

Inspiration today

HONOUR Prov. 3v9-10

"To honour is to accord or to esteem someone with high respect. The one honoured must deserve or be qualified to receive such great respect. God deserves all honour and He is the only one eternally qualified in all respects to be esteemed with honour. The one who honours has respect for the person honoured or the achievements of the one honoured. We respect and honour parents, great athletes, intelligent people and people of distinctive achievements as recognition of their positions and/or their achievements. Honour gives access, builds relationship and brings rewards.

"Honour your father and mother. This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honour your father and mother, things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:2-3 NLT

Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then He will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine." Proverbs 3:9-10 NLT.

Honour attracts: -

1. God's honours. 1 Sam.3:20
2. God's riches. Prov.3:9-10
3. Favours. Eph.6:2-3
4. Long life. Eph.6:2-3

The opposite of honour is dishonour or disrespect which is sin. Eli and his children were disrespectful to God's offering (1 Sam.3) and the consequences were enormous. To receive the above benefits from God we must follow His principles in Prov.3:9-10. We grieve God and attract His anger when we withhold our wealth from Him or offer it disrespectfully.

"The Lord of Heaven's Armies says to the priests: "A son honours his father, and a servant respects his master. If I am your father and master, where are the honour and respect I deserve? You have shown contempt for my name!" But you ask, 'How have we ever shown contempt for your name?' "You have shown contempt by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar. "Then you ask, 'How have we defiled the sacrifices?' "You defile them by saying the altar of the Lord deserves no respect. When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn't that wrong? And isn't it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!" says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. Malachi 1:6-8 NLT

Honour is appropriate and rewarding and may we be wise to get the best from God by giving honour to Him through our offerings.

Abundant blessings.

June BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tassyana Silveria-Sow 1st, 2 Paul Maiyegun 2nd, 3 Nzechukwu Ikeri 6th,
- 4 Fortune Nwosu 11th, 5 Anne Okolotu 13th, 6 Sophia Okeregha 14th,
- 7 John Maiyegun 21st, 8 Tobiloba Ogunti 23rd, 9 Blessing Nwadike 30th,

Notices

Children aged 7 and below **MUST** be accompanied to the restrooms at all times

♂ Use of disabled toilet

Male Children, 12 and under are no longer allowed to use the male toilets. Henceforth, they should use the disabled toilet

♂ Evangelism

Every Saturday 10.30am at Tuebrook, 11am City Centre

♂ Water Baptism

If you are born again and want to be water baptised by immersion, please see Pastor Christiana Ikeri



Dominion Assembly

Jesus Christ the same yesterday,
and today and forever.
Hebrew 13:8

Vision/Mission Statement

1. To Make Heaven
2. To take as many people as possible with us
3. Committed to Spiritual revival in the Merseyside region and the United Kingdom
4. To make Holiness our lifestyle
5. Helping members grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ through the Word, Prayer & Evangelism
6. To be relevant in our community through helping the elderly, the homeless & the vulnerable
7. We will pursue these objectives until spiritual revival comes to our Nation & the world is reached for Jesus Christ our Lord

Services Sundays

Prayer meeting 9.30am

Church Service
11.00am—1.30pm

Evening Service 6pm—7pm

Holy communion Services
First & Third Sundays
Last Thursdays every month

Thursdays

Bible Study 6pm—7.30pm

Prayer Meeting

5pm daily except Thursdays



IS GOD REAL?

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen" 1 Tim. 1v17

Lesson text: Psalm 103v1 — 14

Lesson Outline

A. Who is God

Having the correct perception of who God is in the light of all His creations is of utmost importance as a false/perverted knowledge of Him could easily lead to idolatry (Jn. 4v19-23). Here is a good summary of who God is: "the Supreme Being"; the "Creator and Ruler" of all that is; the "Self existent one" who is perfect in power, goodness, and wisdom. God, at different dispensations, introduced Himself to His people. For example, He is the Almighty God (Gen. 17v1), I AM THAT I AM (Ex. 3v13-14), the God of All flesh (Jer. 32v7), the ALPHA and OMEGA (Rev. 22v13).

God is a spirit, by nature, intangible (Jn. 4v24; 2 Cor. 3v17). God is one but exists as three persons—God the father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3v16-17). God is infinite (1 Tim. 1v17), incomparable (2 Sam. 7v22), and unchanging (Mal. 3v6). God exists everywhere—omnipresent (Ps. 139v7-12), knows everything—omniscient (Ps. 147v5; Isa. 40v28), and has all power and authority—omnipotent (Rev. 19v6)

B. His Character and Works

Here are some of God's characteristics as revealed in the Bible: God is just (Acts 17v31), loving (Eph. 2v4-5), truthful (Jn. 14v6), and holy (1 Jn. 1v5), God shows compassion (2 Cor. 1v3), mercy (Rom. 9v15), and grace (Rom. 5v17), God judges sin (Ps. 5v5), but also offers forgiveness (Ps. 130v4). We cannot understand God apart from His works, because what God does flows from who His nature . Here is an abbreviated list of God's works, past, present and future: God created the world (Gen. 1v1; Isa. 42v5); He actively sustains the world (Col. 1v17); He is executing His eternal plan (Eph. 1v11) which involves the redemption of man from the curse of sin and death (Gal. 3v13-14); He draws people to Christ (Jn. 6v44); He disciplines His children (Heb. 12v6); and He will judge the whole world on the last day (Rev. 20v11-15)

Conclusion

In Jesus "all the fullness of the deity lives in the bodily form" (Col. 2v9). So, to really know who God is, all we have to do is look at Jesus.

Children's Riddles

- A. I asked God to bless me and enlarge my territory, who am I? _____
- B. I bought Joseph from the Midianite traders, who am I? _____
- C. I lied to the Holy Spirit and an apostle and died with my Husband, who am I? _____

Open Heaven for today

LOVE AND COMPASSION

MEMORISE: Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. **Romans 15:2**

READ: Romans 15:1-6

Love and compassion are the measure of true Christianity. Our Lord Jesus Christ emphasized this by identifying the commandments to love God as the first and general law, after which He declared the directive to love fellow human beings as the second most important law (Matthew 22:35-40).

When we carefully consider love in line with Genesis 1:28, it instantly translates to a moral obligation. We all therefore have an obligation under God to one another, whether as leaders, pastors, married couples, parents, siblings, neighbors or simply as human beings. Scripture further stresses a stronger and higher responsibility for Christians and the Church as a result of our special privileged relationship with God.

Many Christians do not have a clear understanding of the responsibilities that God has placed on us in relation to our fellow human beings. Some are still asking, "Am I my brother's keeper?" If you must know, the answer is yes. God expects you, as Christ's ambassador in this world, to be your brother's and sister's keeper. We have a responsibility to our brethren in the Lord and to the world at large, to be the salt of the earth and beacons of light in this world of darkness. We need to live a life that is true to what the Lord said about us in Matthew 5:13-14, which says:

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

Every Christian has the responsibility to represent Jesus Christ in the world, living as channels of divine mercy and kindness, both within the Church and out in the world. Philippians 2:4-5 says:

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:"

We must not close our ears to the cries of those who are poor in worldly goods or those poor in spirit (Luke 4:18, Proverbs 21:13). Many are desperately in need of sustenance, some are enduring diverse sicknesses and various forms of poverty, while some other are in bondage to sin and are being manipulated by the devil. We must reach out to them all with the gospel of love. Let us endeavor to correct, strengthen, and encourage each other in love along the way, making sure not to destroy anyone who falls into error as a result of one weakness or the other. Our light must shine so much that the reflection would brighten the paths of others in darkness and thereby bring glory to God.

Let Love Lead...

PRAYER POINT:

Father, strengthen me to manifest as a problem solver to my generation, in Jesus' Name.

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