

# Honoring Jehovah's Word

*“Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.”*  
Psalm 25:5

How important is God's Word? Jehovah Himself equates His Word with His Son and Jehovah has made Him to sit at His right hand. God's Word, and His Son, have been treated and mistreated in a myriad of ways throughout history. God's Word demands action. Honoring Jehovah's Word demands obedience.

**GOD EQUATES HIS WORD WITH HIS SON** (John 1:1-4, 14, 18).

- The Word is Christ.
- Those who saw and heard Jesus....saw and heard God's Word (1 John 1:1-3).
- To disrespect the message of Jesus is to dishonor God the Father (John 12:48-50; 8:47-51).

**HOW I TREAT GOD'S WORD REFLECTS MY ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD. ACTIONS REFLECT ATTITUDE.**

- Ezra 9:6 How had they been treating God's Word?
  - Without Respect. Without Obedience.
    - A profession of belief without obedience is dishonoring His Word (Isaiah 1).
  - In the days of Josiah they had forgotten it and neglected it for a generation (2 Kings 22).
- Nehemiah 8:5 How did they treat God's Word?
  - With Respect – They stood up.
  - With Obedience – They were taught something they didn't know...and they obeyed (8:14).
  - Ezra 10:3-4 – They changed. They obeyed. They honored Jehovah's Word.

**OBEDIENCE IS HARD! BUT, IT IS HOW WE HONOR JEHOVAH'S WORD.**

- Many things affect how I react to the Word of God.
  - Family and close friends – The brother of the prodigal son (Luke 15:28).
    - His relationship to his father and his brother affected his obedience to God.
  - My heart – In spite of growing up in the godless palace of Pharaoh, Moses chose to obey God
  - Background – Timothy was raised by godly family (2 Timothy 1:5).
- When is it hard to honor Jehovah's Word?
  - When you are alone. When you've moved out of the house...off to college or wherever. Was it easy for Joseph to run away from Potiphar's wife?
  - When threatened. Was it easy for John the Baptist to stand firm in his convictions while very literally on the chopping block?
  - When embarrassed. Was it easy for Peter to gather himself after having betrayed Jesus, after Jesus had just told him that's what he'd do? Was it easy for him to forgive himself after such disloyalty?
  - When I have to give up something I love. Was it easy for the rich young ruler to give up what was most important to him (Matthew 19:16)? He would not give it up!
  - Was it easy for Jesus, God's only Son, to endure an unjust beating? To listen to unfair accusations? To be treated as anyone other than the Son of God?

**CONCLUSION:** These examples, who overcame and persevered, honored Jehovah's Word through obedience. Obedience may be hard at times, but, honoring His Word is easy once the value is seen.