

Love, Honor and Obedience Part 2!

KJV John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Jesus said if we love Him, we will obey Him!

Obedience is the act of submitting to authority; it's listening and acting upon what is heard!

James 1:22 ... "Be doers of The Word and not hearers only, doing so we deceive ourselves."

23 If someone listens to God's word but doesn't do what it says, he is like a person who looks at his face in a mirror,

24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

James says this person looks in the mirror sees he needs to fix themselves but walks away thinking he looks good is fooling themselves!

❖ **Obedience brings honor to those we obey, just as disobedience brings dishonor!**

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 as sons **honor** their fathers and servants **obey** their masters; since I'm your Father and your Master where is my **honor** and where is My **respect**?

Is there **anyone** or **anything** we **honor** more than God!

Is there **anyone's** **opinion** we **respect** more than Gods!

Is there **anything** or **anyone** we **fear** more than God!

If there is **anyone** or **anything** we **honor, respect and fear** more than God we are not responding correctly to God's Word, His Spirit or His Kingdom!

God is **not** truly our Father and we do not know His Name!

God's **name** is His nature, character and reputation, disobeying God is the same as **despising Him!**

God says to **Malachi** people who act like this **despise** His Name!

To despise is to “*look down upon and treat with contempt*”!

Luk 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

God honored **Saul** making him the **first king** of Israel, the first!

The **first** of anything is special and held in great honor, but king Saul didn't obey God, he did his own thing!

1 Sam 2:30b God tells king Saul, “... *I promise that I will honor those who honor me, and those who despise me will be considered insignificant.*”

King Saul (wasn't a doer) he despised (looked down on) and had no respect for what God told him to do, in doing so he **dishonored God** and proved he **loved his position** and **feared** the people more than God!

Listen, some believers **fear** what people think of them more than what God thinks of them!

Their attitudes and actions are based on people rather than God!

Parents who call themselves believers who let their children do whatever they want—don't love God as they should!

You complain about unrighteous needs others do but **refuse to correct your children** when they do the same things!

Eli the high priest did this, he let his children grow up and become priests who **dishonored God** and **abused** the people of God!

His sons **Hophni and Phinehas** told the people to give them meat to eat before they gave their sacrifice to God! (**1 Sam 2:15**)

1 Samuel 2:17 Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the LORD, for the men treated the offering of the LORD with contempt.

These were supposed to be men of God, but they ignored God's commandments acting like there is no God, doing what they wanted.

The sin of Hophni and Phinehas caused The glory to leave!

When children disobey their parents they are acting as if they have none!

- ❖ **When the priests and the people worshipped, singing and sacrificing and acted like God wasn't with them, He left!**

God honors those who honor Him!

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How does He do it? By hearing and answering our prayers, by blessing them with **His divine and glorious presence.**

God is omnipresent meaning everywhere at the same time, yet His **divine and glorious presence** is an **extension of God's nature!**

As **purifying fire, smoke and the cloud** since God hides Himself in the thick glory cloud!

God's glory is His beauty and splendor that's seen in His train, the seraphim, the four living creatures, and all the heavenly hosts!

Where God lives His **glory dwells!**

Psalm 26:8 O LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.

Psalm 24:3 Who may go up the LORD's mountain? Who may stand in his holy place?

4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart and does not long for what is false or lie when he is under oath.