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## DAILY DEVOTION **PRAISE FROM GOD**

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John 12:42-43 NKJ

[42] Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in 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.

If we value what people can do more than we value what God can do, we will be easily tempted to make wrong choices, just as the Pharisees, the Sadducees and the teachers of law among the Jews did.

What motivates you and why do you do what you do?

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to have God praise you?

We are not saved and put in right standing with God on the basis of our good works, but solely as a gift we receive by God's grace. Neither do we "earn" God's love which is really an expression of His character.

However, it is still possible to be honored by God. Those who have done the will of God will be rewarded.

Most people are motivated by what other people think or say or what they think other people might think or say.

In essence, this is the fear of man, being mostly concerned about what people will think or say.

If you live for human praise you need to understand that even if you obtain it, it will not last for long.

It is true that getting praise from God is not something that can be expected quickly.

However, we shoul value that guiet and inner assurance we experience when we do something we know has pleased God.

This is also a form of "praise from God" encouraging us to do His will, even when there seems to be no immediate outward results, it will surely come.

PRAYER: O God, your own approval is more important than people's approval, let all I do receive your approval, in Jesus name.