

## New Covenant Inheritance: Lesson 10 – Honor

This lesson looks at the eighth nation that was squatting on the Promised Land. **Genesis 15:21** identifies them as the Canaanites. They represent another bondage of Satan that Adam's failure put man under. But praise God, we have been given freedom from the "Canaanites" through Jesus. Canaanite bondage is prevalent in today's society and is mostly seen in people's search for identity and purpose in life. Psychologists talk about it in terms of self image, self esteem and self actualization. Satan's bondage has been to denigrate people, make them feel worthless and subjugate them. There are large numbers of "self help", "motivation" and "personal improvement" books, seminars, and videos that attempt to address this bondage. But, the only way to be truly set free from Canaanite bondage is to find our identity, worth and meaning in Jesus. Let's look at the Hebrew meaning of Canaanite and see what it typifies as this eighth aspect of our inheritance.

**Canaanites** – 'koph nun ain nun yud' (H3669) from root word 'koph nun ain' (H3665)

Strong's definition of the root word 'kana' is: *A primitive root; properly to bend the knee; hence to humiliate, vanquish: - bring down (low), into subjection, under, humble (self), subdue.*

From this definition we see that Canaanite bondage is designed to bring us down, put us under, humiliate us, make us feel worthless and destroy our importance. One of the key things God did through Jesus' sacrifice was restore us to our designed position and standing in relationship to Him, by making us His children (part of the Godhead). In doing this He removed the shame and humiliation of our failures and inability. He gave us purpose and position, which is also defined as honor and glory. Our inheritance includes the glory of God that manifests through us and the honor that He wants us to enjoy as His children. I include glory as part of this inheritance because these two go together like hand and glove. Glory and honor are both attributes that reflect the result of what Jesus has done for us and continues to manifest through us.

Let's start by looking at the three Hebrew root words and two Greek words that are translated as honor (in KJV).

**Hadar** (heh dalet resh) [H1921]: *A primitive root; to swell up (literally or figuratively, actively or passively); by implication to favor or honor, be high or proud: - countenance, crooked place, glorious, honor, put forth.*

**Hod** (Heh yud dalet) [H1935]: *From an unused root; grandeur (that is, an imposing form and appearance): - beauty, comeliness, excellency, glorious, glory, goodly, honor, majesty.*

**Kabad** (caph bet dalet) [H3513]: *A primitive root; to be heavy, that is, in a bad sense (burdensome, severe, dull) or in a good sense (numerous, rich, honorable); causatively to make weighty (in the same two senses): - abounding with, more grievously afflict, boast, be chargeable, X be dim, glorify, be (make) glorious (things), glory, (very) great, be grievous, harden, be (make) heavy, be heavier, lay heavily, (bring to, come to, do, get, be had in) honor (self), (be) honorable (man), lade, X more be laid, make self many, nobles, prevail, promote (to honor), be rich, be (go) sore, stop.*

**Time** (said tee-may) [G5092]: *From G5099; a value, that is, money paid, or (concretely and collectively) valuables; by analogy esteem (especially of the highest degree), or the dignity itself: - honor, precious, price, some.*

**Doxa** [G1391]: *From the base of G1380; glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literally or figuratively, objectively or subjectively): - dignity, glory (-ious), honor, praise, worship.*

Write out **Psalm 8:5**: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who is this verse talking about? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the context tell us about when this was the case (v6-8)? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to this “crown” when man sinned (**Romans 3:23**)? \_\_\_\_\_.

The Hebrew word translated “angels” is Elohim, which is a name that God calls Himself. It means the supreme Being. The words glory and honor are ‘kabad’ and ‘hadar’ respectively. In **Romans 3:23** the word glory is ‘doxa’.

Now read **Hebrews 2:6-12**. Notice verse 7 quotes from **Psalms 8:5** and uses the Greek words ‘doxa’ and ‘time’ for glory and honor. Of course, this passage is talking about Jesus.

What made Jesus a little lower than “Elohim” (v9)? \_\_\_\_\_.

What enabled God to restore the crown to Jesus (v9)? \_\_\_\_\_.

What did Jesus death enable God to do for mankind (v10)? \_\_\_\_\_.

What has happened to Jesus and born again men (v11)? \_\_\_\_\_.

What does Jesus now call us (v11)? \_\_\_\_\_.

Read **1 Peter 5:5-11**. This passage opens with the injunction to each of us to “be subject one to another”. This is that same instruction as **Romans 12:10** which says “Cherish one another with brotherly love (*Phileo*); in honor (*time*) preferring one another”. Being subject to each other is that same as preferring one another. This attitude is a mark of humility. The next phrase in verse 5 is “and be clothed with humility” and the Greek words used here literally mean “put on the mind of humility”. One key to humility is the understanding (mindset) that we are not more important than others – life is not all about us. Hopefully, we all understand that pride is the manifestation of a focus on self. It can be seen in the full gambit of human behavior, from extreme introvert (shy and self-effacing) to extreme extrovert (loud and fearless). Humility is what corrects this full spectrum of pride. The humble person is confident, poised and respectful of others. I would also note here that self effort is a display of pride; it is us thinking that by our skills, abilities, will power, self control, intellect and so on, we can validate our worth. The mindset of humility corrects this. So let’s find out how Peter identifies this mindset.

Who does God resist (v5)? \_\_\_\_\_.

Who receives grace (v5)? \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 5:17** says that to reign in life we must “receive the abundance of grace”. According to Peter, in order to receive grace we need to be humble. So let’s explore how we get the mindset of humility.

In **1 Peter 5:6**, Peter is explaining how we receive grace into our lives. It requires us to humble ourselves under the mighty power of God. Notice, it is not “humble ourselves under men”. Humility in today’s culture is usually seen as weakness and subservience. However, true humility is the result of the opposite. It has the backbone of steel, but the personality of graciousness. The key from verse 6 is that humility is a mindset that we choose to embrace. We have to humble ourselves. Peter goes on to explain that it is only when we embrace this humble mindset that God is able to exalt us; to give us the honor that we have inherited in Jesus. So how do we humble ourselves? The answer is given in verse 7. Casting our cares upon the Lord is an exercise of our will that produces a humble mindset. It is recognizing that I am not able to fix the things that concern me; the things that I am anxious about. Rather, I put my trust in Father to fix them for me. This is what **Hebrews 4:10** calls “entering into His rest”. Humility is a product of learning to rest in the completed work of Jesus. Notice how easy God makes it for us with the declaration of verse 7 “because He cares for you”. Jesus taught exactly this in **Matthew 11:28-30**. Humility is the mindset of total dependence on God and simply doing everyday what Holy Spirit guides us to do. There is no stress, worry, anxiety or self-effort in humility. That’s why humble people are honored.

Now let’s look are **1 Peter 5:8-9**. In a previous lesson we used **Proverbs 19:12** to explain how Satan roars at us. He does it by making you think God is angry with us, which usually shows up as one or more of these: a guilty conscience, fear of punishment, condemnation, and trying to fix it by ourselves.

What are you to be regarding Satan’s roaring (v8)? \_\_\_\_\_.

How do you resist this roaring (v9)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What are the afflictions that are referred to (v9)? \_\_\_\_\_.

Who receives these afflictions (v9)? \_\_\_\_\_.

Satan attacks every Christian with doubt, fear, guilt, condemnation and tempts them to use self effort to fix it. That's why verse 10 continues with the encouragement that "the God of all grace has called us into His eternal glory (doxa)". The literal Greek for the rest of this verse says "... glory in Christ Jesus, a little while having suffered himself, perfect you, you establish, you be strengthened, you be found." The short suffering on the cross and in the grave is what Jesus went through to perfect, establish and strengthen us. Most translations incorrectly apply this suffering to us. In reality, it is Jesus' sufferings that perfected us. Also, the verbs "perfect, establish, strengthen and found" are all in the Aorist tense. They all happened at the point in time that you were born again. These attributes have been given to us by God's grace; they are part of our eternal glory (honor). Our inheritance includes this 'doxa', the glory and honor of God, to whom it belongs and from whom it comes.

Just a quick reminder: self effort prevents the flow of grace and therefore, the receipt of honor and glory. What does self effort mean in this context? The Catholic concept of "paying penance" is a classic example. You mess up, so the priest gives you a task to do, like say 10 Hail Mary's, or put \$100 in the offering, or spend 5 minutes feeling remorseful. In life, most people act as their own priest. They mentally berate themselves; they try to convince themselves that they can do better; or that it's OK because everyone does this. They spend time feeling sorry and begging God for forgiveness. They start doing charity work, give money, fast for a period, read the Bible, and so on. While a lot of these are good things, anything that we do to make ourselves feel better, to deal with our guilty conscience, is self effort. What we need to do is simply acknowledge the failure, appropriate the forgiveness that God has already given and forgive ourselves. Let the guilt go and reject any condemnation.

The Bible tells us that there are many things God has called us to, including sonship, grace, liberty, light, kingdom, glory, fellowship, peace, holiness and eternal life. Read **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14**, write out verse 14:

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How do you receive salvation (v13)? \_\_\_\_\_.

What benefit does God want salvation to produce for you (v14)? \_\_\_\_\_.

What is the gospel (v14) that Paul preached (**Romans 1:16**)? \_\_\_\_\_.

What does salvation mean for you each day (**Galatians 1:4**)? \_\_\_\_\_.

Why would God want you to have glory (doxa – honor)? \_\_\_\_\_.

In **2 Timothy 2:10**, what did Paul want "the elect to obtain"? \_\_\_\_\_.

What comes as part of this salvation? \_\_\_\_\_.

Why do many Christians not reflect this eternal glory? \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** tells us how God imparts our inheritance of glory to us. Read this verse and answer:

Who are we to continually look at? \_\_\_\_\_.

What does looking at Jesus do to us? \_\_\_\_\_.

Who makes the glory manifest in us? \_\_\_\_\_.

Read **Colossians 1:26-28**. What is the mystery being referred to? \_\_\_\_\_.

What does Paul say about this mystery (v27)? \_\_\_\_\_.

If Jesus lives in you, what do you have (v27)? \_\_\_\_\_.

Why did Paul preach the gospel (v28)? \_\_\_\_\_.

Read **Romans 5:1-2**. What do you access by faith (v2)? \_\_\_\_\_.

What do we rejoice in (v2)? \_\_\_\_\_.

Where does this glory manifest? \_\_\_\_\_.

Write out **Psalms 91:15**: \_\_\_\_\_.

Who made this covenant declaration? \_\_\_\_\_.

What do you do to receive this honor (v2)? \_\_\_\_\_.

Write out **Proverbs 3:16**: \_\_\_\_\_.

Who is the source of these benefits (**Proverbs 3:13 & 1 Corinthians 1:13**)? \_\_\_\_\_.

The honor and glory of our inheritance is not because of us: our performance, abilities, behavior, character or lifestyle. It is all about reflecting the majesty, honor, glory and power of our Daddy and His love for us.

To complete this study on honor, we need to address a couple of verses that seem to contradict our being honored and glorified. Read **Isaiah 42:8**. God clearly states that He will not give his glory (Kabad) to others. Yet He also says it is part of our inheritance. What makes these seemingly contradictory statements consistent? The reality is we are now part of God (**John 17:21**). We share His glory because we are in Him. He doesn't see us as "another", He sees us as part of Himself. What a privilege we have. Yet most Christians never enter into this reality because of unbelief and/or the fear that thinking this way is prideful. I have even heard it taught (as a law) that we should never receive glory or honor because that is being very proud. In fact, pride only comes in when we think we had something to do with getting the honor. Unfortunately, such thinking is very subtle and has a tendency to easily slip into our minds. We must identify and reject it, because it short circuit's the glory manifesting. That is why we must keep our eyes on Jesus and our thinking renewed to the reality of life being all about Him and His completed work. Our mindset is to be about Father's business (following Holy Spirit), not about me.

Of course, in everything Jesus is our pattern. Let's see how he received honor. Read **Hebrews 5:4**. This section is talking about how Jesus became our High Priest. Jesus did not take the honor of being High Priest unto himself.

How did he get this honor? \_\_\_\_\_.

How do we receive honor? \_\_\_\_\_.

What destroys our ability to receive honor from Father? \_\_\_\_\_.

Let's see how Jesus confirms this truth. Write out **John 17:22**. \_\_\_\_\_.

Where did Jesus get honor and glory from? \_\_\_\_\_.

Where did we get honor and glory from? \_\_\_\_\_.

We are designed as beings that manifest honor and glory. Since Adam's fall, men have sought to regain the glory that Adam forfeited. They do this by seeking fame, fortune, achievement, position, and independence. The truth is that Jesus has restored honor and glory to us; what Adam had in Eden. It's time to rest and let God exalt you!