

Good morning! Have you ever been treated disrespectfully? How did you like it? When I'm treated in a way that demonstrates an intentional lack of respect, I have more trouble with it than a "good Christian" should have. Why is that, I wonder? OK, OK, I don't really wonder---it's because I'm a pride-filled sinner who doesn't think like Jesus! Remember Jesus' stinging rebuke of Peter (in Matt.16)? *"Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."* In other words, "You think like a man and bit like God." This morning, let's take a few moments to read these passages and then consider the way God thinks:

It was Moses' practice to take the Tent of Meeting and set it up some distance from the camp. Everyone who wanted to make a request of the Lord would go to the Tent of Meeting outside the camp. **Ex. 33:7**

For the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. **Heb. 12:2**

In the Old Testament, the Lord condescended to meet with a His people in a tent that was moved whenever the Israelites moved. In the New Testament, Jesus was born anonymously in a manger, the child of a Jewish peasant girl and a carpenter; a nobody. He was disrespected by "spiritual leaders" who were constantly trying to trip Him up or outsmart Him. Really---they thought they could outsmart Jesus? I want to identify with Jesus but sometimes my attitude more closely resembles James and John, who when Jesus was disrespected famously asked, "Shall we call down fire on them, Lord?" This morning, take a little personal inventory. How much do you care about what people think about you? Could it be a little too much? Do you despise the shame like Jesus...? Or do you think like a man?