**“Honor III”**

**(God’s Word)**

The Bible is the written word of God from the heart of God. Therefore, if you want to truly Honor God then you must do it according to his word and will. Not your own word and will. Let’s Get Into The Word!

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:54-58 (NLT) says this,** “54 He returned to Nazareth, his hometown. When he taught there in the synagogue, everyone was amazed and said, “Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?” 55 Then they scoffed, “He’s just the carpenter’s son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers—James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. 56 All his sisters live right here among us. Where did he learn all these things?” 57 And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.” Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family.” **58 And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.”**

The Bible tells us of God’s wisdom and power. When we reject the wisdom and power of God through unbelief. We dishonor God and stop his signs, wonders, and miracles in our lives. However, when we decide to believe the word of God through faith. We then release all of God’s promises in our lives, which are Yes and Amen in and through Christ Jesus our Lord, 2 Corinthians 1:20!

**Mark 7:1-14 (NLT) says this,** “7 One day some Pharisees and teachers of religious law arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. 2 They noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow **the Jewish ritual of hand washing before eating.** 3 (The Jews, **especially the Pharisees, do not eat until they have poured water over their cupped hands, as required by their ancient traditions.** 4 Similarly, they don’t eat anything from the market until they immerse their hands in water. This is but one of many **traditions they have clung to**—such as their ceremonial washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles. 5 So the Pharisees and teachers of religious law asked him, “Why don’t your disciples follow our age-old tradition? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony.” 6 Jesus replied, “You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote,

**‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 7 Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God. 8 For you ignore God’s law and substitute your own tradition** **Isaiah 29:13”**

9 Then he said, “You skillfully sidestep God’s law in order to hold on to your own tradition. 10 For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.’11 But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, ‘Sorry, I can’t help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.’12 In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents. 13 And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others.” 14 Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. “All of you listen,” he said, “and try to understand. 15 It’s not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart.

The defilement and or dishonor of God’s word comes from exchanging the word of God for how you see it, feel it, think it and then finally do it over God’s word. Therefore, as New-Covenant believers we honor the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit through obeying the words of Jesus, which consequently comes from the mouth of the Father. As we close remember the words of the Lord according to **Matthew 7:24-29 (NKJV), which says this,** “24 “Therefore **whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man** who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it **did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.** 26 “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” 28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

If you want God to honor you by his word then honor God by hearing, believing, and finally doing his word. Then you to will have a testimony and great understanding about how God rewards honor from his children.

I love you, be blessed!

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