THE LORD IS MY HELPER

Them That Honor Him Get The Help

- I. To enjoy God's help you must honor Him—He's getting help because of his honor Ps91:14-Because he hath set his love (regard and esteem with affection) upon me, <u>therefore</u> will I deliver <u>him</u>: I will set <u>him</u> on high, <u>because</u> he hath known (regard, respect) my name. ¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer <u>him</u>: I will be with <u>him</u> in trouble; I will deliver <u>him</u>, and honour <u>him</u>. ¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him, <u>and</u> shew him my salvation (help).
 - A. <u>Honoring has to do value</u>-You value God/His things, He/His things are very important to you and so you treat Him/His things with like He/they are important and with a great deal of respect, regard and esteem
 - 1. To get God's help you put Him first-Mt6:33-Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you
 - 2. The way to get God's help is you value His things-Is58:13-IF you turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from <u>doing thy pleasure</u> on <u>my holy day</u> and <u>call the sabbath</u> a delight (pleasure), the <u>holy</u> of the Lord, <u>honorable</u> and shalt <u>honour him not doing</u> <u>your own ways</u> nor <u>finding your own pleasure</u> nor speaking your own words:¹⁴<u>THEN</u> shalt you delight thyself in the Lord and <u>I will cause</u> thee to ride upon the high places of the earth and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father
 - B. God is not going to help you live a life of dishonor-If He/His things aren't of value you to you, He's not going to help you live like that-Pr1:24-Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded (pat attention); ²⁵ But ye have set at nought (dismiss) all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: ²⁸ Then shall <u>they</u> call upon me, but <u>I will not answer</u>; <u>they</u> shall seek me early, but <u>they</u> shall not find me: ²⁹For that <u>they</u> hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear (honor, respect) of the Lord: ³³But whoso hearkeneth (regard) unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.
- II. Honor listens because honor values God and values His Words
 - A. When you lack honor, you don't value God/His words so you listen-Dt13:4-Walk after the Lord your God and fear (respect, honor) him and keep his commandments and obey (regard) his voice...and cleave unto him
- **III.** Not listening is a big thing that keeps God from helping people-Pr1:24-ERV-I tried to help, but you refused to listen. I offered my hand, but you turned away from me.
 - A. God was ready to help them, but they wouldn't listen-Ps81:10-I am the Lord thy God which brought you out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.¹¹ <u>But</u> my people would not hearken (regard) to my voice and Israel would none of me (EX-Accept me-NLT-Want me around-LEB-Yield-ESV-Submit).¹²So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust and they walked in their own counsels.¹³Oh that my people had hearkened unto me and Israel had walked in my ways!¹⁴I should soon have subdued their enemies and turned my hand against their adversaries.¹⁶He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.
 - B. If we lack honor and won't listen God can't help even though He wants to-Wouldn't listen to His prophets-Mt23:37-O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill <u>the</u> <u>prophets</u> and stone them <u>which are sent unto thee</u>, <u>how often would I have</u> gathered thy children together even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings and <u>ye would not</u>-ER-Many times I wanted to help your people. I wanted to gather them together has a hen gathers her checks under her wings. <u>But you did not let me</u>
 - C. When you lack honor and won't listen God has to wait to help you-Is30:9-That this is a rebellious people, lying children that will not hear (regard) the law of the Lord: ¹²Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: ¹⁸ Therefore will the Lord wait that he may be gracious unto you...