



# Respect



Respect — honor manifested toward the worthy

## A. Wrong kind of respect grovels before wealth

James 2:3,9 ... And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

## B. Right kind of respect

### 1. Honors God

Isaiah 17:7,8 ... At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel. And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.

### 2. Honors God's Word

Psalms 119:6, 15, 117 ... Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all Thy commandments ... I will meditate in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways ... Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto Thy statutes continually.

### 3. Looks forward in faith

Hebrews 11:26 ... Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

### 4. Rejects the proud

Psalms 40:4 ... Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.



C. Respect on God's part

1. Regards the lowly

Psalm 138:6 ... Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

2. Honors His covenant

2 Kings 13:23 ... And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

3. Rejects the unbelieving

Genesis 4:4,5 ... And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

4. God just & does not respect persons

1 Peter 1:17 ... And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear

5. Brings reward

Leviticus 26:9 ... For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.