

## Honour Pt 3 To whom do we honour?

This is our third study from the scriptures on the word "honour". In our previous teaching we established that – (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, fear Him, serve the Lord Jesus, and humble ourselves in His sight. In this study we establish (1) we are to honour God, (2) we are to honour our father and mother, and (3) we are to render unto everyone their due – honour to whom honour.

More detail on our three points – established from the scriptures.

### 1. We are to honour God–

"Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day" (Ps.71: 8).

We are to honour God's Son – Jn.5: 23 and 1 Tim.1: 17.

### 2. We are to honour our father and mother

"Honour thy father and thy mother..." (Ex.20: 12). A son is to honour his father (Mal.1: 6).

### 3. We are to render everyone their dues – honour to whom honour

"Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour"

#### Illustration

A. Jehovah Witnesses believe that Jesus is "a god" – in doing so they dishonour the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. A work colleague speaks his mind regardless of who he is talking with – with no consideration for their struggles or burdens – in doing so he dishonours them.

#### Questions to think about.

i) How do we honour God?

ii) How do we give honour to the comely members of the body?

#### Answers from the scriptures

i) We honour God–

\* "with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase" (Prov.3: 9), and

\* "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words" (Is.58: 13).

Therefore – When we disobey God and obey men we honour men more than God–

"Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me...?" (1 Sam.2:29).

ii) We honour the comely members of the body when we dwell with them according to knowledge of who they are in God, according to the scriptures. How? –

\* "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal.6: 2).

\* "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves" (Rom.15: 1).

Let us follow Jesus's example and honour the Father. And honour His Son Jesus Christ & our parents with our obedience, and bestow honour to the less honourable, according to knowledge of who they are in God! Giving all glory & honour to God!