



sermon notes

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The Power of Honour

Psalm 8:5–6

[5] Yet what honor you have given to men, created only a little lower than heavenly beings, and then crowned with glory and honor. [6] You have delegated to them rulership over all you have made, with everything under their authority, placing earth itself under the feet of your image-bearers.

1. God's Original Design: Crowned with Glory and Honour

The word “crowned” means:

- To finish off perfectly or make complete — the final touch that elevates the whole.
- To surround with dignity and significance.
- To formally recognize one's rule or status.

To be crowned with glory and honor means:

God has placed divine dignity, purpose, and authority upon you — clothing you with His own nature and entrusting you with stewardship.

Why? Because God's original intent was to extend His Kingdom into the earthly realm.

Genesis 1:26 — Humanity was created in God's image and likeness.

“A little lower than the angels” does not lessen our worth but defines our position as divine image-bearers.

In this design, humanity was formed with three core elements:

1. **Glory** — the weight of God's presence.
2. **Honor** — the value system of God's Kingdom.
3. **Authority** — delegated rulership over creation.

2. The Fall: The Stripping of Glory, Honour, and Authority

From the beginning, the enemy sought to strip humanity of these three elements.
In every generation the devil seeks to strip people of that honour/dignity, glory & authority

The Fall resulted from a Refusal to Honour

Leading scholars & theologians (Origen, Augustine, and Aquinas) describe the fall of Satan starting as a refusal to give due honour — to God, to divine order, and to humanity whom God intended to lift up.

Pride – seeking one's own honour above God's. **Envy**
– resenting honour given to another.

Non serviam (“I will not serve”) – refusing to express honour through service. “Non serviam” is honour inverted — demanding honour for yourself alone, instead of recognising worth in God and others.

3. **Christ: The Perfect Reversal**

Philippians 2:6–9 reveals the complete restoration:

“Though He was in the form of God, He did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant... Therefore God has highly exalted Him.”

Where Satan refused to serve and lost honour, Jesus chose to serve and was crowned with honour.

When man fell, he surrendered glory, honour, and authority — and every generation since has sought to reclaim them from the wrong sources. This pursuit is the root of much of the world's pain.

What have you surrendered over?

Jesus came to restore what was lost,

- to model the way back to our original design,
- taught the message of the Kingdom - so every generation can learn

4. **Honour: Heaven's Principle and Currency**

Honour is one of the most powerful principles of the spirit. Yet many are ignorant of it, misunderstand it, or even resist it.

(Example: Public attitudes toward authority or respect — the psychologist on the plane illustration.)

What Honour Is

Honour is more than respect; it's genuine heart recognition of value.

To honour God is to acknowledge His supremacy.

To honour others (Romans 12:10) is to affirm their God-given dignity and place.

In heaven's order, honour flows upward toward God and outward toward others — it's a relational circulation of the life of heaven

To understand and build honour into your life is one of the most powerful things you can do — it opens access, relationships, and favour in the Kingdom.

5. Honour as the Currency of Heaven

Every kingdom on earth has a currency system — a means to acquire, build, invest, trade, and transfer value.

God's Kingdom also has a currency system that functions in both heaven and earth: **Honour**.

In Heaven's Economy

In earth, we trade with money (temporary value). In the kingdom, we create & build value with honour, faith, love, truth, and loyalty (eternal values).

Though "currency" is metaphorical, honour is a real form of divine exchange — it governs access, favour, and relationship in the Kingdom.

6. What Honour Does

Honour:

Opens access (to God and to people).

Unlocks grace and anointing.

Transfers inheritance.

Builds spiritual and relational equity.

Invests value in others, not just self.

When you intentionally build honour into every area of life, you begin to function in heaven's economy, where increase flows through relational trust, not transaction.

7. The Counterfeit: Flattery/ false honour

Flattery often mimics honour but is hollow and self-serving. It sounds similar but lacks substance — it is driven by agenda, not value.

False honour is selective. Genuine honour is authentic, consistent, and selfless.

8. The Dimensions of Genuine Honour

True honour is multi-directional — it extends:

Upward – to God and those in authority.

Downward – to those under our care.

Outward – to peers, family, friends, and even "our fathers' friends."

Behind – to legacy (the past)

Forward - creating destiny (the future).

Outward still – to the foreigner and the stranger.

Honour is expressed through:

Time → Priority

Words → Speech that builds

Ears → Listening as an act of love

Conduct → Discipline and integrity

Finance → Tangible expression of value

9. Restored to the Crown

When Scripture says God “crowned humanity with glory and honour” (Psalm 8), it means He invested us with:

The weight of His presence (glory)

The value system of His Kingdom (honour)

Honour, then, is not just behaviour — it’s a principle to be mined and built into life. It cultivates an atmosphere of heaven around you.

The spirit realm recognises and responds to honour. It is heaven’s currency, governing the flow of favour, power, and divine partnership. It determines who can be trusted to carry what belongs to the King.

Where can you grow in & build honour into your life?

Where has it been stripped from you?