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Command of Christ → Honor

Character quality → Reverence / Respect

Scripture reference → Matthew 15:1-9

"Honor" comes from the Hebrew word *kabad* (3513), which is often translated in the Old Testament as "glory."

- to be heavy [a reference to the presence of God]; to make weighty
- noble, rich, abounding with, numerous

\* Note: In the Garden of Eden, man was clothed with the glory of God. After the fall, he realized his nakedness and attempted to cover himself because the glory had departed as his covering. Shame (dishonor) was the curse that came as a result of sin.

What was lost through the fall was restored through the cross.

- John 1:14 – "...we beheld his glory..."
- What was seen in Jesus that had never been seen in any other man?

From the Greek it is translated as:

- true, moral, virtuous, beautiful, valuable, worthy, dignity, esteem
- These are all redemptive terms!

Honor is further defined as:

A good name or public esteem

- Reputation due to character → We receive a reputation of being honorable by walking in integrity before God and each other!

A showing of merited respect - Towards everything living and created.

- What about towards the helpless (unborn, children, aged)?
- Towards all authority figures...

A keen sense of ethical conduct → integrity and honesty

One's word given as a guarantee of performance - Is your word your bond?

- Why do we need so many contracts to insure our agreements?

A privilege - Favor (grace) shown to us by someone else.

A person of superior standing - Example: a judge ("your honor")

An exalted title or rank - "Most honorable"

- Jesus has been raised to the highest place of all
- (Ephesians 1:21; Philippians 2:11); John 5:23, 41, 44

An evidence or symbol of distinction / A badge or decoration

- A medal of honor given for some outstanding valiant or courageous effort

Chastity or purity - We dishonor our bodies through sin.