

THEM THAT HONOR ME

God Gets Our Best

- I. **They dishonored The Lord by honoring themselves above Him – taking theirs first and taking the best – deciding they were more important than Him–1Sm2:12-KJ–The sons of Eli were sons of Belial; THEY KNEW NOT THE LORD (regard, respect; NIRV–Honor; ER–Care about). ¹³And the priest's custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; ¹⁴And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither. ¹⁵Also BEFORE THEY BURNT THE FAT, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. ¹⁶And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and THEN take as much as thy soul desires; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force. ¹⁷Wherefore THE SIN OF THE YOUNG MEN WAS VERY GREAT BEFORE THE LORD**
- A. Our lives are an offering and with our lives God gets our best–Rm12:1-ER–Offer your lives as a living sacrifice to Him; MS–Take your everyday ordinary life..and place it before God as an offering
- B. The Lord got the best, they got the rest–Lev3:16–ALL THE FAT (best) is the Lord's.¹⁷It shall be a perpetual statute for your generation throughout all your dwellings that you eat neither fat nor blood
- II. **In a life of honor God and His things get our best because they are valued the most**–Mal:6–A son honors his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, WHERE IS MINE HONOR? and if I be a master, WHERE IS MY FEAR? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that DESPISE [Disesteem–Want of esteem (prize, set high value on, regard with reverence and respect); less than hatred or contempt]my name. And ye say, WHEREIN HAVE WE DESPISED THY NAME? ⁷Ye offer POLLUTED (defiled, stained, rendered unclean) BREAD (meat) upon MINE ALTAR; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that YE SAY, THE TABLE OF THE LORD IS CONTEMPTIBLE (despise). ⁸And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not EVIL? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not EVIL? OFFER IT NOW UNTO THY GOVERNOR; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts. ⁹And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the Lord of hosts. ¹⁰Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.¹¹For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same MY NAME SHALL BE GREAT (in importance) among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: FOR MY NAME SHALL BE GREAT (in importance) among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. ¹²But ye have PROFANED (violate the honor of, dishonor, treat as common) it in that YE SAY, The table of the Lord is POLLUTED; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is CONTEMPTIBLE. ¹³Ye said also, Behold, WHAT A WEARINESS is it! and ye have SNUFFED (disesteem, resent, take offense) at it, saith the Lord of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord.
- A. Their dishonor showed up in them not giving God the best–Someone, something was getting the best, but it wasn't God–Whose altar/table was the good bread on? Who got the good animals? Someone got it and whoever got it that's who they honor the most
- B. The junk was for God–The governor wasn't getting junk–(EX–KC gospel music; "Try")
- C. God didn't accept these offerings–AM–Oh that there were even one among you who would shut the gates, so that you would not kindle fire on My altar uselessly [with an empty, worthless pretense]! I am not pleased with you, says the Lord of hosts, nor will I accept an offering from your hand
1. God is fair and NOT hard or impossible to please–He also is not a pushover, He has a standard of what is acceptable and everything is not okay with Him --- They gave some second-rate offering, going through the motions, treated His stuff like it didn't matter and know better and God's not okay with it
 2. God is not unnecessarily harsh and hard on people–If He's severe it's warranted–Rm11:22–Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell severity; but toward you goodness, if you continue in his goodness: otherwise you will also be cut off
 3. Shouldn't God be thankful they did something?–He wasn't

- D. The quality of the offering is a reflection the honor—The reason for these offerings was lack of honor; When something is important to you you give it your best—**ER**—People all around the world respect my name. All around the world **THEY BRING GOOD GIFTS TO ME** and **BURN GOOD INCENSE AS A GIFT TO ME, BECAUSE MY NAME IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF THEM**; **ICB**—I will be honored among the nations. Everywhere they will bring incenses and clean offerings to me
- E. If God's things mean something to you, you give them your best—You don't "do what you can" you do your best—**1Co15:58-AM**—Be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord [always doing your best and doing more than is needed]; **Co3:23-MS**—Don't just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart for your real master, for God..Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ. The sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible
- F. Something in their life wasn't a weariness, but God's things were—**EX:3:45am Golf-AC**—Drudgery; **CEB**—Tedious; **EX**—We're tired of doing this; **ISV**—A burden; **TL**—It's too difficult to serve the Lord and do what he asks; **MS**—I'm bored—this doesn't do anything for me
- G. Who/what gets the best of you, that's who/what you honor the most—For something in life you'll sacrifice, be inconvenienced, show up early, stay late, drop everything and run, rearrange our schedule, pour our heart into