

Those who honour me I will honour but...

2 Kings 8:1-15

1. **Following Christ may bring temporary loss, but you will not lose out ultimately**

a) **You will be asked to obey when it seems odd**

- Shunemite told by God to leave Israel and live among 'enemies'
- Many reasons not to go - this is the obedience of faith

b) **Your obedience will mean you lose out**

- Obeying God does mean that you miss out on things.
- Shunemite lost her farm
- God doesn't promise that obedience = blessing here in this life

c) **You will see God's perfect control over everything**

- She goes to the king and Gehazi 'happens' to be telling the king about her.
- God is in control right down to the very split second.
- God is directing the Christian's life in the most wonderfully careful way.

d) **You will never lose out ultimately**

- Her land **and** 7 years of her income are restored
- Also Elisha is rewarded for faithfulness v9
- The Christian never loses out ultimately - Matthew 10:38-40

Why does God care so much?

- God is committed to honouring those who honour him because his Son's honour means everything to him. Those who put Jesus above all else will find themselves honoured above all others
- We mustn't underestimate how much the Son means to the Father.

2. **Rejecting Christ may bring temporary gain, but you will lose out ultimately**

- Two faithful people rewarded. And two faithless people punished.
- First faithless person: Ben-Hadad.
 - Punished for constantly rejecting God's mercy
 - You can't trample God's mercy and get away with it
- Second faithless people: Israel.
 - Punished by God through Hazeal for constantly disobeying God
 - God does not tolerate disobedience among those who claim to be his.



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Sabbath 6th July 08

Notices

Sab	Evening Service at Milford	8pm
Tues	Bible Study at Mark & Judith's Chapter 9 - Disciplines of a Godly Man/Woman	8pm
Wed 30th	Presentation of the Call from Kellswater to Mark 8pm at Faughan RP Church	

Everyone in the Fellowship is encouraged to come to the meeting. Two representatives from Letterkenny and two from Milford will be presenting reasons why Mark should stay. The Kellswater congregation will present reasons why he should come to Kells. After the bible study on Thursday 17th we'll pick two people to speak on behalf of Letterkenny.

Please keep Mark & Judith in your prayers as they consider where God would have them serve.

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