

Esteemed Among Men Highly

Luke 16:12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? **13** No **(1)servant** can **(2)serve** two **(3)masters**: for either **(4)he will hate** the one, and **(5)love** the other; or else **(6)he will hold to** the one, and **(7)despise** the other. Ye cannot serve God and **(8)mammon**.

Definitions

(1)No **servant**-3610 oiketēs-one who lives in the same house as another, spoken of all who are under the authority of one and the same householder, a servant.

(2)can **serve**-1398 douleuo-to be a slave, serve, to do service, be in bondage; metaphorically, to obey, to submit to, in a good sense, to yield obedience, in a bad sense, of those who become slaves to some base power, to yield to, to give oneself up to

(3)two **masters**-2962 kurios;from kuros (supremacy); supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller; by implication, Mr. (as a respectful title): KJV-- God, Lord, master, Sir, he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord, the possessor and disposer of a thing, the owner; one who has control of the person, the master, is a title of honor expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants salute their master.

(4)for either **he will hate** the one-3404 miseo ;from a primary misos (hatred); to detest; by extension, to love less:KJV--to hate, to pursue with hatred, to be hated, to be detested.

(5)and **love** the other 25 agapao; to love (in a social or moral sense): KJV-- used of persons: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly, used of things: to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing.

(6)or else **he will hold to** the one-472 antechomai; to hold oneself opposite to, i.e. (by implication) adhere to; by extension to care for: KJV-- hold fast, hold to, support, hold to him firmly, cleave to, paying heed to him.

(7)and **despise** the other-2706 kataphroneo; from 2596 and 5426; to think against, i.e. disesteem: KJV—despise, to think little or nothing of.

(8)**mammon**-3126 mammonas-treasure, riches, wealth

There are two Masters; the first is God Almighty the Holy One. The other is the devil the worldly one, but yet mighty.

Master #1 is the Master of all

1 Cor 6:19-20

19 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (KJV)

1 Cor 7:22-24

22 For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. **23** Ye are bought with a price; be not ye

the servants of men. **24** Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God. (**Matt. 17:1-8**; Observing: **Matt.28:18-20**; being believers of Him before, during and after baptism: **Mark16:15-16**; denying ourselves: **Luke9:23**; loving not our lives here: **John12:25-26**; **Philip.1:29-30** and **3:16-20**; **2Tim.2:11-16**; and loving neither the world nor the things that are in it: **James4:4**; **1John2:15-17** and **4:5-6**)

Master #2 is by God's intent (1John5:19; lieth) the master of this world, the things that are in it and the glories of them!

Luke 4:5-8

5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. **7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. **8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (**Listen to Jesus: John17:14 and 20**)

2 Cor 4:3-4

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev 13:6-9

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to **blaspheme** his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. **7** And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. **8** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. **9** If any man have an ear, let him hear. (KJV)

Jude 1:9 Yet **Michael the archangel**, when contending with **the devil** he disputed about the body of Moses, **durst not bring against him a (1)railing (2)accusation, but said, The Lord (3)rebuke thee.**

Definitions

(1)railing-988 blasphemia; from 989; vilification (especially against God): KJV-- blasphemy, evil speaking, slander, speak ill of, speech injurious, to another's good name, impious and reproachful speech injurious to divine majesty....(2)accusation-2920 crisis; decision (subjectively or objectively, for or against); by extension, a tribunal; by implication, justice: KJV-- accusation, condemnation, damnation, judgment....(3)rebuke thee-2008 epitimao-to adjudge, to award, in the sense of merited penalty, to tax with fault, to berate, to chide, to rebuke, to reprove, to censure severely, to admonish or charge sharply, to judge.

FOR THAT WHICH IS HIGHLY ESTEEMED AMONG MEN IS ABOMINATION IN THE SIGHT OF GOD

Luke 16:14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. **15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men;** but God **(1)knoweth** your **(2)hearts: for that which is (3)highly esteemed among men is (4)abomination** in the sight of God.(KJV)

Definitions: (1)knoweth-1097 ginosko; to "know": KJV-- be aware (of), feel, (have) know (-ledge), perceived, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand....**(2)hearts**-2588 kardia; prolonged from a primary kar (Latin, cor, "heart"); the heart, i.e. (figuratively) the thoughts or feelings (mind); also (by analogy) the middle....**(3)highly esteemed**-5308 hupselos; from 5311; lofty (in place or character): KJV-- high (-er, -ly) (esteemed). 2) metaphorically, eminent, a) in influence and honor b) to set the mind on, to seek, high things (as honors and riches), to be aspiring: KJV-- be exalted, height, (on) high....**(4)abomination**-946 bdelugma; from 948; a detestation, i.e. (specially) idolatry: KJV-- abomination....**948** bdelusso (bdel-oos'-so);from a (presumed) derivative of bdeo (to stink); to be disgusted, i.e. (by implication) detest (especially of idolatry): KJV-- abhor, abominable....**Esteem highly**: Webster and American Heritage Dictionaries: Admire [To have regard for] — *Syn.* esteem, honor, applaud, praise, extol, respect, approve, revere, venerate, eulogize, laud, boost, glorify, reverence, hold dear, appreciate, credit, commend, favor, value, treasure, prize, look up to, rate highly, pay homage to, idolize, adore, worship, hail, put a high price on, regard with approbation, have a high opinion of, regard highly, wonder at, marvel at, think highly of, value highly, esteem highly, regard as fine, consider brilliant, think wonderful, hold in esteem, hold in respect, think well of, show deference to, put on a pedestal*, think the world of*. —
Ant. CENSURE, deride, deprecate, abhor, belittle, scorn.

Luke 16:15 ... Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; ...Ref. Scriptures:
(KJV)

Prov 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? (KJV)

Matt 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. **2** Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. (KJV)

Matt 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. (KJV)

Matt 6:16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. (KJV)

Matt 23:5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, (KJV)

Matt 23:25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. **26**

Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. **27** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. (KJV)

Luke 10:29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? (KJV)

Luke 11:39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. (KJV)

Luke 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. (KJV)

Luke 18:21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. (KJV)

Luke 20:20 And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor. (KJV)

Luke 20:47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation. (KJV)

John 12:42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: **43** For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. **44** Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. **45** And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. (KJV)

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. (KJV)

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. **2** For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. **3** For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. **4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. **5** For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. **6** But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) **7** Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his

deed. (KJV)

James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? **22** Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? **23** And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. **24** Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. **25** Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? **26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (KJV)

Luke 16:15 ... God knoweth your hearts: ...Ref. Scriptures: (KJV)

1 Sam 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. (KJV)

1 Chr 29:17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. (KJV)

2 Chr 6:30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men:) (KJV)

Ps 7:9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. (KJV)

Ps 139:1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. **2** Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. (KJV)

Matt 18:32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: **33** Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? **34** And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. **35** So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses. (KJV)

Mark 7:20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. **21** For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, **22** Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **23** All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. (KJV)

Jer 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. (KJV)

John 2:25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

John 21:17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto

him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. (KJV)

Acts 15:8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; (KJV)

1 Cor 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. (KJV)

1 Cor 5:11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. **12** For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? **13** But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore **put away from among yourselves that wicked person.** (KJV)

Heb 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. **10** For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. **11** Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. **12 For the word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and **is (1)a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** **13** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. **14** Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.(KJV)

Definition: (1)a discerner-2924 kritikos (krit-ee-kos'); from 2923; decisive ("critical"), i.e. discriminative: KJV—discerner, relating to judging, fit for judging, skilled in judging.

Rev 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. (KJV)

Luke 16:15 ... for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God...Ref. Scriptures:

Ps 10:3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth. (KJV)

Prov 16:5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. (KJV)

Amos 5:21 I hate, I despise **your** feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. **22** Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. (KJV)

Mal 3:15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered. (KJV)

Matt 23:28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. (KJV)

Luke 4:5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. **7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. **8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (KJV)

Luke 18: 9 And he spake this parable unto certain which **(1)trusted** in **(2)themselves** that they were **(3)righteous**, and **(4)despised** others: **10** Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. **11** The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. **12** I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. **13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. **14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. (KJV)

Definitions

(1)which trusted-3982 peitho-to persuade, that is, to induce one by words to believe, to be persuaded, to suffer oneself to be persuaded; to be induced to believe: to have faith (in a thing), to listen to, to obey, to yield to, to comply with, to trust, to have confidence, to be confident, (in themselves)....**(2)in themselves**-1438 heautou (including all other cases)-himself, herself, itself, themselves, your (own, own conceits, own selves, -selves). **(3)that they were righteous**-1342 dikaios-righteous, observing divine laws, approved by or acceptable by God....**(4)despised** others-1848 exoutheneo-to make of no account, to despise utterly

John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. **25** He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. **26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. (KJV)

Rom 11:20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: **21** For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. **22** Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. (KJV)

Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not (1)high things, but (2)condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)Mind not high things**-5308 hupselos-high, lofty, exalted on high, with an uplifted arm, that is, with signal power, metaphorically, eminent, exalted, in influence and honor, to set the mind on, to seek, high things (as honors and riches), to be aspiring....

(2)but condescend to men of low estate-4879 sunapago-to lead away with or together, metaphorically, to be carried away with, used of a thing, that is, by a thing, so as to

experience with others the force of what carries away, to yield or submit oneself to lowly things, conditions, employments: not to evade their power.

2 Cor 10:7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's. (KJV)

2 Cor 10:18 For not he that **(1)commendeth** himself is **(2)approved**, but whom the Lord (3)commendeth. (KJV)

Definitions: (1-3)commendeth himself-4921 sunistao; (strengthened); or to set together, i.e. (by implication) to introduce (favorably), or to exhibit; to stand near, or to constitute: KJV-- approve, commend, consist, make, stand (with), to set one with another, by way of presenting or introducing him....**(2)is approved**-1384 dokimos (dok'-ee-mos);from 1380; properly, acceptable, i.e. approved: KJV-- approved, tried, accepted, pleasing.

1 Pet 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. (KJV)

1 Pet 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. (KJV)

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. **9** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (KJV)

Heb 7:22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. **23** And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: **24** But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. **25** Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. **26** For such an high priest became us, who is holy, **(1)harmless**, undefiled, **(2)separate** from **(3)sinners**, and made higher than the heavens; **27** Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. **28** For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore. (He was also meek and lowly in heart: Matt.11:29; 21:1-7 and also was made a little lower than angels by His Father in heaven, for such ones as us: Heb.2:1-18).

Definitions: (1)harmless-172 akakos (ak'-ak-os);from 1 (as a negative particle) and 2556; not bad, i.e. (objectively) innocent or (subjectively) unsuspecting, 1) without guile or fraud, harmless, free from guilt 2) fearing no evil from others, distrusting no one: KJV-- harmless, simple....**(2)separate** from-5563 chorizo (kho-rid'-zo);from 5561; to place room between, i.e. part; reflexively, to go away: KJV-- depart, put asunder, to separate oneself from....**(3)Sinners**-268 hamartolos-devoted to sin, a sinner: not free from sin,

preeminently sinful, especially wicked, all wicked men, specifically used of men stained with certain definite vices or crimes: tax collectors, the heathen, pagans.

Now according to scripture let's understand what causes one to be devoted to sin. Also read what causes one to be stained with heathen and pagan practices/traditions. Those of the body of Christ, those that strive to live a sinless life, relapses into sin from time to time. But with a mind of repentance, confesses our faults along with praying one for another, for strength not to sin (**James5:16; sin: 1John5:17**); thereby not being devoted to sin. Christians (followers of Christ) must follow the instructions/commandment and traditions of His apostles, as they were guided by the Holy Ghost; rather than those of men. If not they **MUST** be withdrawn/ separated from. Let's start with the apostle Paul: "**II Th 3:3** But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. **4** And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. **5** And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. **6** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." Now the apostle Peter: "**1 Pet 4:1** Forasmuch then as **Christ** hath suffered for us **in the flesh**, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; **2** That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God." **To close the lesson** let's listen to God Almighty through His prophet Isaiah: "**Isa 40:5** And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. **6** The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: **7** The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. **8** The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." "**Isa 40:13** Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? **14** With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? **15** Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. **16** And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. **17** All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity. **18** To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?"

Remember, the One that is Highly esteemed among God is His beloved Son Jesus Christ, in whom he is well pleased (**Matt.17:1-8**). And the Only thing that is highly esteemed with Him is the obedience of His Son through His apostles, and those that choose to suffer to do so (**Philip.1:29-30; 2Tim.2:11-13; Heb.5:8-9**)! (**See also Rom.8:1-10**)!!!!