

# John 5:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

## Analysis

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'That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.' The purpose of delegating judgment to the Son is that He receive equal honor with the Father. Refusing honor to the Son refuses honor to the Father who sent Him. This is the clearest claim to worship: whatever honor belongs to God belongs equally to Christ. Dishonoring Christ dishonors God.

## Historical Context

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This verse establishes the basis for Christian worship of Christ. If Jesus is a mere creature, worshiping Him would be idolatry. But if He deserves equal honor with the Father, worship is appropriate. The early church cited such texts defending Christ's deity against Arian denial.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean to honor the Son 'even as' we honor the Father?
2. How does honoring or dishonoring Christ relate to one's relationship with God?

## Interlinear Text

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ἵνα	πάντες	τιμᾷ	τὸν	υἱὸν	καθὼς	τιμᾷ	
<b>That</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>He that honoureth</b>	<b>which</b>	<b>the Son</b>	<b>even as</b>	<b>He that honoureth</b>	
G2443	G3956	G5091	G3588	G5207	G2531	G5091	
τὸν	πατέρα	τὸν	μὴ	τιμᾷ	τὸν	υἱὸν	οὐ
<b>which</b>	<b>the Father</b>	<b>which</b>	<b>not</b>	<b>He that honoureth</b>	<b>which</b>	<b>the Son</b>	<b>not</b>
G3588	G3962	G3588	G3361	G5091	G3588	G5207	G3756
	τιμᾷ	τὸν	πατέρα	τὸν	πέμψαντα	αὐτόν	
	<b>He that honoureth</b>	<b>which</b>	<b>the Father</b>	<b>which</b>	<b>hath sent</b>	<b>him</b>	
	G5091	G3588	G3962	G3588	G3992	G846	

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 John 2:23** (Parallel theme): Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

**Luke 10:16** (Parallel theme): He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

**Matthew 11:27** (Parallel theme): All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

**2 John 1:9** (Parallel theme): Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

**Hebrews 1:6** (Parallel theme): And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

**Ephesians 6:24** (Parallel theme): Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

**2 Peter 3:18** (Parallel theme): But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

**Romans 8:9** (Parallel theme): But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

**Romans 6:22** (Parallel theme): But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

**1 Corinthians 10:31** (Parallel theme): Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

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