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“Honored Guest?”

“He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name”

(John 1:11-12 KJV)

“...If then I am a Father, where is My honor?...says the Lord of host...”

(Malachi 1:6)

Zeal for God

Genesis 18:1-8 – (1) “And the LORD appeared to (*Abraham*) by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. (2) He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth (3) and said, ‘O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. (4) Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, (5) while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on— since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ (6) And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, ‘Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.’ (7) And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. (8) Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.”

Key Point: If You desire to be blessed, Give God Your Best

Zeal Rewarded

Genesis 18:9-10 – (9) “They said to him, ‘Where is Sarah your wife?’ And he said, ‘She is in the tent.’ (10) The LORD said, ‘I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.”

Genesis 18:17-18 – (17) “The LORD said, ‘Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, (18) seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?’”

Response:

Consider it a Privilege to Serve God

“Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’” (Luke 17:8-10)

When God knocks, give Him a warm welcome

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” (Revelation 3:20)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I zealously prioritize God or does He tend to get “the shaft”?
(Haggai 1:4-9; 2 Samuel 24:24; Isaiah 43:24; Malachi 1:6-8)

Does my treatment of God’s people relate to how I serve God?
(Is. 58:6-10; Matt. 25:34-40; Heb. 13:1-2)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)