

Notice the simplicity:  
God spoke - Abraham obeyed

### Abraham Honored God When He Didn't Have All the Details

**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

**Genesis 15:6 (NKJV)** And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

**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**

### 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.

**Abraham honored God because he treated God's voice  
as the highest authority in his life**



**Understanding Honor – Part 1 - Dishonor to Destruction, Honor to Blessing  
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**God had given Adam a clear word before Eve was formed**

**Genesis 2:16 (NKJV)** And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

**Genesis 2:17 (NKJV)** but **of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat**, for in **the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**"

**Honor says, "God's Word is final."  
Dishonor says, "I will decide what carries the most weight."**

**Adam dishonored God by allowing another voice to overrule God's voice**

**Genesis 3:6 (NKJV)** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, **she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**

**Genesis 3:17 (NKJV)** Then to Adam He said, "Because **you have heeded the voice of your wife**, and have eaten from the tree of which **I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it'**: Cursed is the ground for your sake...

**Adam failed to guard what God entrusted to him**

**Genesis 2:15 (NKJV)** Then the Lord God took the man and **put him in the garden** of Eden to **tend and keep it**.

**Adam's dishonor was rooted in misplaced loyalty**

**Matthew 10:37 (NKJV)** He **who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me**. And **he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me**.

**Honor says, "I love you, but I cannot disobey God with you."  
Dishonor says, "I will keep peace with people even if it means violating God's Word."**

**Adam tried to shift responsibility instead of owning his dishonor**

**Genesis 3:11-12 (NKJV)** And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Then **the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."**

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

**The New Testament confirms Adam was responsible**

**Romans 5:12 (NKJV)** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin...

**1 Corinthians 15:22 (NKJV)** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

**Adam's sin was not just eating fruit; it was dishonoring the Word of God by treating another voice as more authoritative than God's voice.**

#### Application

We do the same thing when we say:

"I know what the Bible says, but my friends think..."

"I know what God told me, but my family wants..."

"I know what the Word says, but my feelings say..."

"I know what is right, but culture says..."

"I know God is leading me, but I do not want conflict."

Honor means God's Word gets the final say.

#### Cain Dishonored God Through His Offering and His Response to Correction

##### Cain Brought God What He Wanted Rather Than What God Desired

**Genesis 4:3-5 (NKJV)** Cain brought an offering, but Abel brought "the firstborn of his flock and of their fat." Scripture says God respected Abel and his offering, but not Cain and his offering.

**Hebrews 11:4 (NKJV)** By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain...

**Honor asks: "What does God want?"**

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

##### Cain Refused God's Warning

**Genesis 4:6-7 (NKJV)** So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted?... Sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

##### Cain Chose His Anger Over God's Word

**God said, "You should rule over it."**

**Cain essentially said, "I will do what I want."**

**Genesis 4:8 (NKJV)** Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass... that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

##### Cain Refused Responsibility

**Genesis 4:9 (NKJV)** Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

Notice the pattern:

- Adam blamed Eve.
- Cain became sarcastic with God.
- Both dishonored God by refusing responsibility.

#### Genesis 6: Humanity Dishonors God's Patience and Authority

**Genesis 6:5 (NKJV)** Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

**Genesis 6:11-12 (NKJV)** The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

**Dishonor had become more than a single act of disobedience. It became a culture that no longer valued God's authority.**

#### Then Comes a Powerful Contrast: Noah Honors God

**Genesis 6:22 (NKJV)** Thus **Noah did; according to all that God commanded him**, so he did.

**Honoring God is often seen when a person obeys before they fully understand**

**Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV)** By faith Noah, being **divinely warned** of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark...

#### After the Flood: Ham Dishonors His Father

**Genesis 9:20-23** Noah becomes drunk and lies uncovered in his tent.

**Ham** sees his father's nakedness and tells his brothers.

#### Honor vs. Dishonor

Ham: Saw weakness--Exposed it--Broadcast it.

Shem and Japheth: Saw weakness--Covered it--Preserved dignity.

**Proverbs 17:9 (NKJV)** He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.

#### 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.

The heart of Babel was not architecture—it was independence.

**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...