

Honour Pt 2 To whom does God honour?

This is our second study from the scriptures on the word "honour". In our previous teaching we established that (1) to honour someone is to lift them up, (2) before honour is humility, (3) to honour is to obey, and (4) to honour someone is to have mercy on them. In this study we establish – (1) any honour man has comes from the Lord, (2) Jesus received honour from the Father, (3) God will honour us when we wait patiently in well doing, purge ourselves of sin, regard reproof, and fear Him.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. Any honour man has comes from the Lord

"Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might...and to give strength unto all" (1 Chr.29: 12).

2. Jesus received from the Father honour and glory

"For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (2 Pet.1: 17).

3. God honours believers today that–

- i) "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for...honour" (Rom.2: 7).
- ii) purge ourselves of sin – "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use" (2 Tim.2: 21).
- iii) regard reproof – "he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured" (Prov.13: 18).
- iv) fear Him – "... he honoureth them that fear the Lord..." (Ps.15: 4).
- v) serve Jesus – "If...any man serve me, him will my Father honour" (Jn.12: 26).
- vi) "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (Jas.4:10).

Illustration

I know men who have been involved in the ministry and hope that their wives who bare so much of the burden will receive a greater reward for their work. Given that we all receive a reward at the judgment seat of Christ for what we have done their hope is likely released, but what is also scriptural is that while they live the Lord will give not only the husband "double honour" but their wives "abundant honour".

Question to think about

Why would the Lord give such honour?

Answer from the scriptures

- a) The Lord gives double honour to those who are "elders that rule well...especially they who labour in the word and doctrine" (1 Tim.5: 17). And He tempers "the body giving abundant honour to that part that lacked" (1Cor.12: 24), that "there should be no schism in the body; but that the members have the same care one for another (1Cor.12: 25). So the Lord gives honour that there be no schism in the body.
- b) And especially with the husband and wife as they are one flesh, so when one is honoured they are both honoured.

Let us remember that God honours those that wait patiently in well doing, purge themselves of sin, regard reproof, fear Him, serve Him and humble themselves!