have a false confidence