

LOF 3 - HONOUR'S REWARD - HONOURING HIGHER AUTHORITY

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INTRODUCTION

- TONIGHT WE'RE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON 3-4 WEEKS JOURNEY
- AND WE'RE GOING TO GO DEEP ON THE SUBJECT OF "HONOUR"
- OMG THE MORE I LEARN THIS, THE MORE GOD IS OPENING UP HIS REVELATION ABOUT HOW GOD VALUE HONOUR!
- IT IS JUST MIND BLOWING!
- ARE YOU READY?

1. GOD WANTS YOU TO GET YOUR FULL REWARD

2 John 8 (NKJV) Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

- "LOOK TO YOURSELVES"
 - THIS MESSAGE IS NOT FOR THE PEOPLE SITTING NEXT TO YOU, THIS MESSAGE IS DIRECTED TO YOU.
- "FULL REWARD"
 - HOW MANY KNOW THAT **WE SERVE A GOD WHO IS A REWARDER!**
 - YOU SEE, HE APPEARED TO ABRAHAM AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF
 - 'ABRAHAM, IM YOUR SHIELD, YOUR EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD'
 - **HE IS A REWARDER!!!!**
 - AND THE OTHER THING IS, HE DIDN'T JUST SAY 'REWARD'
 - HE SPECIFICALLY SAID **FULL REWARD**
 - THAT MEANS THERE ARE PEOPLE IN LIFE THAT WILL RECEIVE **FULL REWARDS** OR **PARTIAL REWARDS** AND **NO REWARDS AT ALL!!!!**
 - AND YOU SEE THE BIBLE DIDN'T SAY 'LIVE IN SUCH A WAY SO YOU CAN GET **PARTIAL REWARDS**'
 - BECAUSE **GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE FULL REWARD**
 - NOW, I KNOW THIS REWARD ALSO TALKS ABOUT THE REWARD OF YOUR SALVATION (I.E YOU GO TO HEAVEN) BUT...
 - GODLINESS HAS THE PROMISE OF THE LIFE NOW AND IS TO COME.
 - PROVERBS ALSO SAYS THE **RIGHTEOUS WILL BE REWARDED ON THE EARTH.**
 - GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE FULL REWARD NOT JUST LATER IN HEAVEN AND **ALSO NOW, ON EARTH!**

2. HONOUR IS THE KEY!

"JESUS COULDN'T"

- YOU SEE THE BIBLE SAYS ONE DAY JESUS WENT FROM ONE CITY TO ANOTHER PREACHING THE GOSPEL, AND HEALING THE SICK.
- BUT IT SAYS THAT WHEN HE WENT TO HIS HOMETOWN.
- THE BIBLE SAYS
- **'JESUS COULDN'T DO MIGHTY WORKS'**
- IN THE OTHER CITIES, THE BLINDS WERE HEALED, THE LAME WALKS AGAIN, MIGHTY MIGHTY WORKS HAPPEN IN THAT CITY.
- BUT WHEN HE REACHED HIS HOMETOWN.
- THE BIBLE SAID HE COULDN'T DO MIGHTY WORKS
- COULDN'T not WOULDN'T
- COULDN'T, IN ANOTHER WORD THERE IS SOMETHING THAT CAN RESTRAIN JESUS FROM DOING WHAT HE WANTS TO DO.
- HE WANTS TO HEAL THEM.
- HE WANTS TO BLESS THEM.
- BUT SOMETHING JUST HOLD HIM BACK.
- THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE EVEN SAYS 'HE **WAS NOT ABLE** TO DO MIGHTY WORKS'
- MAY GAWD!!!
- HOW MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT RESTRAIN JESUS.
- **BECAUSE WHAT RESTRAIN JESUS WILL RESTRAIN US.**
- WHAT WOULD RESTRAIN JESUS?
- "ISN'T HE THE SIBLINGS OF..."
- "ISN'T HE THE SON OF MARY AND JOSEPH THAT MADE OUR FURNITURE?"
- JESUS SAYS "A prophet is not without HONOUR'.
- YOU SEE THE THING THAT RESTRAIN JESUS, WAS BECAUSE **THERE IS NO HONOUR IN THAT CITY.**
- SO THESE CITY GOT A SMALL, PARTIAL REWARDS BECAUSE OF ONE WORD...EVERYBODY SAYS IS...HONOUR
- CHURCH WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR FULL REWARD, FULL BLESSING, FULL HEALING, FULL RESTORATION, **HONOUR IS THE KEY**
- MAYBE YOU CAME HERE TONIGHT, YOU'VE GOT PARTIAL VICTORY, PARTIAL HEALING, YOU WIN BUT YOU ONLY WIN PARTIALLY...WHAT IF I TOLD YOU...**HONOUR IS THE MISSING KEY!**
- **2 Timothy 3:1-5 "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! "**
- THAT'S WHY IN THE NEXT 3 WEEKS WE'RE GOING TO GO DEEP ON THE SUBJECT OF HONOUR.
- WHAT IS HONOUR, HOW CAN WE PRACTICE HONOUR, THE REWARD OF HONOUR, WHO DO WE NEED TO HONOUR
- YOU GUYS READY?

3. WHAT IS HONOUR?

- **Honor** - GREEK WORD OF TIMH (TIMI) WHICH MEANS
 - **HONOUR - TO PUT HIGH VALUE ON SOMEONE, TO APPRECIATE, TO ESTEEM, TO TREAT WITH RESPECT**
- ANOTHER WAY TO LEARN HONOUR IS TO UNDERSTAND THE THE ANTONYM
- THE ANTONYM OF HONOUR IS **DISHONOUR - TO TREAT IT COMMON, TO TREAT IT ORDINARY.**
- EX:
 - WHEN YOU HONOUR YOUR WIFE - THAT MEANS YOU PUT HIGHER VALUE ON HER, ON WHAT SHE HAS DONE FOR YOU.
 - WHEN YOU DISHONOUR YOUR WIFE - THAT MEANS YOU TREAT THEM AS ORDINARY.
 - WHEN YOU DISHONOUR YOUR LEADER - THAT MEANS YOU TREAT THEM AND WHAT THEY'VE DONE FOR YOU AS ORDINARY.
- **HONOUR IS A HEART THING.**
 - HONOUR CAN BE DISPLAYED IN WORD, THOUGHT AND ACTION.
 - BUT TRUE HONOUR ORIGINATES FROM **THE HEART.**
 - **"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me" Matt 15:8**
 - BUT TRUE HONOUR FLOWS FROM THE HEART.
 - ITS AN INSIDE OUT THING.
 - YOU CAN'T SAY 'I HONOUR YOU' WITH OUR MOUTH, BUT DESPISE HIM/HER IN YOUR HEART.
 - HONOUR IS A HEART THING.
 - ARE YOU STILL WITH ME?
 - CMON THIS IS GOOD PREACHING.
 - YOU WANT YOUR FULL REWARD, GET THE RIGHT KEY.
 - YOU CAN'T OPEN THE RIGHT DOOR WITH THE WRONG KEY.
 - YOU WANT YOUR FULL REWARD, PRACTICE HONOUR!
 - I WANT TO DECREE AND DECLARE TO YOU THAT IN OUR CHURCH HONOUR IS OUR VALUE. HONOUR RUNS IN OUR DNA.
 - AND WHEN HONOUR FLOWS, HIS BLESSING FLOOWS IN OUR LIFE!
 - SOMEBODY SHOUT HONOUR!!!!

4. HONORING HIGHER AUTHORITY

Authority

Legal power or a right to command or to act; as the authority of a prince over subjects and of parents over children; government; the persons or the body exercising power or commands; as the local authorities of the states.
--American Dictionary of the English Language

Romans 13:1-2 (NKJV) Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

1. All legitimate AUTHORITIES COME FROM GOD.
2. LET EVERY SOUL BE SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES.
3. THOSE WHO OPPOSE OR REBEL AGAINST PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY, ARE OPPOSING GOD.
 - I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE GOD'S ENEMY.
 - To oppose MEANS to resist, be against, contradict, or fight.
 - One of the most dangerous ways to oppose people in authority is with our words.

YOU SEE ONE OF THE PROBLEM WITH ESPECIALLY EUROPEAN CULTURE IS WE WANT TO FOLLOW GOD'S KINGSHIP IN HIS KINGDOM WITH DEMOCRACY MENTALITY.

- The Kingdom of God is not a democracy (a form of government in which people choose leaders by voting).
- The Kingdom of God is the spiritual world of which God is king.

WHO ARE THESE AUTHORITY?

- **FROM OUR PRIME MINISTER TO OUR BOSSES IN OUR WORKPLACE**
- YOU WANT TO BE BLESSED IN YOUR LIFE?
- YOU WANT TO UNLOCK YOUR FULL MEASURE OF BLESSING
- HONOUR YOUR LEADERS

BUT PASTOR....Does God want us to submit to harsh, ungodly people in authority who mistreat us? As hard as it may be to swallow, the answer is yes.

Three Biblical benefits of submitting to, or honoring harsh leaders:

1 Peter 2:20-23 (NKJV) ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. ²¹For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us,^[a] leaving us^[b] an example, that you should follow His steps: ²²"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";^[c]²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV) ⁹The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us,^[a] not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Hebrews 5:8-9 ⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

- BY HONOURING THESE LEADERS, YOU ARE TRUSTING GOD
 - Instead of taking matters into your own hands, choose to submit to the unjust authority over you and leave the matter in God's hands.
- BY HONOURING THESE LEADERS, YOU ARE HONOURING GOD.
 - AND BY HONOURING GOD, God will set you up to receive a full reward.
 - You honor the position NOT the behavior!
 - Choose to stay put where God places you and not run from difficulty and you will be rewarded!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS.

- **TO HONOUR = TO PUT HIGH VALUE ON SOMEONE, TO APPRECIATE, TO ESTEEM, TO TREAT WITH RESPECT**
- **TO DISHONOUR - TO TREAT IT COMMON, TO TREAT IT ORDINARY.**
- **WE ALSO LEARNT TODAY THAT ALL GOVERNING AUTHORITY IS PLACED BY GOD**
- **WHO IS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY THAT GOD HAS PLACED OVER YOU THAT YOU NEED TO APPLY HONOUR IN YOUR LIFE? (GOVERNMENT, TAX MAN, BOSS, MANAGER, PARENTS)**
- **DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR GROUP.**
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- **NOTE FOR COACHES: CLOSE WITH PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND DECLARE FULL REWARDS AND BLESSINGS TO BE OPENED IN THEIR LIFE.**