*From the Pastor’s desk:*

**HONOURING ONE ANOTHER**

"He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose." **(Joh 1:27 KJV)**

Some years ago, I was a Music Director with a Pentecostal Church. One day at the rehearsal, I saw someone whom I regard as a celebrated percussionist. Since we knew each other and had done some projects together in the past that were successful, we greeted cheerfully, and that was it. It was during the rehearsals that I discovered that he was invited by a senior coordinator to come and teach us 'Hallelujah Chorus' and 'And the glory' by G. F. Handel. But shockingly, that night was the last time he came!

When we met later, I asked why he did not complete the assignment he started. He said that he explained to the senior coordinator who invited him that, "If you have that man I saw (referring to me), then, you don’t need me for those songs.” Although he was going to be paid for the assignment, he considered it a dishonour to me for him to continue with that assignment.

John the Baptist said that he was not worthy to unloose Jesus’ shoe's latchet! Really!? Stooping down to unloose another person's shoelace is a menial task enough. Lest you forget: John was at least 6 months older than Jesus. Yet, he said that he was not qualified to minister such a degrading task to Him. What a great honour!

But Jesus gave it back to this humble man. John sent two of his disciples to confirm from Him, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" **(Mat 11:3)** People would perhaps be ready to hurl insults at the Baptiser and wonder what type of disrespectful question that was, wanting to show solidarity to the Saviour of the world. But Jesus waded in and said, "Truly I say to you, Among them that are born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist...." **(Mat 11:11 AKJV)**

Can you feel the immensity of that statement? Jesus did not sit on the honour He had received, he rather reciprocated. Beloved, Jesus has shown us an example. When someone honours you, it is not a right. It is a privilege. So, let 'Honouring One Another' be your watchword. Shalom.