

## **HONOR**

### **GOD'S ASKING: WHERE IS MY HONOR? Malachi 1:6-14**

A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts To you priests who despise My name.

Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?' Malachi 1:6 NKJV

"You offer defiled food on My altar, But say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' **By saying, 'The table of the LORD is contemptible.'** And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, Is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 1:7-8 NKJV

".... you say, **'The table of the LORD is defiled; And it's fruit, it's food, is contemptible.'** You also say, **'Oh, what a weariness!'** And you sneer at it," Says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 1:12-13 NKJV

### **While We Despised His Table He Is often Preparing A Table For Us**

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over." Psalms 23:5 NKJV

"But now entreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will He accept you favorably?" says the Lord of Hosts. Malachi 1:9 MEV

## **IT IS AN HONOR TO**

- **Be INVITED TO GOD'S TABLE.** Matthew 22:1-14
  
- **TO SIT AT GOD'S TABLE.** Ephesians 2:4-6, Revelation 3:21.
  
- **TO EAT AT GOD'S TABLE.** Matthew 26:20-30, 1Corinthians 10:21. Mark 7:25-30

- **TO SERVE AT GOD'S TABLE** Luke 12:35-40

## **TO HONOR GOD'S TABLE IS CALLED STEWARDSHIP**

### ***WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP ?***

#### ***Stewardship Is Being***

- ***Entrusted With Someone Else's Possessions***

“The earth is the LORD's, and all it's fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.” Psalms 24:1 NKJV

“Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.” Job 41:11 NIV

- ***Entrusted To Manage, Care For And Invest With The Owners Best Interest***  
Matthew 25:14-30

- ***Expected To And Give Account For My Stewardship***

For it is written: “As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:11-12 NKJV

### ***WHY DOES STEWARDSHIP MATTER ?***

- ***STEWARDSHIP ISN'T A MONEY ISSUE IT'S A SPIRITUAL ISSUE***

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Matthew 6:24 NIV

- **STEWARDSHIP ISN'T ABOUT A CAUSE OR NEED, IT'S ABOUT HONOR AND WORSHIP**

***Mary's Extravagant Gift*** Mark 14:3-5 NKJV

“But Jesus said, “Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always.” Mark 14:6-7 NKJV

***The Prostitutes Extravagant Gift Luke 7:36-50***

“Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.” Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Luke 7:44-49 NKJV

- STEWARDSHIP OF MY HEART IMPACTS MY LIFE'S FRUITFULNESS

Parable Of The Sower Mark 4:13-20

“Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.” Mark 4:18-19 NKJV

“But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.” Mark 4:20 NKJV

**WE MUST GIVE**

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

I Peter 4:10 NKJV

“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

I Timothy 6:9-10 NKJV

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21 NKJV

“And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they criticized her sharply.”

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