

Honour

Definition

Seeing others as God sees them ...

What do we look at?

The weaknesses, the impossibilities, the threats ..

“God see's us now as we will be ..”

1 Cor 2 the importance of the prophetic

Honour

We honour because He first ...

2 Cor 1v 4 Father of Compassion and all comfort, who comforts us in all our trouble, SO THAT we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Rm 12 v10 honour one another above ourselves. This is spoken after teaching about the gifts in the body.

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Jn 17 v22 I have given them the glory that you gave me ..

V23 loved in the same way that the Father loved Jesus

We find it hard sometimes to believe these things.

Eph 3 v17

Honour

Why do we find it difficult to bring honour?

Genesis 9 : Ham saw the nakedness of Noah and didn't cover but wanted to expose.

Love covers a multitude of sins

1 Peter 4 v8

Linda ...

The ROOT of our inability to give honour ...
an orphan spirit or Fatherlessness

To a Christian, home is where we can constantly hear the voice of our Father saying, "You are the child I love and on whom My favor rests!"

When we feel we are truly at home in the Father's love, we do not constantly struggle with fears, anxieties, insecurities, lusts, addictions, compulsions, or aggressive striving.

The example of Jesus as a son

Jesus was fully man and fully God.

Phil 2 v3

- very nature, God (Heb 1:3)
- Equality not grasped (Grasped .. “Harpagmos” to take advantage of or use to his own advantage)
- made Himself nothing - “emptied Himself” He did not abandon the form of God but hid that form under the form of a servant

See also Heb 2: 14-17

Importance of this?

Jesus at baptism - Mth 3

Jesus did all that He did knowing that he was approved by the Father and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1 17 “he received glory and honour from God the Father when the voice came to him saying “this is my son, whom I love, with Him I am well pleased”

(referring to the Mount of Transfiguration Mth 17)

Jesus and the Father through John

Jesus is loved by the
Father from before the
creation of the world Jn
17:24

Father so loved me,
He sent Jesus Jn
3:16

Jn 7v16 my teaching is
not my own. It comes
from Him who sent me ..

Jesus came from the "bosom"
of the Father Jn 1:18

Jn 6:43 no one
can come to Jesus
unless the Father
draws them

Jn 6:27 God the
Father has set his
seal of approval

He only did ... Jn 5:18

Jn 8:19 know me
you would know
the Father

Jn 8:38 I am telling
you what I have
seen in my Father's
presence

I honour my Father ... I am not
seeking glory for myself Jn
8:50 then v54 the Father
glorifies the son

Jn 12:49 what to say
and how to say it

Jn 14:9 seen me, you
have seen the Father

Miracles done in the Father's
name Jn 10:25 & 37

I will not leave you as
orphans Jn 14

The Orphan Spirit

ORPHANS – POSITIONALLY WE ARE SONS BUT
WE DO NOT FEEL LIKE IT OR ACT LIKE IT.

To the extent that we have not received the love and nurture
of good parents

we will struggle to know the love of a Father

ADOPTION AS SONS

To be right with God the judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father is a greater thing.” Jim Packer—Knowing God.

Romans 8:13

Huiothesis :
"the placing of a son"

Heirs - toga virility

Galatians 3:26 - 4:7

we are sons - Jn1:12 teknon

slave or free?

full rights of sons = adoption

How?

Holy Spirit

Forgiveness

Note that we “call out” or “cry out”. Douglas Moo Commentary on Romans says, “ In using the verb “cry out” Paul stresses that our awareness of God as Father comes not from rational considerations nor from external testimony alone but from a truth deeply felt and intensely experienced.

If some Christians err in basing their assurance of salvation on feelings alone, many others err in basing it on facts and arguments alone. Indeed, what Paul says here calls into question whether one can have a genuine experience of God’s spirit of adoption without its affecting the emotions”.

Howell Harris a contemporary of the Wesley's was used mightily by God in the Welsh revival. He had a profound experience of God:

“June 18th 1735 : Being in secret prayer I felt suddenly my heart melting within me like wax before a fire, with love to God my saviour. I felt not only love and peace, but also a longing to be dissolved and to be with Christ; and there was a cry in my inmost soul with which I was totally unacquainted before. It was this – “Abba, Father, Abba Father”. I could not help calling God my Father. I knew that I was his child and that he loved me; my soul being filled and satiated, crying “It is enough – I am satisfied; give me strength and I will follow thee through fire and water”. I could now say I was happy indeed. There was in me “a well of water, springing up into everlasting life” yea, the love of God was shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost”.