

Honor's REWARD

How Doors of Blessing Open

*He who receives you receives Me,
and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.*

Matthew 10:40

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Mark 6:1

Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.

2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!"

Mark 6:3

Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. 4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

Mark 6:5

*Now **He could do no mighty work there,** except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.*

We read, ***"He could do no mighty work there..."***

Their lack of honor **closed the door** to what Jesus could do.

It didn't say **"He would not"**

It said, **"He could not"**

Jesus was restrained by a lack of honor

A lack of understanding can lead to dishonor.

Many times God will send you what you need in a package you don't understand or like.

They didn't understand Jesus first and second coming

Matthew 16:21

*From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. 22 **Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"***

Matthew 16:23

*But He turned and said to Peter, “**Get behind Me Satan!** You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”*



A dreamlike landscape with a path of rose petals leading to a glowing doorway in a cloudy sky. The scene is ethereal, with soft light emanating from the doorway and a full moon visible in the sky above. The clouds are dark and textured, while the path is composed of many pink rose petals.

Honor defined: “A valuing”

Public and private appreciation,
esteem, favorable regard, respect.

Dishonor defined: To treat as
common or ordinary

Matthew 10:40

*He who receives (honors) whomever I
send receives (honors) Me; and he who
receives (honors) Me receives (honors)
Him (the Father) who sent me.*

Matthew 15:7

Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.



A Tale of Two Attitudes **Honor vs. Dishonor**

Religious leaders vs. People Seeking Help

Luke 5:17

*Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. **And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.***

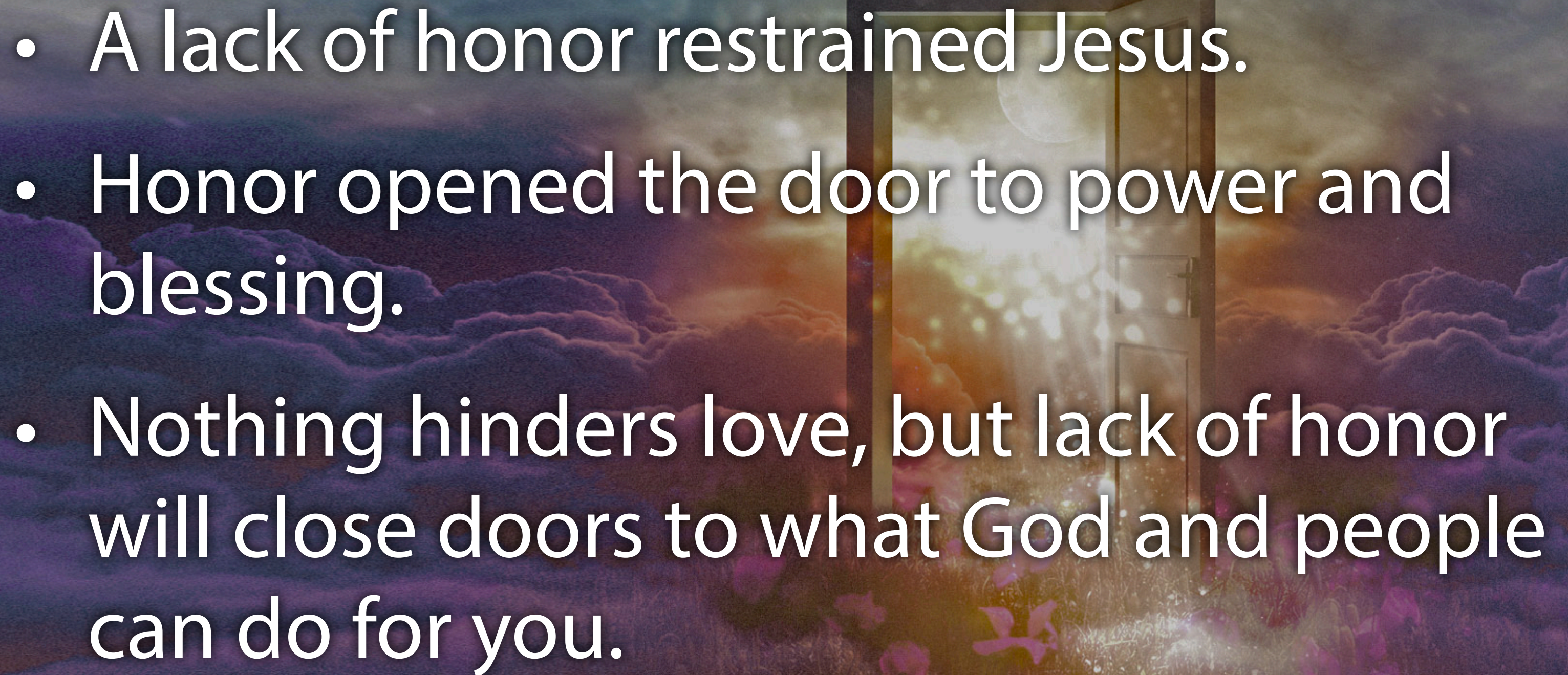
Luke 5:18 - HONOR

*Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. 19 And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. 20 **When He saw their faith,** He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you*

Luke 5:21 - **DISHONOR**

And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

*23 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "**Why are you reasoning in your hearts?**"*

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- A lack of honor restrained Jesus.
 - Honor opened the door to power and blessing.
 - Nothing hinders love, but lack of honor will close doors to what God and people can do for you.

**Doors of Blessing are Open
to you!**

