

# "Honor"

## INTRODUCTION

1. God has given us His Word in *written form (after revealing it to mankind both orally & in writing, in various ways and in portions in days of old cf. Heb. 1:1ff)*.
2. We communicate today with our words, body language, facial expressions, etc.
3. We are to receive the words in our Bibles, not as "the word of men" but as it is in truth, the word of God (2 Tim. 3:16,17; I Thess. 2:13).
4. It is essential to understand *the meaning and use* of the "words" used by God in order to properly understand His Will for us.
5. In this lesson, let us look to at a very important word in the Scriptures.
6. What does the Bible teach us about the word "*honor*"?
7. What can we learn from a study of honor (and dishonor) to grow our faith?
8. Might there be some things that we *are to honor* that we are overlooking in our spiritual journey and walk with God? Are there other actions the Bible teaches would be a *dishonor* to God, or His family (the church), or to ourselves (as individuals) that we need to be made aware and/or reminded of?
9. May God richly bless us in this study.

## I. DEFINITIONS

- A. Read from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, pgs. 114-116 concerning *Hebrew words* translated in OT passages into English translations: "honor".
- B. Read from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, pgs. 310,311 concerning Greek words translated in NT passages into English translations: "honor, honorable, without honor".

## II. CONSIDER OUR SINGING TO GOD IN PRAISE & HONOR OF HIS MAJESTY

### "WORTHY ART THOU"

Worthy of praise is Christ our Redeemer  
Worthy of glory, honor and power  
Worthy of all our souls adoration  
Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!

Lift up the voice in praise and devotion  
Saints of all earth before Him should bow  
Angels in heaven worship Him saying  
Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!

Lord may we come before Thee with singing  
Filled with Thy spirit, wisdom and power  
May we ascribe Thee glory and honor  
Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!

**-CHORUS-**

*Worthy of riches, blessings and HONOR  
Worthy of wisdom, glory and power  
Worthy of earth and heaven's thanksgiving  
Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!*

Ellis J Crum (1956,1959,1960): *Sacred Selections of the Church*, Worthy Art Thou! p. 5, (Gospel Advocate: Nashville, TN)  
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**III. LET US GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE, Matt 13:57; Jno 4:44.**

**A. Jesus Deserves All Honor, Jno 5:23.**

1. Jesus is given honor when we *believe His word* and *submit to Him* in obedience, **Matt 15:8-9; Jno 12:26.**
2. In worship, service and sacrifice, **1 Tim 1:17; 6:16; Rev 5:12-13 (19:1).**

**B. Others to Whom We are to Give Honor (Rom 13:7)...**

1. *Parents*, **Eph 6:1-2.** (God promises blessings)
2. *Your wife (husband)*, **1 Pet 3:7; Eph 5:33.** (Your flesh)
3. *Rulers*, **1 Pet 2:17, 13-16 (Matt 22:21).** (Ordained by God)
4. *Your employer*, **1 Tim 6:1.** (So God is not blasphemed)
5. *Elders*, **1 Thess 5:12 (1 Tim 5:17).** (For their work's sake)
6. *Brethren*, **Rom 12:10.** (Preferring)
7. *Widows indeed*, **1 Tim 5:3 (16).** (Caring)
8. *All people*, **1 Pet 2:17.** (Live without bias and prejudice)

**IV. CONSIDERATION OF THESE PASSAGES**

**A. Concerning honor which is due God Almighty**

1. **Psalm 96:6** "Honor and majesty are before Him..."
  2. God is due honor because of **who He is, what He has done, and what He will do!**
  3. **Rev. 4:8-11** "...give glory and honor... You are worthy..."
- B. Reverence, godly fear and worship are due our God and what He has done for mankind!**
1. Plan of redemption for mankind **John 3:16; Rev. 22:8-21**

**V. ATTRIBUTES OF CHARACTER WE SHOULD DEVELOP AS CHRISTIANS**

**A. The word of God teaches us the *attributes of character to develop* in order to be people of honor and dignity. Please consider some of them (listed below), and may each of us increase in and guard these traits so we live honorably and exert a godly influence on others (1 Pet. 2:11-12).**

**-The fear of the Lord brings honor:** "*By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life.*" (Prov. 22:4)

**-Wisdom brings honor:** "*Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.*" (Prov. 4:8)

**-Follow righteousness and mercy to obtain honor:** "*He who follows righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness and honor.*" (Prov. 21:21)

**-The humble in spirit hold on to honor:** "*A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.*" (Prov. 29:23)

**-Accepting correction produces honor:** "*Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction,*

*but he who regards a rebuke will be honored.*" (Prov. 13:18)

B. Christians are expected to treat all men with dignity and honor: "Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men" (Rom. 12:17). "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

The honor and reputation of citizens of various countries throughout the world have been damaged by the actions of a few, in some cases! It only takes a handful of people to harm the reputation of many. The apostle Paul was well aware of this and was careful to provide "honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men" (2 Cor. 8:21).

"Dead flies putrefy the perfumer's ointment, and cause it to give off a foul odor; So does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor" (Eccl. 10:1). A good name is a great treasure (Prov. 22:1). Yet, it only takes a moment of reckless, sinful conduct to lose its value and influence.

### CONCLUSION

1. Honor Jesus by believing and obeying Him and the word of His apostles and prophets. **Matt 10:40-41**
2. All will bow in honor to Him on Judgment Day, **Rom 14:10-11**.

### ADDENDUM:

I wanted to add (*as was mentioned in the audio*) the teaching in James 2 concerning the sins of: showing partiality, favoritism, prejudicial treatment (putting someone "above" what is right before God or putting someone "down" beneath others is also wrong). **"My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism....If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors."** (James 2:1,8 - NASB)

\*\*\* Question: How well are we *honoring ALL people*, regardless of: race, color of skin, background, social standing, education, accent, wealth, fame, poor, weak, homeless, in prison, sick, jobless, handicapped, mentally challenged, paralyzed, disfigured, etc. ??? \*\*\*

***Thanks so much for considering the teachings in this lesson!***

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