

## Arrogance, Loyalty, and Love

### The value of humble loyalty:

1. Loyalty (listening, obeying, loving) is the right response to our exaltation.
2. Loyalty (listening, obeying, loving) expresses appropriate humility and exalts God.

“We accept the exaltation, then reject the responsibility that comes with it.”

Responsibilities:

1. We reject the responsibility to be dependent upon God:
  - a. The responsibility to recognize His place as the Most High: *we rise up against Him.*
  - b. The responsibility to receive all truth from Him: *we view ourselves as the source of truth.*
  - c. The responsibility to receive righteousness from Him: *we seek to establish our own righteousness.*
  - d. The responsibility to think soberly about ourselves: *we think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think.*
  - e. The responsibility to walk in daily dependence upon Him: *we forget Him.*
2. We reject the responsibility to live for His name
  - a. The responsibility to credit Him for our exaltation: *we take credit ourselves.*
  - b. The responsibility to influence others to know and love Him.
3. We reject the responsibility to be loyal in our love for Him: *we forget Him.*

**Because our Creator has exalted us, we should be loyal to Him (Deut. 26:16-19).**

**How to be disloyal to God (Deut. 8:11-14, 19-20):**

1. **Don't listen to Him (v.20).**

Nehemiah 9:15-16, 28-29 *You provided bread from heaven for them for their hunger, You brought forth water from a rock for them for their thirst, And You told them to enter in order to possess the land which You swore to give them. <sup>16</sup> But they, our fathers, acted arrogantly; They became stubborn and would not listen to Your commandments.... But as soon as they had rest,*

*they did evil again before You; Therefore You abandoned them to  
the hand of their*

enemies, so that they ruled over them. When they cried again to You, You heard from heaven, And many times You rescued them according to Your compassion,<sup>29</sup> And admonished them in order to turn them back to Your law. Yet they acted arrogantly and did not listen to Your commandments but sinned against Your ordinances, By which if a man observes them he shall live. And they turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck, and would not listen.

**2. Don't obey Him (v.11).**

**3. Don't love Him (v.19).**

**One word:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Disloyalty to God is arrogance.**

**Why does God see it that way?**

*God sees disloyalty as arrogance because*

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Deut. 8:12-13

Nehemiah 9:15-16, 28-29

Hosea 13:1-6 (NIV) *When Ephraim spoke, men trembled; he was exalted in Israel. But he became guilty of Baal worship and died.<sup>2</sup> Now they sin more and more; they make idols for themselves from their silver, cleverly fashioned images, all of them the work of craftsmen. It is said of these people, "They offer human sacrifice and kiss the calf-idols."<sup>3</sup> Therefore they will be like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears, like chaff swirling from a threshing floor, like smoke escaping through a window.<sup>4</sup> "But I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt. You shall acknowledge no God but me, no Savior except*

*me.<sup>5</sup> I cared for you in the desert, in the land of burning heat.<sup>6</sup> When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me.*  
Excerpts from Jeremiah 2 (NIV) *Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: "I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the desert, through a land not sown. Israel was holy to the LORD ... What fault did your fathers find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves. They did not ask, 'Where is the LORD, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and rifts, a land of drought and darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?' I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.... See if there has ever been anything like this: Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their Glory for worthless idols. Be appalled at this, O heavens, and shudder with great horror, ... They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water. Is Israel a servant, a slave by birth? Why then has he become plunder? ... Have you not brought this on yourselves by forsaking the LORD your God when he led you in the way? ... Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds; you said, 'I will not serve you!' ... I had planted you like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock. How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine? ... How can you say, 'I am not defiled; I have not run after the Baals'? ... you said, 'It's no use! I love foreign gods, and I must go after them.' ... They say to wood, 'You are my father,' and to stone, 'You gave me birth.' They have turned their backs to me and not their faces; yet when they are in trouble, they say, 'Come and save us!' ... Why do you bring charges against me? You have all rebelled against me ... Why do my people say, 'We are free to roam; we will come to you no more'? Does a maiden forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.*

2 Chronicles 26