

Abraham's Greatest Act of Honor: Isaac on the Altar

Genesis 22:2-3 (NKJV)

Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love...**So Abraham rose early** in the morning...

**Abraham trusted God more than
he trusted his own understanding**

Genesis 22:12 (NKJV)

...for **now I know that you fear God**, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.

Exodus 1:15 (NKJV)

Then **the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives**, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah;

Exodus 1:16 (NKJV)

and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, **if it is a son, then you shall kill him**; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

Exodus 1:17 (NKJV)

But the midwives feared God, and **did not do as the king of Egypt commanded** them, but saved the male children alive.

Exodus 1:20 (NKJV)

Therefore **God dealt well with the midwives**, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty.

Exodus 1:21 (NKJV)

And so it was, **because the midwives feared God**, that **He provided households for them**.

**The highest form of honor is unwavering obedience
to God in the face of pressure**



Understanding Honor – Part 2 - Dishonor to Destruction, Honor to Blessing

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HONOR: to treat someone or something as weighty, valuable, and worthy of respect. Dishonor means to treat lightly what God calls important.

Sin dishonors God through disobedience; pride dishonors God by refusing responsibility

**Honor asks: "What does God want?"
Dishonor asks: "What is the least I can give and still call it worship?"**

A Powerful Contrast to the World: Noah Honors God

Genesis 6:8 (NKJV)

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 6:9 (NKJV)

This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. **Noah walked with God.**

Genesis 6:22 (NKJV)

Thus **Noah did; according to all that God commanded** him, so he did.

Then Another Major Example: The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:4 (NKJV)

And they said, "Come, **let us build ourselves** a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves..."

Genesis 9:1

Be **fruitful and multiply**, and **fill** the earth.

Dishonor begins when people no longer ask, "What did God say?" but instead ask, "What do we want?"

Abraham Honored God by Obeying His Word

Genesis 12:1, 4 (NKJV)

Now **the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you."** So **Abram departed** as the Lord had spoken to him...

**Notice the simplicity:
God spoke - Abraham obeyed**

Hebrews 11:8 (NKJV)

By **faith Abraham obeyed** when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And **he went out, not knowing** where he was going.

Genesis 12:7-8 (NKJV)

And **there he built an** altar to the Lord...and there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

Whenever God blessed Abraham, Abraham's response was often worship

**Dishonor takes credit
Honor gives glory to God**

Genesis 14:20 (NKJV)

And he gave him a tithe of all.

Proverbs 3:9 (NKJV)

Honor the Lord with your possessions...

Honor is revealed in what we do with what God entrusts to us

Abraham Honored God by Believing Him and his actions showed it

Genesis 15:6 (NKJV)

And **he believed** in the Lord, and **He accounted it to him** for righteousness.

Abram and Hagar

Genesis 16:1 (NKJV)

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.

Genesis 16:2 (NKJV)

So **Sarai said** to Abram, "See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And **Abram heeded the voice of Sarai.**

Genesis 15:4 (NKJV)

And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one (*Eliezer, Abram's servant*) shall not be your heir, but one who will **come from your own body** shall be your heir."

Genesis 16:5 (NKJV)

Then Sarai said to Abram, "**My wrong be upon you!** I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. **The Lord judge between you and me.**"

When faith stops waiting and starts forcing, it opens the door for problems

Genesis 17:15-16 (NKJV)

That is where God changed Sarai's name to Sarah and said: "**I will bless her and also give you a son by her...**"

Genesis 17:19 (NKJV)

God said:

"No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac..."

Romans 4:20-21 (NKJV)

He **did not waver** at the promise of God through unbelief, but was **strengthened in faith, giving glory** to God, and **being fully convinced** that what He had **promised** He was **also able to perform.**

**Faith and giving glory to God are connected
Faith is an act of honor**