

The LORD Honors Those Who Honor Him

1 Samuel 7

A. Context: Israel, a nation in trouble

1. Israel had been _____ by the Philistines in humiliating and devastating defeat.
2. The men of Beth Shemesh were _____ because they disregarded the holiness of the LORD and _____ into the Ark.

B. Those who seek to honor the LORD must do so with all of their _____. v.1-6

1. The men of Kirjath Jearim come and get the Ark and bring it to the house of Abinadab where they _____ Eleazar (Abinadab's son) to take charge of the Ark.
2. At this point, the Ark is safe from the people and the people are safe from the Ark, but the people are still not in right _____ to the LORD.
3. Samuel, unmentioned, but not idle, during the last couple chapters, _____ the people to _____ to the LORD with all of their hearts.
4. The people fast and acknowledge their _____ before the LORD as they allow His righteous _____ to be administered through Samuel.
5. Our nation may be celebrating Independence Day this weekend with parties and revelries, but we should be on our faces, recognizing our _____ on the Living God.
6. He is willing and ready to take our brokenness and _____ and trade them for pleasure and purpose, but He cannot unless we willingly choose Him over everything and everyone else.

C. When people seek the LORD with all their heart, the LORD _____ them. v.7-11

1. As Israel is going through a wholehearted, national _____ at Mizpah, the Philistines see it as an _____ to squash their enemies (the Israelites) once and for all.
2. The Israelites, while scared to death, finally make the _____ decision; they entreat Samuel to continuously _____ to the LORD for their deliverance.
3. The LORD thunders with a loud _____ and the Philistines are terrified; instead of pushing forward in battle, they _____ before the Israelites.
4. If you want to see God _____ in your life and in your circumstances, _____ your life of every other god but the LORD.

D. The LORD honors those who honor Him with their _____ heart. v.12-17

1. After the Philistines flee for their lives before the Israelites, Samuel _____ a monument as a _____ of the LORD's faithfulness.
2. This stone, which was probably located somewhere along the battlefield, served as a _____ of how the LORD had intervened in the battle and helped His people.
3. If Israel had not humbled themselves and _____ His face with all of their hearts they would not have _____ the benefits of peace and prosperity.
4. The LORD will not accept _____ worship or distracted attention; He cannot honor those who refuse to offer to Him unadulterated praise. Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7
5. The LORD desires our best and will give it if we will only _____ ourselves under His authority and _____ Him with every detail of our lives.

#15 Come, Thou Fount

A. 1-ravished, 2-slaughtered, looked, B.-heart, 1-consecrate, 2-relationship, 3-challenges, return, 4-sin, judgment, 5-dependence, 6-shame, C.-answers, 1-revival, opportunity, 2-right, cry out, 3-thunder, flee, 4-work, strip, D.-whole, 1-sets up, reminder, 2-testimony, 3-sought, enjoyed, 4-divided, 5-humble, honor