**R871 Rumination for 3rd October, 2021**

The **T**heme: **Honour to whom Honour is Due** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *Pay to all what is due them…respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.*

 Rom. 13:7, NRSV

The **T**hots:

1. **The Reference to Honour**
2. Its **C**onnotation: In OT Hebrew: *kābēd* = to honour. Strong

*Them that honour Me I will honour, and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.* I Sam. 2:30

1. In **C**lassical Greek the noun *timē* means the worth that one ascribes to a person. A. Butler
2. The **C**oncept **C**arried over into the NT –

(To honour someone, i.e., to recognize that they're worth something). Rom. 13:7

 *Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom;*

 *fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.*

1. **The Recipients of Honour**
2. God’s **P**eople to **H**onour God:
3. **H**onouring God and **H**ow:
4. *Honour the LORD with thy* ***S****ubstance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.* Pro. 3:9
5. *That all men should honour the* ***S****on, even as they honour the Father.*

*He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent Him.* Jn. 5:23

1. *If any man* ***S****erve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be:*

*if any man* ***S****erve Me, him will My Father honour.* Jn. 12:26

1. **H**onouring God by the **H**osts in **H**eaven:
2. *And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying,*

 *Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: Rev. 19:1*

1. *Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving,*

 *and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. Rev. 7:12*

1. **H**onouring God but not in the **H**eart: Isa. 29:13

*Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth,*

*and with their lips do honour Me, but have removed their heart far from Me,*

*and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men:*

1. **H**onouring God but as **H**ypocrites: Mk. 7:6

*He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites,*

*as it is written, This people honoureth Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.*

1. **P**arents to be **H**onoured by their Children. Eph. 6:1, 2

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.*

*Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)*

1. It is a **C**ommandment from the Ten.Exo. 20:12

*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long…*

1. It was **C**onfirmed by the Lord Himself: Matt. 15:4

*For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother*

*and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.*

1. **P**artners to honour their Wives. I Pet. 3:7

*Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife,*

*as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life;*

1. Church to Honour **P**oor Widows *indeed*: I Tim. 5:3-5
*Honour widows that are widows indeed…Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate,*

*trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.*

1. Honour every **P**erson and every **P**otentate.I Pet. 2L17

*Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.*

1. **The Reverence and Honour to the Lord**

The Lord Forbid that this be true: **Isa. 29:13**
*The Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth, and with their lips do* ***H****onour Me, but have removed their* ***H****eart far from me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men:*

 Let us Revere and **Honour** our Lord this Lord’s Day giving Him all due **P**reeminence and **P**rominence.

*All glory, laud and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King,*

*To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*Thou art the king of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,*

 *Who in the Lord’s name comest, The King and Blessèd One.* Theodulph of Orleans

**REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK. R. 871**

1. The following article, “Quotes of C.T, Studd” was taken from the Hebron Gospel Hall web-page: <https://hebrongospelhall.org/2019/05/quotes-of-c-t-studd/>

**C.T. Studd (1860-1931)** was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

Coming from a wealthy family, and privileged with an education at Eton and Cambridge, C.T. Studd would eventually play cricket for England’s national team.

However, God intervened in his life in saving grace. He was converted to Christ as a young man and, rather than pursue wealth, fame and worldly **honour**, he devoted his life to Christ on the mission field – for the glory of God and in the interests of the salvation of his fellow men and women.

The challenge of his weighty sayings, some of which are reproduced below, continues to impact the lives of thousands to this day:

* *“How could I spend the best years of my life in living for the* ***honours*** *of this world,*

*when thousands of souls are perishing every day?”*

* *“The ‘romance’ of a missionary is often made up of monotony and drudgery; there often is no glamour in it; it doesn’t stir a man’s spirit or blood. So don’t come out to be a missionary as an experiment, it is useless and dangerous. Only come if you feel you would rather die than not come. Lord Wolsey was right: ‘A missionary ought to be a fanatic or he encumbers the ground’. There are many trials and hardships. Disappointments are numerous and the time of learning the language is especially trying. Don’t come if you want to make a great name or want to live long. Come if you feel there is no greater* ***honour****, after living for Christ, than to die for Him.”*
* *“Some wish to live within the sound of Church or Chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of Hell.”*
* *“If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him”*
* *“Christ’s call is to save the lost, not the stiff-necked; He came not to call scoffers but sinners to repentance; not to build and furnish comfortable chapels, churches, and cathedrals at home in which to rock Christian professors to sleep by means of clever essays, stereotyped prayers, and artistic musical performances, but to capture men from the devil’s clutches and the very jaws of Hell. This can be accomplished only by a red-hot, unconventional, unfettered devotion, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to the Lord Jesus Christ.”*
* C.T. Studd’s poem, “***Only One Life***”, contains the following 8 verses:
* *Two little lines I heard one day, travelling along life’s busy way; bringing conviction to my heart, and from my mind would not depart;* ***only one life, ’twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.***
* *Only one life, yes only one, soon will its fleeting hours be done; then, in ‘that day’ my Lord to meet, and stand before His judgement seat;* ***only one life, ’twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last****.*
* *Only one life, the still small voice, gently pleads for a better choice; bidding me selfish aims to leave, and to God’s holy will to cleave;* ***only one life, ’twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.***
* *Only one life, a few brief years, each with its burdens, hopes, and fears; each with its days I must fulfil, living for self or in His will;* ***only one life, ’twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last****.*
* *When this bright world would tempt me sore, when Satan would a victory score; when self would seek to have its way, then help me Lord with joy to say;* ***only one life, ’twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.***
* *Give me Father, a purpose deep, in joy or sorrow Thy word to keep; faithful and true whate’er the strife, pleasing Thee in my daily life;* ***only one life, ’twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last****.*
* *Oh let my love with fervour burn, and from the world now let me turn; living for Thee, and Thee alone,*
* *bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;* ***only one life, ’twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.***
* *Only one life, yes only one, now let me say, “Thy will be done”; and when at last I’ll hear the call, I know I’ll say “‘Twas worth it all”;* ***only one life, ’twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.”***

Do read the above again, and reflect if you are willing to sacrifice world and earthly honours for the sake of living a life with and for Jesus as C. T. Studd did? **REFLECT**

1. How do you reconcile Peter’s statement in I Pet. 2:17 – “***Honour all men****. Love the brotherhood. Fear God.* ***Honour the king”*** with his earlier statement in Acts 5:29 -

*Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said,* ***We ought to obey God rather than men*?**How should a Christian react to an unfair government restricting and persecuting him as a citizen of that county?**REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** ***C****hristians have a double* ***C****itizenship –* ***H****eavenly and earthly!*

 *Take* ***C****are how you* ***Honour*** *your Rights!*