

Honoring God!

KJV Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive *glory and honour* and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

These words of praise are given by the 24 elders who sit around the throne of God, as the four living creatures say “*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.*”

These 24 elders fall on their faces and worship God casting their golden crowns before His throne!

Honor is a very important thing in The Kingdom of God, in fact in any kingdom!

❖ **Honor** is the highest form of **respect, reverence, regard and reward** that can be given.

God is worthy to receive *glory, honor and power* because He created everything (which no one else can do) and the reason He did it—because it pleased Him.

We highly honor and esteem people that invent products that bless our lives:

The telephone, wash machine, light bulb, computer, smart phone, automobile, airplane etc.

These people receive much praise, honor and esteem from the world for the things they have brought into the world.

Well God brought you into this world, but before He did, He brought the world into existence and then created you and I and placed us in it!

ESV Malachi 1:6 "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, 'How have we despised your name?'"

God says we know how to honor everyone else whose been a blessing in our lives, but where is His honor?

1 Sam 2:30b... “Them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed (**consider unimportant & insignificant**).”

Because **Eli would not honor God by honoring the offerings** given to Him by the people, God annulled His promise that priests would come from this family line.

Being a priest is a highly honorable position in The Kingdom of God, being able to stand in the presence of God and minister to the people on God's behalf is one of the greatest honors a man can receive!

We have been made **king and priests to God!** (Rev 1:7, 5:10)

Handling the holy things of God is a very high honor!

But Eli and his family were rejected by God and found **dishonorable & unworthy!**

We as New Covenant kings must honor God by properly handling His offerings!

The Firstfruits is an offering of the **first and best** of the harvest, to acknowledge that all they received had come from God.

He is **Lord of The Harvest** and as master and creator He is also the true owner!

Giving the firstfruit guaranteed God's blessing on the rest of the harvest that year.

KJV Proverbs 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

❖ **Honor is given by our offerings!**

An **honorarium** is monies given for professional services rendered.

Praise are words and songs spoken and sung about someone's accomplishments.

Firstfruits are the **first and best of our increase**, the **tithe** comes after the firstfruit offering is given.

The tithe is ten percent of our increase off the top—not after we've paid our bills, ourselves and had fun!

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