



“Honor your father and your
mother.” - Mark 10: 19



Render to All Their Due Honor

Part 2

4th Sunday of Hathour

Recap

- “Render therefore to all their due: ... fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.” (Rom. 13:7)
- Render to All Their Due Honor
- To whom should we render honor?
 - God
 - Parents
 - Elderly
 - Authorities and leaders
 - Superiors
 - Widows/vulnerable
 - Spouses
 - All people



The Value of Honoring Others

1. Reflect God's Nature and Order
2. Teaches Humility and Gratitude
3. Strengthens Relationships
 - “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another...” (Rom. 12:10)

4. Share God's Love with the World

- "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
(Matthew 22:39)
- "By this all will know that you are My
disciples, if you have love for one another."
(Jn. 13:35)
- EX: Christ honored the Samaritan Woman
- "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink
from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews
have no dealings with Samaritans. (Jn. 4:9)



5. A Source of Blessings

- Parents
- “...for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.” (1 Tim. 2:2)



6. A Source of Wisdom and Guidance

- "Wisdom is with aged men, and with length of days, understanding." (Job 12:12)
- "My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother; for they will be a graceful ornament on your head, and chains about your neck." (Prov. 1:8-9)
- *"Respect for the aged is the foundation of every virtue."* (St. John Chrysostom)





Consequences of Dishonor

Personal and Communal

1. Dishonor before God

- Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: *'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'* (Mk. 7:6-7)
- “If you love Me, keep My commandments.” (Jn. 14:15)



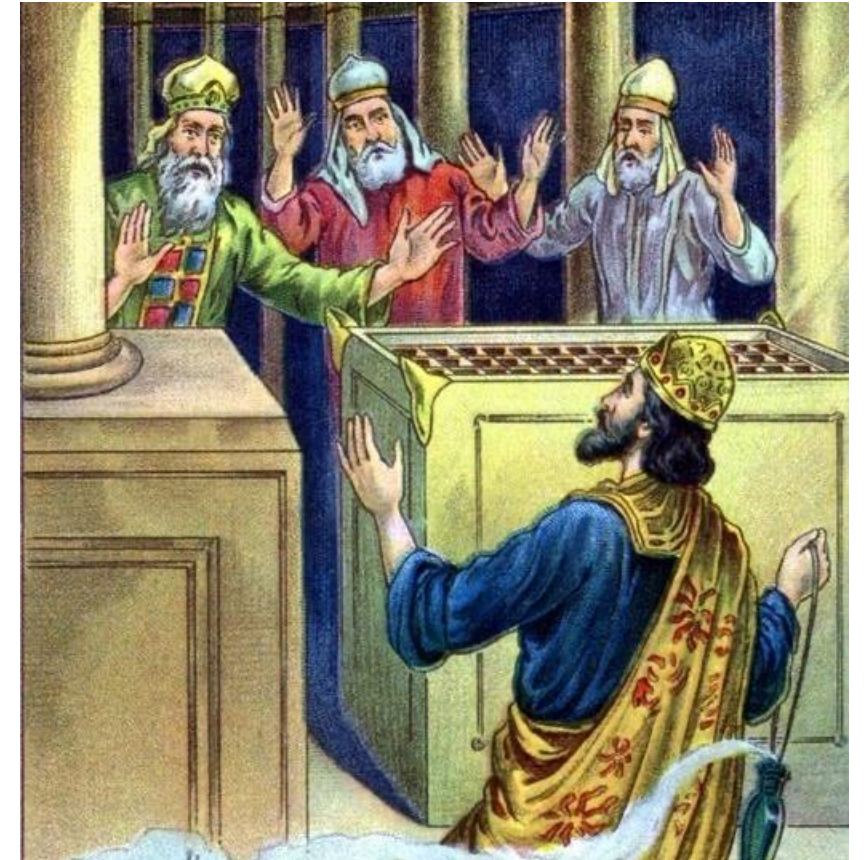


2. Loss of God's Blessing

- Scripture connects honor with God's blessings
- Disregarding His commands may deprive us of blessings
- May bring about God's judgement
- "Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt." (Deut. 27:16)

3. Hardens the Heart leading to Pride

- King Uzziah's Pride
- **"He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper."** (2 Chr. 26:5)
- **"But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the Lord his God by entering the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense."** (2 Chr. 26:16)
- **"Then Uzziah became furious, and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the Lord, beside the incense altar... King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death."** (2 Chr. 26:19-21)



4. Broken Relationships

Failing to honor parents, elders, spouses, or leaders damages relationships.



5. Erodes the stability of the Family

- The Family of Eli the Priest
- "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people... If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him?" (1 Sam. 2:23-25).
- "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.'" (1 Sam. 2:30)



6. Breakdown of Society

"Whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves." (Rom. 13:2)



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