



Honoring the Presence of God.

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I have been thinking and praying about things that can help or hurt the Kingdom of God.

One of the main things that brings God's presence onto the scene is honoring the anointing of the Spirit of God and his prophetic word. 1 Sam. 2:30 says: "For those who honor Me I will honor..."

Before this lesson is learned, there will not be much of a move of God in the land, no matter how hard we pray and beg God to do something.

As I look at the Word of God, I can see in the case of Esau and Jacob that the main difference in their lives was that **Jacob, despite of all his weaknesses, was hungry for the anointing and blessing that came through the prophetic word of God**, while Esau did not think much of it. For Esau, feeding his flesh, or his body, was much more important than God's blessing to the firstborn.

David sought to honor the presence of God by dancing before the Lord when the arc of the covenant was moved to Jerusalem. He was criticized by his wife, but cared so much more for the presence of God, that he put all pride and dignity aside, rejoicing as a child before the Lord.

Earlier in his life we can see how he was persecuted by Saul and, at one point, had the opportunity to kill him and stop the persecution. **Instead he honored the prophetic word of God and refused to touch the anointed of the Lord.** (Ps.105:15)

We can see it time and time again, as we study the scriptures, how God responds to people that honor Him and His word. Honor thy father and thy mother and it shall go thee well and thou shalt long live in the land that the Lord thy God shall give thee (Exodus 20:12). Honor the Lord with thy substance (Proverbs 3:9). **So we honor God when we believe in Him and obey His Word.**

Moses did not honor the Word of the Lord on one occasion and, hence, was never allowed to enter into the Promised Land. Neither will we, as God's children, be able to enter into all the blessings and promises that the Lord has given us, unless we learn to honor the Anointing and His written and prophetic word.

Ephesians 1:3 says that the Lord has already blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. These blessings are waiting for us, and as we learn to honor God, we can, through grace by faith, receive all that the Lord Jesus has for our lives.

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