

YOUR HONOUR

We need to understand the honour we should have toward God, and to appreciate and receive the honour God bestowed on us, calling us "children of God".

KEY POINTS

- ❖ If we start at the end of the Bible and the beginning of eternity, we find that the central purpose of all created beings is to give honour to the almighty God, our Creator (Revelation 4:11).
- ❖ But how can we, the created, give honour to the Creator?
- ❖ We can honour God with our substance (dedicating to Him the things we own), our obedience, our lifestyle and our worship.
- ❖ And doing so is essential. Remember, it's the main purpose of our being alive.
- ❖ The following are a few scriptures and examples that demonstrate the importance of honouring God:
 - Leviticus 10:3: Among those who approach me I will be proved holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honored.
 - Numbers 20:12: Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.
 - Numbers 25:11, 13: Phinehas son of Eleazer, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned away my anger from the Israelites. Since he was as zealous for my honour as I am, I did not put an end to them in my zeal.... He and his descendants will have a covenant of a lasting priesthood, because he was zealous for the honor of his God and made an atonement for the Israelites.
 - Proverbs 3:9-10: Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.
 - Isaiah 43:20: The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen.
 - I Chronicles 29:10-13: David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying:
Praise be to you, Lord,
The God of our father Israel,
From everlasting to everlasting.
Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
And the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
For everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
You are exalted as head over all.
Wealth and honor come from you;
You are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power
To exalt and give strength to all.
Now, Our God, we give you thanks,
And praise your glorious name.

KEY SCRIPTURES (quoted from NIV unless otherwise noted): Revelation 4:11; Leviticus 10:3; Numbers 20:12, 25:11, 13; Proverbs 3:9; Isaiah 43:20; I Chronicles 29:10-13; I Timothy 1:17; I John 3:1, 3; Deuteronomy 26:19; I Samuel 2:8; John 12:26; I Corinthians 6:20

- I Timothy 1:17 KJV: Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
- Revelation 4:11 KJV: Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour, dominion and power. For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.
- ❖ And God bestows a great honour upon us, calling us His children. This is the reason why we purify ourselves, just as He is pure (I John 3:3).
- ❖ The scriptures that follow highlight the amazing truth that God has honoured us.
 - I John 3:1 NKJV: Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God.
 - Deuteronomy 26:19: He has declared that he will set you in praise, fame and honor high above all the nations he has made and that you will be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised.
 - I Samuel 2:8: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.
 - John 12:26: My Father will honor the one who serves me.
- ❖ So let us 'hear the conclusion of this matter'.
- I Corinthians 6:20 NKJV: ...you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
- ❖ We need to honour God, and to appreciate and receive the honour He has bestowed on us.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. What does it mean to honour God with our substance? Our obedience? Our lifestyle? Our worship? Discuss.
2. Revelation 4:11 says God created everything for His pleasure. What does this mean to you and how do you feel about it?
3. Share with the group how you have seen God honour you, or someone close to you, as His child – on the job, at home, spiritually, etc.

Prayer Time

Lord, I was created to honour You and that I will do. Thank you for the amazing fact that You honour me, calling me Your child! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

- ✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🧠 (Think about)
- 🗣️ (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↻ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Start-up: If you had the opportunity to (publicly or privately) honour someone who is in your life right now, how would you do it?

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
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