





THE IMAGE OF GOD

GOD IS LOVE

- ^{ESV} **1 JOHN 4:8** ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE...¹⁶ SO WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TO BELIEVE THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US. GOD IS LOVE, AND WHOEVER ABIDES IN LOVE ABIDES IN GOD, AND GOD ABIDES IN HIM.

WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- ^{NAS} **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- ^{NAS} **ROMANS 5:5** ...THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN Poured OUT WITHIN OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO WAS GIVEN TO US.

LOVE IS SUPREME

- ^{NAS} **1 CORINTHIANS 13:13** BUT NOW ABIDE FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.
- ^{NAS} **1 CORINTHIANS 16:14** LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE.



LOVE AND ITS FRUITS

FRUIT OF LOVE

- ^{NAS} **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4** LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, AND IS NOT JEALOUS; LOVE DOES NOT BRAG AND IS NOT ARROGANT

➤ BRAG – THE OUTWARD DISPLAY

- *PRAISING ONESELF EXCESSIVELY*

➤ ARROGANT – THE INWARD DISPOSITION

- *LIT., PUFFED UP, TO INFLATED*

PATIENT, KIND, CONTENTED, AND HUMBLE LOVE

- LOVE INCLINES CHRISTIANS TO MEEKLY BEAR ILL THAT IS RECEIVED FROM OTHERS, AND TO CHEERFULLY AND FREELY DO GOOD TO OTHERS
- LOVE INCLINES CHRISTIANS TO NOT ENVY WHAT OTHERS HAVE OR DO, BUT RATHER INCLINES CHRISTIANS TO BE CONTENTED AS THEY ARE
- LOVE INCLINES CHRISTIANS TO NOT THINK OR ACT OUT OF PRIDE BUT TO HUMBLE THEMSELVES

ENVY VS PRIDE

- ENVY AND PRIDE ARE BOTH FRUIT OF THE SAME UNDERLYING SPIRITUAL FLAW, LOVING SELF ABOVE ALL ELSE
 - ENVY – HOW SELF LOVE FLAIRS UP IN TIMES OF NEED
 - PRIDE – HOW SELF LOVE FLAIRS UP IN TIMES OF PLENTY

CONTENTMENT VS HUMILITY

- CONTENTMENT AND HUMILITY ARE BOTH FRUIT OF THE SAME FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, LOVING GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE
 - CONTENTMENT – HOW LOVE OF GOD MANIFESTS ITSELF IN TIMES OF NEED
 - HUMILITY – HOW LOVE OF GOD MANIFESTS ITSELF IN TIMES OF PLENTY

GOD SUSTAINS IN TIME OF NEED

- ^{NAS} **DEUTERONOMY 8:2** "AND YOU SHALL REMEMBER ALL THE WAY WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS LED YOU IN THE WILDERNESS THESE FORTY YEARS, THAT HE MIGHT HUMBLE YOU, TESTING YOU, TO KNOW WHAT WAS IN YOUR HEART, WHETHER YOU WOULD KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS OR NOT. ³ "AND HE HUMBLERD YOU AND LET YOU BE HUNGRY, AND FED YOU WITH MANNA WHICH YOU DID NOT KNOW, NOR DID YOUR FATHERS KNOW, THAT HE MIGHT MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT MAN LIVES BY EVERYTHING THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE LORD. ⁴ "YOUR CLOTHING DID NOT WEAR OUT ON YOU, NOR DID YOUR FOOT SWELL THESE FORTY YEARS

GOD IS THE SOURCE OF PLENTY

- ^{NAS} **DEUTERONOMY 8:7** "FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS BRINGING YOU INTO A GOOD LAND, A LAND OF BROOKS OF WATER, OF FOUNTAINS AND SPRINGS, FLOWING FORTH IN VALLEYS AND HILLS; ⁸ A LAND OF WHEAT AND BARLEY, OF VINES AND FIG TREES AND POMEGRANATES, A LAND OF OLIVE OIL AND HONEY; ⁹ A LAND WHERE YOU SHALL EAT FOOD WITHOUT SCARCITY, IN WHICH YOU SHALL NOT LACK ANYTHING..."

BE CONTENT AND HUMBLE

- ^{NAS} **DEUTERONOMY 8:12** LEST, WHEN YOU HAVE EATEN AND ARE SATISFIED, AND HAVE BUILT GOOD HOUSES AND LIVED *IN THEM*, ¹³ AND WHEN YOUR HERDS AND YOUR FLOCKS MULTIPLY, AND YOUR SILVER AND GOLD MULTIPLY, AND ALL THAT YOU HAVE MULTIPLIES, ¹⁴ THEN YOUR HEART BECOMES PROUD, AND YOU FORGET THE LORD YOUR GOD WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT FROM THE LAND OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE HOUSE OF SLAVERY... ¹⁷ "OTHERWISE, YOU MAY SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'MY POWER AND THE STRENGTH OF MY HAND MADE ME THIS WEALTH.' ¹⁸ "BUT YOU SHALL REMEMBER THE LORD YOUR GOD, FOR IT IS HE WHO IS GIVING YOU POWER TO MAKE WEALTH,

HUMILITY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD AS THE SOURCE OF ALL OUR GOOD

- ^{NAS} **DEUTERONOMY 8:18** "BUT YOU SHALL REMEMBER THE LORD YOUR GOD, FOR IT IS HE WHO IS GIVING YOU POWER TO MAKE WEALTH
- ^{NAS} **PROVERBS 10:22** IT IS THE BLESSING OF THE LORD THAT MAKES RICH ...
- ^{NAS} **1 CORINTHIANS 4:7** FOR WHO REGARDS YOU AS SUPERIOR? AND WHAT DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU DID NOT RECEIVE? BUT IF YOU DID RECEIVE IT, WHY DO YOU BOAST AS IF YOU HAD NOT RECEIVED IT?

HUMILITY STEMS FROM TRULY KNOWING GOD

- ^{NAS} **ISAIAH 6:5** THEN I SAID, "WOE IS ME, FOR I AM RUINED! BECAUSE I AM A MAN OF UNCLEAR LIPS, AND I LIVE AMONG A PEOPLE OF UNCLEAR LIPS; FOR MY EYES HAVE SEEN THE KING, THE LORD OF HOSTS."
- ^{ESV} **JOB 42:5** I HAD HEARD OF YOU BY THE HEARING OF THE EAR, BUT NOW MY EYE SEES YOU; ⁶ THEREFORE I DESPISE MYSELF, AND REPENT IN DUST AND ASHES."
- ^{NAS} **DANIEL 10:6** HIS BODY ALSO WAS LIKE BERYL, HIS FACE HAD THE APPEARANCE OF LIGHTNING, HIS EYES WERE LIKE FLAMING TORCHES, HIS ARMS AND FEET LIKE THE GLEAM OF POLISHED BRONZE, AND THE SOUND OF HIS WORDS LIKE THE SOUND OF A TUMULT... ⁸ SO I WAS LEFT ALONE AND SAW THIS GREAT VISION; YET NO STRENGTH WAS LEFT IN ME, FOR MY NATURAL COLOR TURNED TO A DEATHLY PALLOR, AND I RETAINED NO STRENGTH.

GENUINE HUMILITY BRINGS THE GREATEST TREASURE

- ^{NAS} **MATTHEW 5:3** "BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
- ^{ESV} **PSALM 51:17** THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT; A BROKEN AND CONTRITE HEART, O GOD, YOU WILL NOT DESPISE.
- ^{ESV} **ISAIAH 57:15** FOR THUS SAYS THE ONE WHO IS HIGH AND LIFTED UP, WHO INHABITS ETERNITY, WHOSE NAME IS HOLY: "I DWELL IN THE HIGH AND HOLY PLACE, AND ALSO WITH HIM WHO IS OF A CONTRITE AND LOWLY SPIRIT, TO REVIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE LOWLY, AND TO REVIVE THE HEART OF THE CONTRITE.

BOASTING IN THE LORD

- ^{NAS} **JEREMIAH 9:23** THUS SAYS THE LORD, "LET NOT A WISE MAN BOAST OF HIS WISDOM, AND LET NOT THE MIGHTY MAN BOAST OF HIS MIGHT, LET NOT A RICH MAN BOAST OF HIS RICHES; ²⁴ BUT LET HIM WHO BOASTS BOAST OF THIS, THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AND KNOWS ME, THAT I AM THE LORD WHO EXERCISES LOVINGKINDNESS, JUSTICE, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS ON EARTH; FOR I DELIGHT IN THESE THINGS," DECLARES THE LORD.
- ^{ESV} **PSALM 44:8** IN GOD WE HAVE BOASTED CONTINUALLY, AND WE WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOUR NAME FOREVER.

- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 6:14** BUT MAY IT NEVER BE THAT I SHOULD BOAST, EXCEPT IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH WHICH THE WORLD HAS BEEN CRUCIFIED TO ME, AND I TO THE WORLD.
- ^{NAS} **1 CORINTHIANS 1:30** BUT BY HIS DOING YOU ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO BECAME TO US WISDOM FROM GOD, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SANCTIFICATION, AND REDEMPTION, ³¹ THAT, JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."



RECOGNIZING GENUINE HUMILITY

- HUMILITY CAUSES US TO RECOGNIZE OUR LOWLINESS BEFORE GOD
- HUMILITY CAUSES US TO DISTRUST OURSELVES AND DEPEND ON GOD
- HUMILITY CAUSES US TO GIVE ALL THE GLORY TO GOD
- HUMILITY CAUSES US TO OBEY GOD

RECOGNIZING GENUINE HUMILITY

- HUMILITY PREVENTS US FROM BRAGGING
- HUMILITY PREVENTS US FROM LOOKING DOWN ON OTHERS
- HUMILITY PREVENTS US FROM SEEKING OUR OWN WILL FIRST
- HUMILITY CAUSES US TO LIFT UP OTHERS
- HUMILITY PREVENTS SELF-JUSTIFYING WHEN WRONG

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CONCLUSIONS

BEAR THE FRUITS OF LOVE

- ^{NAS} **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4** LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, AND IS NOT JEALOUS; LOVE DOES NOT BRAG AND IS NOT ARROGANT

HUMBLE YOURSELF

- ^{NAS} **PHILIPPIANS 2:5** HAVE THIS ATTITUDE IN YOURSELVES WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS, ⁶ WHO, ALTHOUGH HE EXISTED IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID NOT REGARD EQUALITY WITH GOD A THING TO BE GRASPED, ⁷ BUT EMPTIED HIMSELF, TAKING THE FORM OF A BOND-SERVANT, AND BEING MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN. ⁸ AND BEING FOUND IN APPEARANCE AS A MAN, HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF BY BECOMING OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS. ⁹ THEREFORE ALSO GOD HIGHLY EXALTED HIM ...
- ^{NAS} **JAMES 4:10** HUMBLE YOURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, AND HE WILL EXALT YOU.