

When God Makes Sense

They That Worship Me []

This is the year that we are to understand God, better than we ever have before. This is the year of understanding, which comes through teaching. You don't just learn math by sleeping with the text book on you, by osmosis. You had to be *taught* how to do certain things. Right now, *you're* about to be taught. Are you ready?

God will make sense out of the the senseless things. A lot of times we don't understand the things of God because we don't know God like that. Have you ever heard someone say something that was sarcastic and you thought they were serious? Because you didn't know them, you didn't understand their heart behind their words. They said, "you are hot!" or "you *bad!*" You thought that it was a negative thing because you didn't understand their heart behind their words. "Bad" was actually *good* (in a weird way) in some people's eyes.

You're going to have a better understanding of where God is coming from. We are going to talk about worship.

God hears cries, but answers worship

Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey ... And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." Exd 3:7-10 ESV

Most have heard of the children of Israel that were freed from Egypt. They were freed from from the Pharaoh and his slavery ... but they were crying for 400 years. Why did it take so long for God to move? God hears cries, but He answers worship.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go back to Pharaoh and announce to him, 'This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so they can worship me.'" Exd 8:1 NLT

God heard their cries for a long time, but it wasn't until their worship was threatened that God said, "I have to move." Pharaoh said 'just worship in the midst of all these other gods.' "No," Moses and Aaron replied, "we must worship with the true and living God alone (**Exd 5:1-3; 8:25-27**)."

The Israelite people were in such slavery and bondage that they were willing to do what Pharaoh said. But God said 'No, no no—I'm different form all those other gods. I am the one true living God.' Pharaoh said 'I will not allow them to worship freely, alone, and set apart. They had to worship with all the other gods, they ain't no better than the us.'

God said, “Okay. Let my people go.” The way to move God is to worship Him. Understand that He hears the cries but worship makes Him move. I want you to understand worship, but in order to do so you have to go back to the beginning. Can you show me in scripture where Adam and/or Jesus worshipped God?

image and likeness

Well? I can tell you that you won't find it. There's a form of worship that we overlook. The highest form of worship, do you want to know what it is? **Reflection**. Reflection is the highest form of worship; image and likeness. That's what He did, He created them in His image and the likeness—that is a reflection (**Gen 1:26**). Reflection is the highest form of worship *and* adoration. That's powerful, isn't it? What did Jesus say?

Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am [He], and [that] I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.” Jhn 8:28 NKJV

Jesus said this for a reason, that He would reflect! Even teaching others how to reflect. We always say ‘hallelujah is the highest praise,’ right? In Jewish culture, that is not the highest praise. The highest praise is **obedience**. When the children got out of bondage, after God set them free, He said ‘okay, I'm going to give you the Law now—to obey. I give you a way to thank Me, right here. This is the way you thank Me. If you love Me you will obey My commands (**Jhn 14:15**).’ This is God's way of saying the highest form praise is obedience; the highest form of worship is reflection.

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 by the Spirit of the Lord. 2Cr 3:18 NKJV

Worship is not about your sound. Worship is not about your reflection. Worship is about you reflecting Him. It's not about you, not about goosebumps, not about certain songs you sing. God says that those that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (**Jhn 4:23**). *In spirit and in truth* make two distinctions ... We'll get into that in a moment, but what I want you to get back to is Adam.

to be in Love

So God created man in His [own] image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "See, I have given you every herb [that] yields seed which [is] on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which [there is] life, [I have given] every green herb for food"; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed [it was] very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. - Gen 1:27-31 NKJV

We really haven't given Adam his due. You know, God said this about Adam: he was very good. He said Adam was *very* good. When it came to man He said 'you have all these things that you are in control of now; the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, and the seed. He gave him dominion over *everything*.' This is what you need! Some of you be panicking and in utter despair, but you just need to know how to worship. If you worship you will bring things to come to you. You will reflect His image and He answers that. He doesn't answer your crying, He answers His reflection.

We look at Adam and Eve as weak, but he walked than we ever could have imagined of doing today. Eve ate of the fruit, but you have to understand why Adam ate too. Do you want to know why? Adam ate because he could not see any way *but* to eat the fruit. His wife looked *just* like him because they both were in the image! If he walked with God who said "he (Adam) is My image and likeness" and God *is* love, what was Adam doing? He was *in* Love.

Adam understood love because *he walked with God!* Adam so loved his wife that he acted, but God so loved the world that He *acted* to combat Adam's action (**Jhn 3:16**). Do you understand what **John 3:16** was about? It was about operating in an action of love. Love is an action word. It's the hebrew word 'ahabah' (Strong's H160) which means love. Since Adam was the image, who else was the image? Eve. And Adam and Eve were what? *One*. So he already saw it as, "I already did it. We are one."

corrupted perception

Look in the hebrew, that's what Adam was thinking. That's why God called him the 'first,' and Jesus was known as the 'second' (**1Co 15:45, 47**). When Adam ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ... You have to go back to God's definitions. What do you think good and evil is? It's the same thing. *You* just try to define it. We think that good and evil is something that we measure with our 'measuring rod.' We say "oh he's a good person," or "he's a bad person." We have our own measuring stick because we have corrupt perceptions.

When God said something was 'good' He didn't mean it was 'nice.' He said that it was in *function*; that it was *good* in function. It was doing what He wanted it to do. That's what 'good' means to God—doing exactly what He intended it to do. When He said man was *very* good, He placed man in a higher place of authority. He said 'very good' for a reason, saying 'you have authority and you're doing exactly what I sent you to do.'

You know how corrupted our perception is? We'll look at a great and old oak tree and say "wow, that's amazing!" We'll take vacations and go to the grand canyon and say "wow that's amazing!" We'll go to the beach and view the ocean saying "Oh man that's amazing!" Then we'll see the blade of grass under our feet and just walk on it. But at the same time *all* are good in God's eyes because they have been designed to fulfill their function. We see things in our own definitions of good and evil when they don't amaze us. Before we stepped out of the image, do you remember when the serpent spoke?

*"For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make [one] wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. **Gen 3:5-7 NKJV***

The serpent said "you will be *like* God" and no longer His *likeness*. Likeness is a reflection. To be *like* God means you desire worship; you desire praise. Even Satan said, "I will be *like* the Most High God" because he wanted worship (**Isa 14:14**). Both good and evil are identical. He said don't eat for it is forbidden; the knowledge of good and evil was forbidden because you define things the wrong way. God doesn't define things the way that we define them. That's why He said "there is a way that seems right to a man (**Pro 14:12**)."

This is the very reason of the title, When God Makes Sense. It takes worship to bring those truths out so you can begin to understand His heart. When you begin to reflect Him you'll begin to understand Him.

*For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. - **1Co 13:12 NKJV***

One day we're going to see God face to face and will have instant knowledge and understanding because we will be instantly in that reflection. Instant, that's why it says "you will fully know as you are fully known." You will know instantly who He really is. It doesn't matter how spiritual you are, you still see dimly; even when you prophesy.

Prophecy is not perfect but in part, but when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away (**1Co 13:10**). Prophecy will be done away with because we will know Him as we are known. Prophecy is imperfect but not as if erroneous, but in its completion. We don't see a complete picture; we just see a glimpse or part.

a bride's submission

A lot of us think that singing a song is worship. You know why they did songs, why King David wrote and sang? He was trying to create an atmosphere for God to come. He said, "I will not sleep or slumber until there is a dwelling place for the Most High (**Psa 132:4-5**)." He knew worship was more than a song.

But you know what God looks at worship as for you? Since we had stepped out that place of *likeness* and started being *like* God (in our own minds), He has had to humble us because it [being *like* God] is still in us a little bit. We are going on to perfection. "Until you see Me face to face," says the Lord, "to behold My image and become My image, I need you to bow down (**Psa 95:6**). I need you to worship, I need you to surrender with hands lifted because it shows that you are yielded to Me."

When we bow down it shows ‘I am submitted unto you.’ That’s why we are known as the *bride* of Christ; brides bow down. The hebrew men always had their wives serve them. They wanted them in a submitted position and we bow down before Christ because *we* are in a submission position. We are the bride of Christ, He is our husband (**2Co 11:2; Rev 21:2, 9; 22:17**). This was to help our understanding regarding our relationship with Christ. God hears your cries but answers your worship. He said:

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2Ch 7:14 NKJV

“Then I shall hear them.” We have to fulfill the first part *before* God takes action; it’s a whole process. Our carnal minds can’t take it. Don’t be stuck on the good & evil part, thinking “I thought I *was* good.” Remember when they asked of Jesus “Good Teacher, tell us the secret of getting to heaven?” He replied “Why do you call Me good? There is no one good except God alone (**Mrk 10:17-18**).”

We have a warped way of thinking about ‘good.’ Can I tell you why? The carnal mind can not understand, nor can receive, the things of the spirit. God starts talking about Jesus, allowing us to understand Him a little bit better. We are able to see through other lenses.

beauty of holiness

For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, [There is] no beauty that we should desire Him. Isa 53:2 NKJV

This was talking about Jesus, saying that He is so common He doesn’t look beautiful to us. He doesn’t look pleasant to us. He is *ugly* to us! You know why? Because we still have corrupted perception; something that is *holy* is *hideous*! That’s why God came back and said “worship me in the *beauty* of holiness (**1Ch 16:29**). Holiness, in my perception, is beautiful. I’m trying to give you the right perception because your’s is warped and corrupted. When Adam and Eve, you began to see things the wrong way,” says the Lord. “I redeemed you. So now you can no longer walk not by *sight*, but by faith (**2Co 5:7**).”

What is faith doing? Faith gives you sight in the spirit realm. Do you understand me? Faith gives you insight, gives you oversight, gives you foresight. You can *see* in the spirit with Faith! To us, when in the world, holiness is unattractive; the things of God are unattractive. Being obedient is unattractive because we still have ‘*like*.’ We think we are to be *like* God instead of the *image* of God. We still have corrupted perception.

The devil had corrupted perception. He wants everybody to see his things as beautiful. It’s a false doctrine, a false gospel. It’s a false thing that he spread. He was a messenger even in the beginning of his false gospel “that you will become like god (**Gen 3:5**).” This is how you know—if fasting is unattractive, praying is something that is a chore. That’s when you begin your carnality! When you are not attracted to the things of God that is when you know you are carnal, it’s your telltale sign. You have to reflect the image.

How many of you have fasted *for real* for real and didn't want to stop? Because you were really reflecting, that's why. It's wasn't about you. God wanted you to stay in that place. But at the same time, it wasn't about your fasting, it was about your mindset and your heart. He wanted your heart to stay in that place of fasting, but at the same time, eat. You don't have to be fasting to have a spiritual experience with God. What you need to do is stay in that place. That's why the disciples didn't fast, Jesus was with them (**Mat 9:14-15**). It was about intimacy.

heavenly things, carnal thinking

These are jewels, not play things—toys are in the kid's room. I had a dream about heaven. I was trying to explain to a friend of mine my dream about heaven. I was trying to use a primitive way of explaining something, like how they would try to describe pizza in the Old Testament. They would have said 'bread and meat' because pizza was not 'created.' They didn't have any point of reference.

When I was trying to explain to my friend something that blew my mind, God stopped me and said "you just corrupted it. You tried to take something that you couldn't even understand and bring it into a realm that is carnal. You tried to retard and corrupt what I was trying to convey and show *you*."

Do you understand? That's why Paul said "he heard thing that cannot be told, which man may not utter (**2Co 12:2**)."

He couldn't even tell us because if he tried, he would have corrupted it. When Isaiah was in the presence of the Lord he said, "I am a man of unclean lips (**Isa 6:5**)."

He started seeing himself as *wrong*. He was a prophet of God, but then saw himself in the presence of a holy God. He said 'I don't look like you, I'm not reflecting you. I'm *corrupted*.'" That's when he was touched (**Isa 6:7**).

When we get out of our corrupted perceptions we'll stop having panic attacks, times of confusion, asking God 'are you there?' We are to reflect Him! If you're not reflecting Him then your intimacy is not there. If you're not reflecting Him, then what are you reflecting? If you need to be praised on every little good thing that you do, what are you reflecting?

God wants you to understand beauty, what it really is. We say 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder,' right? Why are we the directors of what to behold? Why don't we look at what God tries to convey to us? In a dream, did you know that you have no control because God wants to show you something? Because we are supposed to reflect Him He says 'you don't need control, I'm in control.' That's why He tells us to yield, stand still. This is to show us that we are not in control. "You're supposed to reflect me, not just yourself."

You're supposed to *reflect* Him. There is something that God is demanding out of the body of Christ and that's a reflection. That's why the world can run and make fun of the church, throwing gay marriage at the church. Those things are abominations. You know why though? Because they don't reflect the image. A man with another man doesn't reflect the image. A woman with another woman does not reflect the image. Leaving the natural use of a woman, they burned in their lust toward each other (**Rom 1:25**).

worship wannabes

We need to understand worship. We can't go around just singing praise songs. Have you ever noticed how your feelings only lasts for a moment? Because it's not a 'feeling' thing, this is a lifestyle. Correction: this is *life*, it is not a style but it is life. That's why Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (**Jhn 14:6**).” He was trying to get us to see that reflection is the life. "I do nothing of Myself but what I see my Father doing (**Jhn 8:28**). I am a reflection of Him; of His image.”

*Four thousand [were] gatekeepers, and four thousand praised the LORD with [musical] instruments, "which I made," [said David], "for giving praise." ... Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who [is] this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. **1Ch 23:5; Psa 24:7-8 NKJV***

David loved God so much that He wanted to get God to come down. He hired 4000 musicians and 288 singers to worship the Lord day and night. 4000 musicians, you have never seen that a day in your life! I remember I had a dream about hearing music from David—it blew our stuff away. We think we sound good with all our synthesizers and PA systems. We don't sound anything like that. That's why we still singing their songs; we are 'wannabes.' If we get into that place we'll actually get revelation. We'll begin to reflect.

Holiness is the most beautiful thing to God, that's why the angels sing "holy, holy, holy.” Why? Because of what that word means. The highest form of worship isn't sacrifice, it's reflection—you being his reflection. "Let us create man in Our image (**Gen 1:26**).” And Eve was made in who's image? Adam's.

*One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in His temple. - **Psa 27:4 KJV***

His holiness is who He is. Holy is 'set apart,' but it's so much more than that. It is *God*. We talk about God's glory but we don't know what it is. We say 'show me Your glory' without knowing what we are asking for. God's glory is substance. What is a substance? Yes, tangible matter—but it is bigger than that. It's *spiritual* matter.

desire's deception

We always are trying to see God come. He said, “I inhabit the praises of my people (**Psa 22:3**).” If the children of Israel would’ve been worshiping and praising God, He would’ve come a lot sooner than what He did. Don’t you want to learn from that? The next time something comes and attacks you, throw your hands up and worship God and *reflect*. Do you know how to reflect? Don’t try to do good—*be* good. When we ‘try’ that means it’s still ‘us’. You either are or are not. Adam could not ‘try’ to reflect God, he had no choice! He was the reflection. You either *are* or *are not*; either filled or not filled.

Why does God want you to worship so much? Worship changes your perception, it changes your view. You won’t see from your eyes what you see from His. We are the image, right? So that means we don’t have any say-so in most cases. We are just supposed to reflect. But why are we asking for our desires to be met? And then, being foolish, we use the scripture ‘God give me the desires of my heart’ because I delight myself in you (**Psa 37:4**)!

We just missed the whole thing. That wasn’t what He was talking about; that was not ‘delighting.’ Desire is what got Adam and Eve to do the sin, to eat the fruit, to fall; to be in a dislodged place where they were. Their desire was to be like God after hearing the serpent. Desire is the issue, not a sin issue. If not, that would mean that Jesus had sin in His heart. No, no—Satan tempted Him with desire. Because Jesus was supposed to become the ruler of everything, the Devil began to show Him things of rulership.

to know Him

We can no longer be carnal Christians, not motivated but persuaded. The closest I have seen anyone to that reflection (after Jesus) is Paul. He said things that were amazing: “I want to know Him (**Phl 3:10**).” He was admitting ‘I don’t know Him like I should.’ We don’t do that. We think we have a gift and the world needs to see it. No, no, no—Paul need to know Him in his sufferings. Suffering is attractive to God. Suffering is beautiful to God. Not the suffering of hurt, or financial broke—that’s just self affliction.

The suffering comes when you are portraying the image and no one else wants to follow. That’s suffering, that’s loneliness. That’s when you are all alone. “How long shall I suffer you?” Jesus questioned (**Mat 17:17**). He was the only one in that ‘place.’ When you are the only reflecting the image by yourself, that is suffering. You have no one else to come into agreement with you.

What I really like about Paul is that he wanted to know Him after all these miracles happened. He said ‘I am the very least of all the apostles’ because He understood something—humility is attractive to God. You need to start looking at the things that are attractive to God and not yourself. We do a lot of adorning on our outward, but God says we need to adorn inwardly; that the outward man perishes, but the inward man is being renewed days by day (**1Pe 3:4; 2Co 4:16**).

To understand worship we have to go back to the garden. The garden is the place where we really misunderstood. We read it like child's play, it is not a children's book. It shows your lineage and identity; Genesis is the gene pool you come from. Genes are what make up your body; your chromosomes, the way you do things, who you are. They say there is a gay gene but never can find one. I've never seen a gene go "Heeyyyy!" have you?

Reflection is the highest form of worship. Adam didn't worship nor did Jesus worship with a song; it was with reflection. Our fathers and mother give us a place of how we are supposed to be. That's why we always want to be like them, right? If they're not there or present, someone else has to come and pick up the slack. If someone doesn't, we lose our identity and try to find it from other sources. We're always trying to find an image to go, they're called idols. We're always trying to find an image to conform to but Jesus said 'conform to Me, to my image (**Rom 8:29**).'