



CHURCH IN THE HOUSE EDIFICATION MATERIAL (FEBRUARY 2011)

THEME: EXAMINING OUR YEAR OF HONOUR

TEXT: I Sam 2: 27 – 30 (Those who honour me, I will honour and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed)

DEFINITION: The Hebrew word for honour is spelled (time) and pronounced (teemee). It means weighty as of God and among other things valuable, precious, appreciation, esteemed, favourable, regard and respect.

The opposite of honour is dishonour, it means to be treated shamefully, with disrespect and humiliated. Example is the ambassadors of David that were humiliated by the King. (2 Sam 10: 1 – 5)

Note: (Discuss)

Honour can be displayed or expressed in **action**, **words** and **thought**. Isaiah 29: 13

SOURCES OF HONOUR: Honour comes from 3 different sources:

1. God
2. Men (It can be good or bad. If it is bad, it can be used as a trap e.g when people flatter you)
3. Honour you gave to yourself or self imposed honour. (Proverbs 12:9)

Examine the following scriptures and discuss

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| a) | John 5: 43-44 | Distinguishes honour from men and honour from God |
| b) | I Peter 2: 17 | This relates to the respect that you give to men |
| c) | Proverbs 12: 9 | Relates to self imposed honour |

Note:

Honour you give to yourself can be positive; it can also be likened to self respect. It is a unique honour, a by-product of self control.

Honouring all men has exception:

- a) The fallen man does not have honour - Lamentation 5: 16
- b) A fool also does not have honour (Proverb 26: 1 – 12)
- c) There are believers who are also foolish. Gal 3: 1 – 3.
- d) The trademark of a fool is despising wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1: 1 – 7

Conclusion

Everytime you come to the Lord, and make Him the Lord of your life and ask Him to take over and do it His own way. He deposits honour in your life. (Deut 26: 17 – 19.)

Prayer

Lord make me a person of honour in thought, words and in deed.