**“Honor”**

Welcome all to this New Year of 2022. 2021 had it’s challenges, defeats, mess ups, hang ups, disappointments, and failures. However, it also had it’s Victory’s. Therefore, forget those things behind and let us look forward to what God has for us in 2022. The theme for this year for us in this Ministry given by the Lord is “Honor”. Let’s Get Into The Word!

**Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:17 (NKJV) says this** “17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”

**Honor** - High respect; great esteem. Adherence to what is right or to a conventional standard of conduct. Fulfill (an obligation) or keep (an agreement).

**Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) says this,** “6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Our faith in God honors him but our doubt and unbelief dishonors him. Therefore, make it a priority in your life to trust the word of God even when it is unpopular to do so i.e. Covid Pandemic.

**Romans 12:10 (NKJV) says this,** “10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.

We honor each other through kind affections and brotherly love. This is honor in action and demonstration when we do such things to each other.

**Ephesians 6:1-3 (NKJV) says this,** “6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: 3 “that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth.”

Obedience is a form of honor. When we honor our parents then we are honoring the Lord. For he himself obeys the Father in all things.

**1 Timothy 5:17 (NKJV) says this,** “17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

Honoring those who work to bring the word of God to you. Shows your honor and respect towards God.

**1 Thessalonians 4:4 (NKJV) says this,** “4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor.

Our bodies belong to the Lord, and we show honor to the Lord through our bodies through sanctification. Meaning, that we don’t do things with our bodies that dishonor the Lord. Such as, having sex outside of marriage, or with the same sex, or in adultery. Or being a glutton, meaning you abuse your body through food, alcohol, drugs etc. that will bring harm to the body.

**John 5:20-23 (NKJV) says this,** **“20 For the Father loves the Son,** and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. 22 For the Father judges no one, but **has committed all judgment to the Son**, 23 that **all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father.** **He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.**

Believers who honor the Father and not the Son. Don’t honor the Father at all. Therefore, give the same honor you give to the Father to Jesus as well because he deserves, and the Father commands it.

**John 12:26 (NKJV) says this,** “26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

The promise of you being honored by God the Father is sure to those believers who honor God the Son. Therefore, if you want high respect and esteem from the Father then give that same high respect and esteem to the Lord!

**Revelation 5:12-13 says this,** “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!”**

If you were unsure why Jesus deserves honor. It was because he was **“SLAINED**” for you and me. Even though we deserved death for our sins. He took our place that we may be **“SAVED”** **“REDEEMED”** and have **“ETERNAL LIFE”.** Let’s us be careful always to honor the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit all times and you will reap the same harvest in your life from the Godhead!

I Love You, Be Blessed!

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