

MEN OF HONOR

Session 5

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The Bible places significant importance on the “**RIGHT HAND OF GOD**”

Acts 2:33-35 “Now He is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, **at God's right hand**. And the Father, as He had promised, gave Him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said, ‘The LORD said to my Lord, **sit in the place of honor at My right hand** until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.’” (NLT)

Jesus is positioned at the *right hand of God* in a ‘place of honor,’ that is, a place of blessing and a place of victory.

In *Ephesians 2:6* we read that we have been raised up with Jesus and made to sit with Him in heavenly places that God may show us the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness towards us.

Therefore as Jesus has been seated at the right hand of God, in a ‘**Place of Honor**’ we too have now received a place of honor at the right hand of God, in Christ.

You see, the battle in the heavenlies and the warfare we wage on Earth is whether we will be clothed in honor or shame on a daily basis. Jesus has established our victory having triumphed over sin and shame and opened the way for us to be positioned with Him at the right hand of God.

Yet daily, we must choose in our thoughts, words and actions, how we will live. It’s not just a matter of going to heaven when we die; it’s whether we will live in a spirit of honor or shame today, whether we will create that atmosphere of honor for ourselves and those around us to live in today. In a sense it’s the choice to live in heaven or hell today, because the Kingdom of God, in fact, starts today.

Jesus as ‘the Man of Honor,’ *hoisted a Flag of Honor* on top of a mountain. His flag was a Cross. He gave His life so that a symbol of victory, hope and honor could stand for all time. The power of sin and shame was broken on that mountain and we were set free to live in the honor that it promised - a covenant of love, peace, joy and blessing, forever.

You may remember in one of our earlier sessions, I discussed how the Scottish Regiment went up that mountain and gave their lives to capture a gun encampment; to plant their flag on top of that mountain, and how they did it for the honor of their clan and their regiment. And when they established and took back that moral high ground, how it brought peace, joy and blessing to all those around them.

Jesus did the same thing for us. He gave His life so that we can be released from shame and come into a place of honor.

Life is not about our success, achievements, prestige, power or pleasures. It is about living to give honor as we then, sacrificially, lay down our lives for each other. It's becoming like that grain of wheat that Jesus spoke about, when He said in John 12:24, *"Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."* Jesus said that when we give our lives to give honor to others it's becoming like that grain of wheat that dies so that it can bear much fruit for the Kingdom of God. *Living to give honor will release blessing upon your marriage, family, church, business and eventually, your nation.*