

Honouring the King

Ref: *Sefer Shoftim, Hilchot Melachim, Chapter 2*

Honouring King	Allowed	Explanation
Use Kings possessions e.g. horse, throne, sceptre crown, utensils	✗	
Make use of his servants and attendants	✓	Only another King may use these
King's wife	✗	Forbidden to anyone else forever
Observing King naked, in baths, having haircut	✗	
King performing <i>chalitzah</i>	✗	A woman cannot spit in front of him.
Performing <i>yibum</i>	✗	
Leave palace to participate in a funeral	✗	
Davidic King sitting in the Temple Courtyard	✓	
King cuts his hair every day and dresses impressively	✓	
Sits on throne with crown on head	✓	
Prophet comes and bows before King	✓	How much more so others
High Priest comes to the King	✗	King must come to High Priest
King stands in the presence of <i>Sanhedrin</i>	✓	The King also honours Torah scholars, but only in private
King should not lift his heart above his brothers	✓	But should not allow any irreverence
Bears Nation's difficulties	✓	