

WAITING ON GOD (II): MADE FOR GLORY

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⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:7-9)

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. (Genesis 1:31)

- God breathed life into man; God’s spirit is in you. By nature, we don’t need to strive to be amazing, because God has shared His very life with us. You are the best representation of the image God; you are a miracle.
- When Adam ate from the Tree of Good and Evil, mankind was separated from the glory of God, because God had said, “The day you eat it you will surely die.” The first thing Adam felt was shame and so he hid from God.

¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” Genesis (2:17)

- In the new covenant, through faith in Jesus who died on the cross for us and bore all our sins and by his blood, we can come before God. Through faith, we can stand before the face of God, just like it was back in Eden. Our created glory is restored through faith.

¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:16-18)

+ YOU ARE ROYALTY

²⁰ and again, “The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.” ²¹ So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³ and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.’ (1 Corinthians 3:20-22)

- In First Corinthians, Paul speaks to the Church in Corinth about the topic of keeping unity among them, because there is competition, jealousy, and division among them. He says to them, “You do

not need to take sides and boast in men, because even leaders were made for you. You are special and glorious, all created things were made for us, and we were made for God.

- Of all creation only mankind is made in the image of God. We are divinely designed in order to have intimacy with our Creator. In the Garden, there was no separation or hindrance in the communication between God and man.
 - When you compare mankind to the rest of creation, you will know that we are a chosen kind. Jesus was the Word become flesh and he dwelt among men, because we are made in His image.
 - Whenever you take a vacation, take a look at God’s creation; see all the beautiful things. Know that the sky and the earth were created just for you. You are of a royal order.
- Testimony: In the past, Pastor Martina preferred staying at home and disliked going out, because she didn’t know who she was; she felt trapped in the world that her TV screen provided. In contrast, Pastor Rebecca appreciated God’s gift of creation; she often enjoyed the beautiful flowers and the skies, because she knew they were made for her pleasure.
- You have to know how special and precious you are. When God’s breath entered into us, we became supernatural beings.
- We are royalty. Don’t waste your life, and don’t stain yourself with reckless words, jealousy, competition, and fear. The spirits of the world blind us and block us from receiving the characteristics God’s glory.

+ GLORY TO GLORY

- We begin to experience “from glory to glory” (2 Cor. 3:18) when we are transformed by God’s glory. When we allow God to transform us from the inside out so that we are one with Him, starting with our thoughts, then our battles will significantly decrease. When you realize your royal identity, your battles will decrease significantly.
- When you look at things from the realm of glory, you will have a new perspective. If you look at things from an earthly perspective, you will be filled with fear and frustration. When you look at things through Heaven’s eyes, the passage “in Him who gives me strength I can do all things” will become reality.
- We are meant to live in glory, because this was God’s when he set Adam in the Garden. Through the super highway of faith, we can return to the original will of God since creation.

+ MEETING GOD IN WORSHIP

- Pastor Martina encourages everyone to be on time for worship and to fully engage in worship. When we love God, we should love God the way he desires us to love Him.
- In the heavenly sanctuary, music is an important part of worship. There is music in heaven, because God is a musician. Music is a part of God.
 - We see how important music is to God, because he originally created Lucifer to be an angel of worship. Ezekiel 28:12-18 talks about Lucifer before he rebelled against God.

¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God... The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. ¹⁴ “ You were the anointed cherub who covers... (Ezekiel 28:13-14)
 - Lucifer was an angel of worship when he was driven out from the sanctuary because he was proud of his own beauty. He was literally adorned with instruments. He was also described as the Cherub whose purpose was to “cover” the throne of God, which reveals the importance of worship to God.
 - When Satan left the heavens, he took music with him. That is why there is Satanic music in the world.
- The only time period during Israel’s history when people were able to enter into the Holy of the Holies and not be stricken down was during King David’s rule. King David had the wisdom to access God’s throne through musical worship.
 - Through worship, God’s cloud of glory covers us. Many times in the Bible, God reveals Himself when His cloud of glory covers a place.
 - The Psalms of David have revelations that can draw us closer to God:

⁵ I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. ⁶ I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land. (Psalms 143:5-6)
- When we worship God, it is like we are storing up clouds in the heavens; once the clouds become weightier, then God’s glory rains down. When we open our mouths to sing during worship, it is like we are throwing seeds of life into the air and waiting for the glory to be birthed.
- David thirsted for God’s grace to rain down, because he knew that when the spring and autumn rains of grace poured down it would cause the people’s hearts to be moisturized and everything would grow with at an accelerated speed.

+ LIVING GLORIOUSLY

- The world around us will get worse and worse, and that's why we need the Spirit of God. We need to awaken the royalty within us. God has breathed in us, so let us live in the supernatural, in the glory that we were created. Even though glory seems like an unfamiliar thing to us, it was what God meant for us.
- When you have been restored to a life of glory, then you will be able to serve others, because then you know who you are and you can stand being despised and disrespected. You will be able to understand why Jesus washed his disciples' feet and was able to stand being scorned on the cross.
- When you know that you are glorious and that God set you in a place even higher than the angels, when you know that everything was created for you, then you can live out all of your potential in the glory of God.
 - If you are shy and afraid to sing, don't be afraid. Through singing, you will be able to restore the strength that God placed within you. You don't need to have a great voice to do so.
- The Holy Spirit is restoring first our ability to worship God with music. Also, obeying God in our daily lives is another form of worship, e.g. Abraham offered Isaac to the Lord as a sacrifice, and this was a form of worship to God.

+ RESTORING GLORY

- Testimony: Pastor Martina was a fearful kid growing up, because of her childhood experiences. As she began to know God and know herself, the fears she used to have began falling away. God replaced the ashes in her life with beauty. She used to be afraid of making mistakes in front of others, but now that she knows how deep God's love is for her and that he has made her glorious she knows that she will be successful in whatever she does. She doesn't feel the need to hide anymore, because she knows that even though God knew her weaknesses He still send Jesus to die for her. She will often cry out to the Lord, "How I want You to come!" throughout the day.
- We cannot do much; we are limited, but we need to discover the glory that God meant for us. We need to know Him better.
- As the world economy gets worse, Christians have a way out. When Pastor Martina sees people who cannot experience freedom from addictions, she is heartbroken because she believes that the church should have hope, purpose and solutions unlike the rest of the world. Christians need to hold onto the law of God that gives life.

+ COMMUNION WITH GOD

*⁷ Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.
(Psalm 42:7)*

- This describes the interaction between God and our innermost man. When our souls are too active, we need to quiet our minds and awaken our spiritual man. We need to practice discipline and set apart time for God.
- Testimony: Currently, Pastor Grace is on a sabbatical. One night before she went to bed, Pastor Grace went over to Martina's house, because she wanted to make it clear that something she had said earlier during the day was not meant to be a negative comment about the other person. Pastor Martina didn't even think the matter was that significant because it was so small, but Pastor Grace explained to her that every night before she goes to bed she wants to make sure that all of her thoughts are bright and positive.
- In Eden, God breathed into us, and we were created with glory; we had a glorious communion with God. In the days to come, which will be difficult, let us no longer use our minds to discern good and evil. Rather let us awaken in our inner man to worship God.