

The Honor of Serving

1 Samuel 2:30 (NKJV) *Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.*

Honor: h3513. כָּבֵד kâbâd; or כָּבֵד kâbed; In the Hebrew Bible the verb “kâbed” (in Hebrew: כָּבֵד) occurs 114 times. The basic meaning of “kâbed” is: being heavy, being burdened, having importance. Derived from this, “kâbed” also has the meaning of: being weighty, being prestigious, being honored, being glorified.

Heavy: be important; honour, majesty, glory, to hold in high esteem.

I. To Honor God

1 Corinthians 6:20 (NASB 2020) *For you have been bought for a price: therefore glorify God in your body.*

Glorify: g1392. δοξάζω doxazō; from 1391; to render (or esteem) glorious (in a wide application): — (make) glorify(-ious), full of (have) glory, honor, magnify.

1 Corinthians 6:20 (AMP) *You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His own]. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body.*

1 Corinthians 10:31 (AMP) *So then, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you may do, do all for the honor and glory of God.*

II. To Honor means to act!

1 Samuel 2:29 (NASB 2020) *Why are you showing contempt for My sacrifice and My offering which I have commanded for My dwelling, and why are you honoring your sons above Me, by making yourselves fat with the choicest of every offering of My people Israel?'*

1 Corinthians 6:20 (NASB 2020) *For you have been bought for a price: therefore glorify God in your body.*

Matthew 15:8-9 (NASB 2020) ***THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME, AND IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.***

Honor: g5091. τιμάω timāō; from 5093; to prize, i.e. fix a valuation upon; by implication, to revere: — honor, value. AV (21) - honour 19, value 2; to esteem.

****2 Timothy 2:21 (NASB 2020)** *Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be an implement for **honor**, sanctified, useful to the Master, **prepared for every good work.***

Ephesians 2:10 (NASB 2020) *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God prepared beforehand **so that we would walk in them.***

Colossians 3:17 (AMP) *And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.*

When you do something in someone's name what are you doing? You are Honoring them!

Proverbs 3:9 (NASB 2020) *Honor the LORD from your wealth, And from the first of all your produce;*

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*****Isaiah 29:13 (NKJV)** *Therefore the LORD said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their **fear** toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,*

Isaiah 29:13 (NASB 2020) *Then the Lord said, "Because this people approaches Me with their words And honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me, And their **reverence** for Me consists of the commandment of men that is taught;*

Fearing the Lord is the same as Honoring Him!

Psalms 111:10 (NASB 2020) *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; All those who follow His commandments have a good understanding; His praise endures forever.*

The first thing you should think of when you think of Fearing the Lord is obedience. If you do not fear God, you will not listen to Him!

III. With Honor comes reward

Psalms 25:12-13 (NASB 2020) Who is the person who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose. His soul will dwell in prosperity, And his descendants will inherit the land.

Fear: h3373. אָרָא; yâré'; from 3372; fearing; morally, reverent:

Acts 2:43 (NKJV) Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

Acts 2:43 (AMP) And a sense of awe (reverential fear) came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were performed through the apostles (the special messengers).

Colossians 3:23-24 (NASB 2020) Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people, knowing that it is from the Lord that you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

Hebrews 6:10-12 (NASB 2020) For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, by having served and by still serving the saints. And we desire that each one of you demonstrate the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and endurance inherit the promises.

****1 Samuel 2:28 (ESV)** Did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? I gave to the house of your father all my offerings by fire from the people of Israel.