

2. Honour, and it's Rewards

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Sub-title: Double honour

Malachi 1:6 (NKJV) *A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence? Says the Lord of hosts to you priests who despise My name...*

On Sunday 9 June a guest minister ministered a message on “(dis)honour”.

Summary of the message:

- There is one sin that holds people back from experiencing God's best
- That sin makes it difficult for people to access God's blessings
- That is the sin of dis-honour
- Although God has already given us all things that pertain to life & godliness (2 Peter 1:3), people who walk in dishonour have difficulty accessing these things
- Walking in honour gives access to God's presence & provision (Entry)
- Walking in dishonour bars access to God's presence & provision (Exit)
- Every person's destiny is tied to the way they honour or dishonour others

Last week's main points:

1. In Malachi 1:6, God speaks about Honour in three Specific Areas
2. Sacrifices and Offerings are primarily an Honour Issue
3. When we honour God with Worship & Offerings, it creates a sweet aroma in the realm of the spirit
4. Dishonour creates a repugnant stench in the realm of the spirit
5. One single Act of Dishonour can be disastrous for Future Generations

1. Honour in the Family

Deuteronomy 5:16 (NKJV) Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that **your days may be long**, and that **it may be well with you** in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

- This is the 5th of the Ten Commandments of the Bible
- According to Eph. 6:2, it is the first commandment “with promise”
 - ... your days may be long (longevity)
 - ... it may be well with you (health, wealth & success)

- This is the first of Ten Commandment that speaks directly about the family – God commands honour in our homes
- If we have honour in the home, we will have honour in the nation
- Considering the fact that we don't have much honour in the nation today, we conclude that we don't have much honour in the home today

1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV) *Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.*

Ephesians 5:33 (NKJV) *Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and **let the wife see that she respects her husband.***

- Honour in the home must be modeled by both parents
- Parents should demand honour from their children
- If children learn to honour their parents, they will have no trouble honouring God and others
- Teaching obedience is necessary, but teaching honour is more important
- Children can obey even with an unwilling and resentful heart
- But with honour comes obedience, respect and a willing heart

Isaiah 1:19 (NKJV) If you are **willing and obedient**, you shall eat the good of the land;

2. Honour in the Church

1 Timothy 5:17–18 (NKJV) **Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor**, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. **18** For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer is worthy of his wages.”

- This is a “minister” to “minister” conversation
- Ap. Paul is speaking to Ps. Timothy about church leadership & employment issues
- He is telling Timothy to count preaching elders worthy of double honour
- Clearly, the context of the words “double honour” points to “finances”
- Dake's Annotated Reference Bible: “Ruling elders, especially preaching and teaching elders are to receive double honor or double wages”
- In other words, Timothy, make sure that ministers of the gospel are paid very well for their work

1 Corinthians 9:13–14 (NKJV) *Do you not know that **those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?** 14 Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.*

- God ordained that O.T. priests & temple workers (Levites) would partake of the tithes & offerings that were brought to the temple by the other 11 tribes
- Even so (in the same way) the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel

Testimony of great dishonour towards an intl. Guest Speaker

- Some years back I invited an intl. evangelist to be keynote speaker at one of our NZ Conferences
- He was also scheduled to minister at an Australian conference during the same trip
- Unbeknown to me, he had been invited to both NZ & OZ some decades earlier, and had ministered extensively across both countries
- We found out later that after his earlier ministry trip to NZ & Oz, the organizing body sent him home without an offering
- This was a great act of dishonour towards this man (and his family), and a total & utter disgrace to the body of Christ in NZ & Oz
- By God's grace, and by the generosity of God's people, we were able to give this evangelist "double honour" after our conferences, & undo the dishonour & shame committed by previous leaders
- (Honour itself is not (easily) visible, but acts of honour can easily be seen)

(Acts 28:10 (AMP) They **showed us every respect** and **presented many gifts to us, honoring us with many honors**; and when we sailed, they provided and put on [board our ship] everything we needed.)

- Ap. Paul ended up stranded on the Island of Malta after a shipwreck
- While on the island, he ministered healing to to the locals
- On his departure, the locals showed their gratitude by honouring him with many honours

3. Honour towards God

Proverbs 3:9–10 (NKJV) *Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.*

- We can & should honour God in many different ways
 - We honour God with our whole lives
 - We honour God with our words
 - We honour God with our worship
 - We honour God in our relationships
 - We honour God in our place of employment or business
 - We honour God with our service
- Prov. 3:9 speaks about honouring the Lord with our possessions
- Possessions speaks mainly about:
 - our money & our income
- With the firstfruits of all our increase
 - “Increase” is “income”, “wages”, “salary” or “profits”

Malachi 3:10 (NKJV) *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.*

- Our tithes are a tenth part of our income (10%)
- The storehouse is our local church where we receive our spiritual food (nourishment) & spiritual care
- God says: Bring your tithes that there may be food in My house
- God speaks about food in His house before He promises food in our house
- Bringing our tithe to the Lord in our local church is a tangible way for us to honour God

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and **all these things shall be added to you.***