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Respect

By Keith Sharp

Aretha Franklin, "the Queen of Soul," passed away August 16th. Her signature song was her 1967 bestselling hit, "Respect."

"All I want you to do for me

Is give it to me when you get home....

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

....

A little respect."

Everyone has the legitimate desire to be treated with respect. As he marveled at the majesty of the Lord's creation, David wondered:

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For you have made him a little lower than the angels, and you have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, All sheep and oxen--Even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas" (Ps 8:3-8).

The Lord has crowned all mankind "with glory and honor." Now, friends, that's respect indeed from the One who really counts!

Of course, David referred to Moses' account of creation.

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds

of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth'
(Genesis 1:27-28).

All people deserve respect because every person is made in the divine image. God created man in the divine "likeness" (Genesis 1:26) or "similitude" (James 3:9).

How are we in the divine image? Certainly not in outward form or appearance, for both the male and female are in God's image, as are all the races of men. Furthermore, God has no visible form (Deuteronomy 4:15-18; 1 Timothy 1:17). Rather, as God is an invisible Spirit (1 Timothy 1:17; John 4:24), man has an invisible spirit from God (Ecclesiastes 12:7). As God is immortal (undying; 1 Timothy 1:17), man has an immortal spirit (Ecclesiastes 12:7). God is rational (a reasoning Being), and so is man (Isaiah 1:18). As God is moral (capable of differentiating between right and wrong), so also is man (Deuteronomy 30:11-20).

This is the common heritage of all people of every race, language, and nationality. Thus, we should treat all people everywhere - the rich and poor, the famous and unknown, our friends and our enemies, men and women, those whose customs are like ours and those whose customs are far different - with respect. "Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king" (1 Peter 2:17). Some find anything that makes people different from them a reason for ridicule. This is sinful.

Some people are due special respect. Wives should honor their husbands (Ephesians 5:33), and husbands should honor their wives (1 Peter 3:7). Instead of criticizing or ridiculing your spouse to your friends, think of ways to honestly compliment her/him.

We must honor and respect our parents (Ephesians 6:2-3; Hebrews 12:9). This includes caring for them when they are too aged and infirm to care for themselves (Matthew 15:1-9; 1 Timothy 5:4) and addressing them in respectful terms (cf. Matthew 21:30).

The aged are due special respect to the point of submission (1 Peter 5:5; cf. Leviticus 19:32). In our society old age is something to be ridiculed. No one wants to admit he is old. The average life span of people is 70 - 80 years (Psalm 90:10). I'm 73; I'm an old man. If you're my generation, you're old. Be thankful the Lord allowed you to have fullness of days. I liked the attitude of Brother Martin Broadwell, Sr., who was a generation older than I. He said he was happy to be old; it was one of the few things about him

that demanded respect. I taught my children to address those a generation older than them as “Mr.” or “Mrs.” as a sign of respect. Some older people told them not to do this, because it made them feel old. They were asking my children to disobey their parents (Ephesians 6:1) and telling them not to treat older people with the deference that youth should show to their elders.

We should respect civil rulers (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:17). Instead of ridiculing our rulers, pray for them (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Employees should respect their employers (1 Timothy 6:1). We should respect the elders of the church for the work they do (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 5:17). When Christ comes in glory to judge the world, He will give honor and glory to those who have obeyed Him (1 Peter 1:7), but those who disobey Him will receive everlasting wrath (Romans 2:5-11). Which will you receive?

Rewards

By Ross Ward

Looking for a reward? We often look to turn a profit or earn a reward for our efforts in life. Jesus’ disciples had the same expectation when they posed a question to Jesus in Mt 19&20. First we find Jesus instructing the Rich Man to sell all that he had and follow him, Mt 19:16-22. Sadly, the Rich Man chose not to follow Jesus. This event provoked his disciples to ask what would be their reward, because they had left all and followed him, Mt 19:27. Jesus gives two answers, first there will be great reward for his followers, Mt 19:28-30. Jesus says they will receive one hundredfold and inherit everlasting life. Jesus then teaches the Parable of the Labor’s in the Vineyard, Mt 20:1-16. In this parable the lord of the vineyard hires laborers: first thing in the morning, at the 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 11th hours, agreeing to pay each. At the end of the day the lord gives each laborer the exact same wage regardless of the duration of their labor. That might sound unjust, and yes Jesus’ disciples thought the same thing. Jesus said he had authority to give as he chose. Does it matter if we are given a great gift, say a million dollars for 1, 3, 6, 9, or 12 hour’s worth of work? I don’t think any of us would complain about it, would you? So we see that Jesus answers the disciples’ question. Those who forsake all and follow Jesus will all receive the same great reward.

Prayer Requests & Announcements

- Dave and Catherine will be traveling this week and part of next. 10/10-10/17
- Angie Woodside has been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis and has started treatments for it.
- The Christians in the Philippines.
- Evie Trokey, the young girl diagnosed with brain cancer started Chemo this week at a Minnesota Hospital. (Trevor Trokey preaches at the church in Rapid City)
- Bible class at Chad & Kass' tonight at 6:00pm
- Today after services we will have our regular scheduled business meeting

For prayer requests, call or text

Chad @ (208) 221-2587 or Ross @ (208) 680-6590

Assignments

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| <u>Today</u> Bible Study – Ross Ward Song Leader – David Porter Lord's Table – Ben Palmer Sermon – Ross Ward | <u>Wednesday</u> Bible Study – Chad Mitchell Song Leader – Ben Palmer Invitation – Ross Ward |
| <u>Next Sunday</u> Bible Study – Ross Ward Song Leader – Ben Palmer Lord's Table – David Porter Sermon – Ross Ward | <u>Next Wednesday</u> Bible Study – Chad Mitchell Song Leader – Tom Mitchell Invitation – Ross Ward |

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Meeting Times:

Sunday Morning Classes 10:00AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00AM
Wednesday Evening 7:30PM

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