

THEM THAT HONOR ME
Who Does God Honor?

- I. **God honored them to begin with because they honored Him, but when they stopped honoring Him, He stopped honoring them-1Sm2:27-There came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? ²⁸ And **DID I CHOOSE HIM** out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod **BEFORE ME? AND DID I GIVE** unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? ²⁹ Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honour thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? ³⁰ Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me forever: **BUT NOW** the Lord saith, **BE IT FAR FROM ME** (God forbid, far be it, let it not be, profaned-irreverent to sacred things); for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed; **Ma2:5-My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the FEAR** (reverence) wherewith he **FEARED** me (honor, respect), and was **AFRAID** (bow in humble reverence) before my name; **Nm25:12-I give unto him my covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was ZEALOUS** for his God**
- A. God honors them who honor Him-**NOT** who He loves, who asks, who desires
- B. God honors us to the degree that we honor Him-Not everyone the same
- C. God will not honor those who do not honor Him and He's serious about- He hasn't changed-**CB-I'll do no such thing! No; CV-I promised to always let your family serve me as priests, but now I tell you that I CANNOT DO THIS ANY LONGER**
1. To honor those who don't honor Him is to sanction their dishonor-**Jer18:9-GW-At another time I may promise to build a plant a nation or a kingdom. But suppose that nation does what I consider evil and doesn't obey me. Then I will change my plans about the good that I promised to do to it.**
 2. He won't bless dishonor-Ps81:11-My people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me; So I gave them up unto their own hearts lust: and they walked in their own counsels. Oh that my people had hearkened unto me and Israel and walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies and turned my hand against their adversaries. He should have fed them with the finest wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee
 3. Who should God honor?-Everyone? Is that fair?
- II. **We know this man honored the Lord because the Lord honored Him and God will not honor those who do not honor him-Ps91:14-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. ¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and HONOUR HIM. ¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation (aid, victory, prosperity, deliverance, health, help)**
- A. Set his love upon me-We set our love on what we value-**W1828-Love-Regard** or esteem with affection, affection caused by worth, love of God includes esteem and reverence-**CSB-Has his heart set on me**
- B. He has known my name-This is honor, regard, respect-**1Sm2:12-Knew not the Lord; NIRV-Didn't honor the Lord. Ma11:6-0 priests that despise my name...**
- C. Honor-Make glorious (illustrious, exalted excellence, exalt to glory, most exalted state/glorious condition); Great; Prevail (succeed); Promote (elevate); Exalt (raise high, exalt with success/victory); Heavy in wealth, abundance, importance, respect
1. Poverty and shame are the opposite-Pr13:18-Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuses instruction: but he that regards reproof shall be honored

2. How God honor us-Delivering us, setting us on high, answering us, helping us, with long life, wealth and reward, showing us His salvation, blessing us, exalting us, choosing us, using us
- D. His honor for God was the foundation to His deliverance-It wasn't just his prayer/confession that got him delivered-Those played a part
1. Prayer and making confessions without honor won't produce-Many are praying and making confessions with little honor for God
- E. It's in honoring God/His things that we get elevated-*Is58:13-If thou 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, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:
¹⁴ 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*
1. God honoring you only comes one way and it's by honoring Him-You can't pray it in, speak it in or believe it in
- F. It's not about grace and works, it's about honor and dishonor-If you have no time for God, no interest in His Kingdom, in your part, no time for the things of God why should He give you His blessing and help you live a life like that

- III.** What does it mean for God to honor us?—He does not honor us in the way we honor him with reverence and respect
- A. **Honor**—To exalt (raise high, elevate with wealth, joy, confidence; to be exalted with success or victory); Numerous, rich, very great, promote, prevail, glorify, be made abundant, someone that is heavy in wealth, abundance,
 - B. God honors us with His presence, by delivering us, by answering us when we call, with long life, with help, victory and prosperity, with is blessing, by promoting us, elevating us, exalting us, by helping us, adding to us materially and in wealth, by choosing us, by using us, lifting us to high place
 - C. To be honored is the opposite of poverty and shame—**Pr13:18**—*Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuses instruction: but he that regards reproof shall be honored*
 - D. Honor deals with blessing—**Ac28:10**—*Who also honored us with many honors; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary*
 - E. Honor deals with being at a high place—**1Ch29:28**—*He died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead; 2Ch1:12*—*Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like; Pr4:8*—*Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her; Pr29:23*—*A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit;*
 - F. Honor includes help and materially—**Mt15:5-AC**—*But you say, 'If anyone says to his father or mother, "Whatever [money or resource that] I have that would help you is [already dedicated and] given to God," ' he is not to honor his father or his mother [by helping them with their need].' So by this you have invalidated the word of God [depriving it of force and authority and making it of no effect] for the sake of your tradition [handed down by the elders]; 1Tim5:3*—*Honor widows that are widows indeed*
 - G. Honor deals with wealth and reward—**Nm22:16**—*They came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me: ¹⁷ For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people. ¹⁸ And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more; 2Ch17:5*—*Therefore the Lord stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance; 2Ch32:27*—*Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels; Es6:7*—*And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour, ⁸ Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head: ⁹ And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour; 1Tim5:17*—*Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. ¹⁸ For the scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.*
 - H. Honor deals with status—**Dt26:19**—*To make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken; Dn2:6*—*But if ye shew the dream,*

and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof;

I. Honor deals with help and comfort—**2Sm10:1**—And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead.² Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon.³ And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?

J. Honor keep company with power, riches, wisdom, strength, glory and blessing—**Rev5:12**—Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing; **Rm2:10**— But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentiles

IV. Matthew 6:24-33—Pray and all these things will be added to you?

A. Mt6:19—Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: ²⁰ But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: ²¹ For **where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.** ²² The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be **single**, thy whole body shall be full of light. ²³ But if thine eye be **evil**, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ No man can serve **two masters**: for either **he will hate the one, and love the other**; or else he will **hold to the one, and despise the other**. Ye cannot serve God and **mammon**. ²⁵ Therefore I say unto you, **Take no thought for your life**, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? ²⁶ Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? ²⁷ Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? ²⁸ And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: ²⁹ And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? ³¹ Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ³² (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. ³³ But **seek ye first the kingdom of God**, and his righteousness; and **all these things shall be added unto you.**

V. **Many desire the benefits of putting God first, but are interested in actually do it**

- A. We have to watch overemphasizing half of these verses—Many try to build the thoughts about God on half of those verses
- B. Many seek this kind of life, but don't have the foundation in place of Him being first

VI. **There's no such thing as blessing without honor—1Sm2:30—For them that honor me, I will honor**

- A. Many desire God's blessing apart honor—Ma1:13—What a weariness; CSB—Nuisance; Ma11:9—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
- B. Many aren't interested in God, they just want what He can do for them—Do what they want
- C. Putting Him first is the foundation to unlocking His blessing in your life—You honor Him so much that He has become first in your life and you to do what He say

D. God won't bless dishonor-*Ps81:11-My people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me..Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel and walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies and turned my hand against their adversaries. He should have fed them with the finest wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee*

VII. **The Lord's things became an inconvenience to them**-*Ma11:13-You said also, Behold what a weariness is it and you have snuffed at it; CSB-What a nuisance; NIV-What a burden; NCV-We're tired of doing this*

A. These offerings were an inconvenience-God's things became a bother to them

B. They dishonored God in how they treated these offerings-

VIII. **They wanted God to honor them, while they dishonored Him**-*Ma11:9-TLB-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*

A. They expect God's blessing while they demonstrate dishonor-The opposite of 1Sam2:30

B. God won't bless or finance your dishonor-*Ps81:11-My people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me; So I gave them up unto their own hearts lust: and they walked in their own counsels. Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel and walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies and turned my hand against their adversaries. He should have fed them with the finest wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee*

IX. **Many desire God's blessing apart honor and many are offended at the idea of them having to do anything to experience God's blessing in their lives**

A. Many aren't interested in God they just want what He can do for them-Run own life & be blessed

B. Honor is the foundation to unlocking His blessing in your life-You honor so much that He has become first in your life and His things are important to you and you're willing to do whatever He says and go wherever he says this is -*Ps37:4-Delight thyself in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of your heart; Ps40:8-I delight to do your will, O my God*

C.

SEEK FIRST – What's The Problem? – Tuesday, March 16th

X. **The root of many problems that many people are having is that God is not first**-*Mt6:33-Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you*

A. Him first is the foundation to being taken care of-They were worried about provision for their lives and God said keep me first and all these things that concern you will be taken care of

B. If you don't seek Him first will the things that concern you be taken care of anyway?-No

C. Many things in many peoples lives are not being taken care of because He is not first

XI. **We actually invite problems into our lives when God and His things are not first**

A. You're violating the foundational principle to seeing Him take care of you-If He isn't able to take care of you and help you and sustain you you're going to have problems

B. Give the Word no priority and you bring destruction upon yourself-*Pr13:13-Whoso despises the Word shall be destroyed: but he that fears the commandment shall be rewarded; MS-Ignore the Word and suffer; honor God's commands and grow rich*

C. They are not paying attention to Him, because He is not a priority/first-*Pr1:24-Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded (pay attention); ²⁵ But ye have set at nought (refuse) all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: ²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; ²⁷ When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. ²⁸ Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: ²⁹ For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: ³⁰ They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. ³¹ Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. ³² For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of*

fools shall destroy them. ³³ But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

D. A lot of problems you can avoid by simply putting Him first

XII. Anytime we go outside of what God says, we'll have problems (He is right, His ways are right) and if God is not first in your life it's going to cause problems

A. God knows what's best for you-If He told you to put Him first that's for your benefit

SEEK FIRST – Will He Give You The Desires Of Your Heart? – Wednesday, March 17th

XIII. Putting God first is come with great benefits

A. If you seek first the Kingdom all of these things that concern you will be taken care of-If you don't seek first His Kingdom do you get that anyway? Many want it to be that way-Mt6:33-Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you

B. Delight yourself in the Lord and He'll give you the desires of your heart-If you don't delight yourself in the Lord do you get the desires your heart anyway?-Ps37:4-Delight yourself also in the Lord; and he shall give you the desires of your heart; CEV-Do what the Lord wants, and He will give you the desires of your heart

C. If you abide in Him and His words abide in you, then ask what you will-If you don't abide in Him and His Words don't abide in you do you get that anyway?-Jn15:7-If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you

XIV.

NOTES

- A. I will get my honor upon Pharoah-*Ex14:16-And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.*
- B. You shall put some of your honor on him-Nm27:20
- C. To God dishonor is a big deal because it's connected to the heart and with God it's always about the heart-The sin was great
- D. 29-Eli honored his sons above the Lord-He put his sons ahead of the Lord
- E. 30-God said they would stand in the office forever, but things can change-Dishonor disqualifies you to handle the precious things of God
- F. When you're talking about honor you're talking about: 1) The key to the growth of this church 2) The thing that ushers in my presence and glory 3) The key to seeing all your stuff taken care of 4) The key issue in getting to handle and partake of richer and deeper levels of holy things of God
- G. You think you can slap something up there and because you're saved God will still bless you-You're going to use your liberty and the grace of God to treat the things of God like they don't matter-*Ga5:13-Use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh; Rm6:15-Shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace;*
- H. (Many use God's love and grace as an excuse to not give their best and pretend like He's okay with it

XV.