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The Hidden God

Luke 13:35 (NKJV)...I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!' "

- You will not see Me again until you recognize those I send you by declaring, "blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."
- God has hidden Himself and hidden His rewards. **Inside people.**
- Every true believe is a temple of the Holy Spirit - a residing place for God.

Revealing God

John 13:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives (honours) whomever I send receives (honours) Me; and he who receives (honours) Me receives (honours) Him who sent Me."

Honour defined

Honour (time – tee mee) speaks of a valuing. Valuable, precious, weighty such as gold.

Dishonour (atimia): to not show respect; to treat as common, ordinary, or menial. Something easily done away with like vapour. [contempt = disrespect]

Honour's reward

Matthew 10:40–42 (NKJV) ⁴⁰ "He who honours you honours Me, and he who honours Me honours Him who sent Me. ⁴¹ He who honours **a prophet** in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who honours **a righteous man** in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴² And whoever honours one of these **little ones** with only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

- There is an **authority structure** in the kingdom of God. Everything flows from the Father, to the Son.
- **Next in this order of kingdom** authority is the "prophet". Five-fold ministry. Pastors, prophets, evangelists, teachers, apostles. Each carries a reward.
- Those in authority above us, those on our level, and finally those who are under our care or delegated authority.
- **There is a reward** if we honour those above us. **There is a reward** if we honour our peers. **There is a reward** if we honour those under our authority.
- **Each of these three levels carries an amazing reward from heaven.**
- ***Will we see the Lord?** Will we see Jesus at work in our midst? Only when we receive those He sends with honour in our hearts.
- ****Honour is never demanded.** Honour is given.

Partial reward

Mark 6:3–5 (NKJV) ³ Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. ⁴ But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." ⁵ Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

- ***Jesus could do no mighty work there.** Not He didn't want to. **They had to value Him to receive it.**

- **Carriers of God's presence:** ****The people God has set around us**, the vessels God wants to powerfully use to bless us and touch us, we dishonour. We undervalue them.
- **It wasn't about the Messenger; it was the way He was received.**
- **God will often send us what we need, but often in a package we don't want.** It takes a bit of humility... & honour.

No reward

Luke 5:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Luke 5:20–21 (NKJV) ²⁰ When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Matthew 9:3 (NKJV) ³ And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!”

- **Dishonouring in their hearts....**
- They received no reward, because they **dishonoured Jesus** merely by the way they thought!
- ****True honour flows from the heart.**

Full reward

Matthew 8:7–10 (NKJV) ⁷ And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸ The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰ When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

- **“I am not worthy”** – he honoured Jesus!
- **I also am under authority** – he could see that Jesus was a man of authority. Jesus had authority in the spirit realm and so Jesus could merely speak and it will be done.
- **Great faith?** Honour for Jesus + understanding of authority

Conclusion

Luke 13:35 (NKJV)...I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ”

How are you treating people in your heart? Honouring. Valuing? Are you receiving a reward?