

GOD HONORS THOSE WHO HONORS HIM

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LAST STUDY—CALLED “HONOR THE LORD”

2 families: One who honored God and one who did not and how the Lord dealt with both of them (ILLUSTRATION for our life)—We saw what is God’s idea of a life and service that honor Him... 1Sam 2:35 (NIV) I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his house, and he will minister before my anointed one always.

KEY VERSE 1SAM 2:30- FOR THOSE WHO HONOR ME, I WILL HONOR

This week, we will look at many references about the word “HONOR” in both the OT & the NT and find applications for our life:

EXPRESSIONS IN HEBREWS—TRANSLATED HONOUR

The most used is: **03519 kabowd** {kaw-bode' 200

Glory 156, honour 32, abundance; riches; splendour; dignity; reputation; reverence

▪ WHAT A NICE WAY DAVID HAD IN EXPRESSING HONOR TO GOD!

1Chr 29:10 (NIV) David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. 11 Yours, O 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, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

12 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.

13 Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

- Honor that comes from God (His glory)
- Honor associated with the reputation of God (demonstrating his presence, blessings or workings)
- God given exaltation, position or privilege.

▪ CONTRAST

1Sam 4:21 (NIV) She named the boy Ichabod, {[21] Ichabod means no glory.} saying, "The glory has departed from Israel"--because of the capture of the ark of God and the deaths of her father-in-law and her husband.

22 She said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

0350 'Iy-kabowd {ee-kaw -bode'}- Ichabod = "**no glory**" The glory has departed

A son of Phinehas, so named because of the capture of the Ark by the Philistines

- The opposite of the glory of God: What remains when God departs from a man`s life or a nation or even a church (Church of Laodicia)
- What do we have when God is not blessing our life with His Honor or Glory?

2Chr 1:11 (NIV) God said to Solomon, "Since this is your heart's desire and you have not asked for wealth, riches or honor, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king,

12 therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, riches and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have."

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Glory 156, honour 32, glorious, abundance; riches; splendour; dignity; reputation; reverence -200

- V. 12 makes it clear that it is God’s desire to honor those who desire to honor him

03513 kabad {kaw-bad'} or **kabed** {kaw-bade'} 116

To be heavy (probably from the idea of abundance, like rich, prosperous, glorious); to enjoy honor, to gain glory, to glorify, to make honourable;

- Example— **God who said he would gain honor against Pharaoh.**

Exodus 14: I will gain honor over Pharaoh and his army, the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord...

Psalms 50:23 (NIV) He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God." {[23] *Or and to him who considers his way I will show} my salvation*

- One way to honor the Lord is determined by what kind of attitude we bring sacrifices to the Lord. (**Is our offering heavy**, does it make God honoured?) Are we being thankful?

Psalms 91:14 (NIV) "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. 15 He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble,

I will deliver him and [I will] honor him.

- Association between loving God and (trusting God) calling upon the Lord in times of trouble
Look at God's promises—Many "I will" - God will honor such a believer.

NEGATIVE PICTURE-honoring not from the heart...

Isaiah 29:13 (NKJV) Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

- They make it sound "HEAVY" with their mouth, but in fact... it's in vain if not from the heart
- IN VAIN - Empty as the opposite of HEAVY...

NEGATIVE PICTURE-King Saul

1Sam 15:30 (NIV) **Saul** replied, "I have sinned. But please honor me before the elders of my people and before Israel; come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD your God."

- Concerned with what the people thinks, not what God thinks... Appearance, hypocrisy...
- He wanted to be honored

John 5:44 "How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that [comes] from the only God?

POSITIVE PICTURE-King David

2Sam 6:20 (NIV) When **David** returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!" (*She despised him, she mocked him*)

21 David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD's people Israel--I will celebrate before the LORD.

22 I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor."

- David said, "It was before the Lord... not to impress men). He celebrated before the Lord and would even accept to humble himself before the Lord...
- He knew that by loving the Lord, people would honour him and not despised him...
- He was humble before God and he was leading the people to honor God above any man.

Prov 15:33 The fear of the Lord [is] the instruction of wisdom, And before honor [is] humility.

Prov 22:4 By humility [and] the fear of the Lord [Are] riches and honor and life.

Folly of Glory-people put their glory in strange things...

Some men become proud and insolent because they ride a fine horse, wear a feather in their hat or are dressed in a fine suit of clothes. Who does not see the folly of this? If there be any glory in such things, the glory belongs to the horse, the bird and the tailor. - St. Francis de Sales

HOW CAN WE HONOR THE LORD?

1Chr 16:26 (NIV) For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

27 Splendor and majesty [**glory and honor**] are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.

28 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength,

29 ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. {[29] Or LORD **with the splendor of holiness** }

30 Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

01926 hadar {haw-dawr'}- This word found in expressions-glory and honor or honor and majesty

AV - glory, majesty, honour, beauty, ornament, splendour, excellency, glorious, 30

- The way we will honor God with our life depends of our concept of God...
- **What is your idea of God? How do you define him in your mind and heart?**
- Our God is the creator of the world... He is not like the idols of the nations...
- *This week on TV, they were talking about this super camera-satellite taking images of the stars and planets... "Universe is billions of years is still expanding and it helps us to understand where we are from..."*

How much Glory and honor do you ascribe to God? Expressions: Glory due to his name, Bring an offering, come worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Tremble before him (Fear and reverence)

At a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bobby Richardson, former New York Yankee second baseman, offered a prayer that is brief but deep in meaning: "Dear God, Your will, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else. Amen."

THE SABBATH

Isaiah 58:13 (NIV) "If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,

14 then you will find your joy in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob." The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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OUR OFFERING

Malachi 1:6 (NIV) "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?" says the LORD Almighty. "It is you, O priests, who show contempt for my name. "But you ask, 'How have we shown contempt for your name?'"

7 "You place defiled food on my altar. "But you ask, 'How have we defiled you?' "By saying that the LORD's table is contemptible. 8 When you bring blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice crippled or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the LORD Almighty.

HONOUR IN THE N.T.

5091 timao {tim-ah'-o}

To estimate, fix the value; to honour, to have in honour, to revere, venerate

5092 time {tee-may'} - 43

Honor, the price or value of a person; reverence; precious

Of the honour which one has by reason of rank and state of office which he holds

2Tim 2:20 (NKJV) But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. [some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble]

21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

1The 4:3 (NKJV) For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

EXHORTATION ABOUT SHOWING HONOR IN THE NT

1Tim 1:17 (NIV) Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

John 5:23 (NIV) that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

John 12:26 (KJS) If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will [my] Father **honour**.

- Association with service, following the Lord...
- Will be held in high value by the master...

- We are exhorted to seek glory, honor and immortality as we live our Christian life.

Roma 2:7 (NIV) To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

Revelation 5:12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "*Blessing and honor and glory and power [Be] to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!*"

Eric Liddell—was one of *Britain's great athletes*. In the Olympics of 1924, he was to run the 100 meters (his best event), but the competition was to be on Sunday. With a good and quiet attitude, he refused to run and instead asked to run the 400 meters (which was not what he was train for). The day of the race, when he went to the starting line, an unknown man slipped a piece of paper in his hand with the quotation from 1Samuel 2:30: "Those who honor me I will honor". That day Eric Liddell set a world's record... He chose to honor God then and later he honored God in giving his life for Jesus on the mission field.