



“Intimate Honor”

Devotional based on Malachi 1:6a

Here we see the LORD of hosts – Adonai Tseva’ot – asking His people a question –

“If then I am the Father, where is my honor?”

He has the right to ask this question, being God Almighty Himself, and it is not arrogant of Him to ask it. It is fitting. So, His question teaches us that a Father must be honored – as does the 5th commandment.

Yet. At the other end of the spectrum, we find that we can call Him Abba – Daddy (Romans 8:15) – and have warm intimacy with Him. Thus, these two ends of the spectrum meet – Intimacy yet Honor – and so we come to Him with tenderness and intimacy, yet still being in awe of Him and with reverence. This is modeled perfectly by the perfect Son – Yeshua – who cried with fervency in the garden to His Father – for Him to spare Him the cross if there was any way – but He also submitted to the will of His Father, with reverence. Let us do likewise.

Prayer

Abba Father, I come as your small child to you with tenderness and cries for Your care, yet I know You are the Mighty God, the Mighty Lion, who cares for His own yet is stirred to wrath by sin and Your enemies. I submit to your care and discipline and I praise You Father in awe. Amein.

