

# *When God Makes Sense*

They That Worship Me [II]

## review

The highest form of worship is reflection. You never heard Adam and Jesus worshipping God because they walked with God. They were the image of God. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was forbidden. Because of its fruit we now have corrupted perception; we see things but not the correct way. When God made light He said that it was good, meaning it was functioning as He intended (**Gen 1:3-4**).

The definition of “good” is different between God and us. He said everything was good when He created it, but evil came in after eating of the tree. Adam & Eve ate the fruit and their eyes were “opened.” They saw that they were naked and that it was “bad” (**Gen 3:7**). Though God told them that they were good, they thought it was bad to be naked—different definitions. God’s definition of good is within function.

Homosexuality is an abomination because man and woman were not created for that. It was not the function for either gender to mate with themselves. Such operation is an abomination, opposite of what it was supposed to be (procreation). Wouldn’t it freak you out if you saw a river flowing upward? Because it’s not functioning properly. God always has things functioning properly, that’s why He calls them good.

The world sees holiness as ugly. Jesus made Himself of “no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing that would make us desire Him” (**Isa 53:2**). But Jesus is the most beautiful person ever, wouldn’t you agree? It’s when you received Him that your perception changed. God said, “Worship Me in the beauty of holiness” (**Psa 96:9**). Holiness is *beautiful*.

David had loved God so much that he had worship going 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with 4000 musicians and 288 singers (**1Ch 23:5**). Can you imagine 4000 musicians and 288 singers at one time? It would top any PA system that we have now, *guaranteed*.

We talked about hallelujah being the highest praise ... well, that’s only in Christendom. In actuality, *obedience* is the highest form of praise according to the Jews. What happened when God let the children of Isreal out of Egypt? He called them to obey—that’s when He gave them the law (**Exo 20:2-17**). “If you love Me, obey my commandments” (**Jhn 14:15**). Obedience is so powerful! We talk of the “sacrifice of praise” but didn’t God say, “Obedience is better than sacrifice” (**Heb 13:15; 1Sa 15:22**)?

*“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.” - Mat 7:6 NKJV*

You don’t have a swine-like spirit, right? You value the word? The word is a pearl, it has mysteries therein. Value this teaching that you are receiving right now. Please, don't handle it haphazardly. Let me help with its understanding as I share with you the truth about worship.

## the redefining

*“God [is] Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” - Jhn 4:24 NKJV*

Do you know what this means? We talk about the two realms, the natural and spiritual. The spiritual realm created everything that is in the natural realm. We think that everything here is substance and tangible (**Jhn 1:3; Heb 4:13**). When you're dealing with God, you have to redefine words. You have to redefine substance, spirit, and truth.

Everything that we see has a time limit for it will perish. We are told to “store up your treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys” (**Matt 6:20**). Because “here” is only a reflection of what true substance is. Right now, you are actually a *reflection* of substance. Do you understand? You don't even have substance, you are the reflection of it. That's why He said in “image and likeness” have I made you (**Gen 1:26**). Store up your things in heaven because earth is a *time* realm, heaven is an *eternal* realm.

Substance is such a powerful word. Say the word “substance.” Some question if they are in the spirit or in truth. What you need to ask yourself is this: “Do you know the truth of the spirit that you are in?” He said that He would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, let's break that down.

*“And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.” - Joel 2:28 NKJV*

When God pours, there is nothing being taken away from Him. When you pour, you are then lacking. Remember when David said “my cup runneth over” (**Psa 23:5**)? Does God's cup ever decrease in volume, or does He create as He pours?

You have a soul; your mind, will, and emotions (**1Th 5:23**). Your soul can be afflicted, it can be wounded. Psychics can actually tell you what's in your soul; the desires of your soul. They operate in a “soulish” realm, not quite the spiritual realm. This realm looks just like spiritual realm in some cases. Some people operate in this realm and prophesy your own desires to you, or your past. In fact, your soul keeps record of your past.

Have you every seen psychics solve crimes? Because they operate in such a realm they can understand how demons can be uncovered. The devil knows what he's done in secret. All they are doing it repeating what he said and what he's done. “In spirit and in truth” operates in a place of deception.

## deception

Deception was the first thing consumed in the Fall. It was from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that deception came. The soulish realm deals with *what is true*, but the spirit realm deals *with truth*. That which is true and truth are two different things. Truth is actually God's “amen” corner. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life” (**Jhn 14:6**). Truth actually is the substance; truth is Jesus. Truth is substance.

Because of the knowledge of good and evil, some people still believe that they are “good” and other people are “bad”; that’s a part of the deception. When you see things like that you can never love your neighbor the right way because you see them as bad (**Mrk 12:31**). But God says, “No—you just don’t know the function they are supposed to be operating in. You don’t know the function that *you’re* supposed to be operating in.”

It’s all about getting to know your position. God is love and we are to “taste and see that the He is good” (**Psa 34:89**). God will make you care for your enemies through love. That’s when you know you’re in the spirit of Truth.

Time was a form of deception in the beginning. Death didn’t come in until deception came in. Death is the last enemy that God deals with. Space and time; space is a physical location. We are not talking about outer space, but the space that you are in. Look around, you’re in a space right now.

The dimension of time cannot be captured by space, but you can leave a mark on time. As soon as you try catch this “second,” another would be there—we can never capture it. But if was to say to you, “Abuse, neglect, hurt, painful childhood,” your mind goes back to the mark where you were wounded. Your soul goes back to that time where you were hurt; where your soul was captured and you reflect those times.

Some people are double-minded without even knowing. Double-mindedness is being in two places at one time. You say, “2013 will be the best year ever!” But when someone says something about your past in 2008, you go right back to it. You’re double-minded because your past won’t let you walk into your future. Do you understand? Your *past* won’t let you get *past* the bookmark! That’s why the Lord told you not to tattoo your body (**Lev 19:28**). It’s a mark on you and every time that you see it, you go right back to that place where you were when you did it.

## the accuser of the brethren

*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. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where [are] you?" - **Gen 3:7-9***  
**NKJV**

What did God say to Adam when He came into the garden? He asked, “Where are you” (**Gen 3:9**)? Do you want to know why He asked that? Because Adam’s soul was torn from the space of eternity, where He was walking with God. Adam was disconnected, in another time! He was in eternity walking with God! “What happened?” was God’s question. “Why did you step out?”

Remember God said “for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die” (**Gen 2:17**). Did Adam die naturally right then? No, he lost his place in eternity! Satan *loves* the soulish realm—why? Because of time. God is still saying, “Where are you?” Paul said, “Foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you ...” (**Gal 3:1**). They were once were chasing after God but what happened?

My wife and I be excited about these forensics shows! It's like our date night, trying to find out who dies next and how [queue dramatic music]. What happens on the murder cases? I've watched so many that I know by heart. The prosecutor will ask, "Where were you in the time of question? Where were at the hour of the crime?" The enemy knows that *this* time [realm] revolves around the crime that took place.

What is Satan? "The *Accuser* of the brethren" (**Rev 12:10**). If Satan can keep you, or put you, at the scene of the crime he can condemn you. Hence why he is always trying to get your soul to remember the old; when you did the sin. He *always tries* to remind you! He even goes before God, reminding Him what we have done. He's the *accuser* of the brethren, always trying to condemn. But Jesus has been called our Advocate (**1Jo 2:1**). What does that mean? He speaks up for us.

## two things that move people: love and fear

*And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where [are] you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." - Gen 3:8-10 NKJV*

Satan, the accuser, always wants to put you at the scene of the crime and remind us of our sin. This is why some of us can't get past our last failure, because we are always reminded of what we failed in. Our soul became wounded. Remember, God asked Adam "where are you?" After eating deception, Adam "knew" of his nakedness and clothed himself with fig leaves, then hid at the sound of the Lord God walking (**Gen 3:7-8**). But what did God do to the fig tree? "Both thorns and thistles will go up from the land" said the Lord (**Gen 3:18**). Adam was wearing something that was wounding His soul.

What did Jesus do when He came on the scene? He cursed the fig tree so that your soul would be wounded no more (**Mat 21:19**). "I am cursing the very thing that has kept you in a place of *covering* shame. I am cursing that which has put you in a place of *covering yourself*. It wasn't that the fig tree wasn't producing fruit, but its leaf was the very thing of the garden you clothed yourself in."

Time can sometimes be a bondage. Time is the only realm death operates therein. You never heard of anything dying in heaven, have you? Even Satan, when cast into the Lake of Fire, will not die. He'll be tormented for all eternity, an eternal punishment. Death only exists in the realm of the natural.

Death in the spiritual represents a tearing away. When Adam sinned, God said that he would surely die, he was torn from his position of eternity. When He walked with God, he walked with Him in the cool of the day. To "walk with God" in hebrew didn't mean to walk beside, but to walk *within*. Adam walked within God, that's why God asked "Where are you?"

Adam heard His voice and was afraid, fear hit him and he hid. Adam had always heard God's voice but never outside of himself. God was always within, so hearing His voice for the first time as a separate entity frightened Adam; it was no long familiar. Do you know why we have a hard time getting into the Spirit? Because it's not familiar any more. The soulish

realm is more comfortable to you now because it's about *your* mind, *your* will, and *your* emotions.

Remember, we were made in *His* image and likeness, but when we ate of the fruit we became “*like*” God. When we became “*alike*” we desired worship, we desired praise, but when you are in the *likeness* you begin to reflect. Reflection is the highest form of worship.

## God's glory is substance

Does God have a shadow? No? Yes, He does—it was Adam. According to the World English Dictionary, reflection is a definition of the word “shadow<sup>1</sup>.” A reflection is an image that reflects what it sees<sup>2</sup>. It's not the actual substance, but the reflection thereof. Even the dictionary got it right!

*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. - Psa 91:1 NKJV*

Why is He saying that? He no longer has a shadow; Adam isn't around. Why is He trying to get you to abide under the shadow of the Almighty? He's trying to get you back to a place that you used to be. Do you understand God's glory? We ask for it all the time but we don't even know. God's glory is substance.

Glory has weight to it. The word “worship” means to bow down: “every knee shall bow and every tongue confess” (**Isa 45:23**). They have no choice because when God's glory comes in; the glory is weighty. When the glory of God comes in it forces you to bow. Remember the tabernacle of the Lord? The glory of God came into the tabernacle and the priests couldn't even minister any more (**2Ch 5:14**).

Ministry is an indication of separation but His glory is the indication of unity. No man will be able to minister when the glory of God is present because the glory ministers *Himself!* There is no point of ministering when once He is there. He is the ministry and we are unified with Him. It's no longer about you ministering or what you can do, but about what He does. True glory joins you to the Lord and you are no longer ministering. All the priests could do was lay down and receive because God was in the place.

## glory to glory

*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*

We sing and love Fred Hammond's “Glory to Glory” song. But God messed my head up when He talked about *going* from “glory to glory.” Do you know what it means to do so? Some think they do but they are just going from *story to story*; they just talk about going from blessing to blessing. That's not glory, that's a story.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/shadow?s=t>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/reflection>

We are beholding God as in a mirror, being transformed ... You know why it's hard to be engaged in this kind of teaching? The soulish realm is fighting you; the flesh is at war with the spirit (**Gal 5:17**). That's why you get tired, distracted, etc. Your spirit man is trying to fight but your soul is tearing you up. But to be "transformed from glory to glory" means that the various levels of your soul are being transformed little by little to the way it was in the beginning. Did you catch it?

When you go from glory to glory, you are being transformed *back* into the place you were in the garden. You are going right back to that image, *His* image. If you see change in character and/or behavior from the ones who say they are "growing in God" or "going from glory to glory," you need to void their claims. When it's not looking like God or smelling like God, it's just their soul and flesh. When you are reflecting you are changing inwardly.

*Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward [man] is being renewed day by day. - 2Cr 4:16 NKJV*

What does this scripture mean? God is always trying to transform you back to the place that you used to be. You're being *transformed*, you're being taken back. We just want God to bless us with this and that ... He said, "If you suffer with me, you shall reign with me" (**2Ti 2:12**). Why did He say that? If you are suffering, you're dealing with your soul realm so that your spirit man can move. When you deal with the soul, then you can move by the Spirit.

We can no longer cuss, drink, etc. because we get *convicted* now. We have afflicted our soul—that's why we fast (**Isa 58:5**). When afflicted, we place the soul under submission of the will of God. Do you know the will of God has substance to it? He did said, "My word is a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path" (**Psa 119:105**). The will of God has substance!

Jesus was known as the word. He said "not my will, but thy will be done" (**Luk 22:42**). Do you know why He had to say these various statements? He was coming against everything that has happened in life. Remember, Adam and Eve ate of the tree for *their own* desire; of *their own* will. Jesus had to deny Himself. Do you understand? This is how we learn to deny ourselves.

Without the glory there can be no reflection. What can we see in darkness? Nothing—we can only reflect in the light. We are called children of *light* (**Eph 5:8**). In the hebrew, **John 4:24** doesn't translate as "in spirit and in truth" but "*with* spirit and *with* truth." Spirit is substance, Truth is substance. Jesus said that He was the Way, the Truth, and the Life (**Jhn 14:6**). We have to let Him into our hearts, so that we can receive *Truth*.

## religion's masquerade

When I was younger and was just learning these things, it messed me up. Want to know why? Because it let me see how religious I was. Religious people *shun* knowledge and wisdom because they have been doing something a way for so long. Religion is when you put on a mask and you never go, or get, to an image.

Religion is putting on a mask and never going to an image; that's why you never know who you're talking to. They hide in the "Prrraaaaise God." They hide in the "good a *highly* favored!" They hide and you don't even who they are because you can't get past the mask. That mask is something else!

Jesus didn't even try to win over the Sadducees or Pharisees. He told them, "You make them twice as much a child of hell as you are" when they traveled to convert people (**Mat 23:15**). He said, "I don't have time for you or your masks. You don't understand the power that I'm carrying! You don't want it because you are shunning it."

Religious folk always shun the power the God. And if they can't fight it then they try to invite it in order to control it. They will—and then say, "You can do all of that but don't do this." Religion is so messed up it will have you weigh people. You think you're discerning but you're weighing; still in a place of the soul. Not only that, but you get into a demonic realm. You begin seeing things that are not there; images that the enemy is giving about other people.

Have you ever seen the super spiritual be like "Oh my! I see this dark cloud over you. Whew! My discernment [shakes their head]. My God!" They don't have any hope or encouragement, but always negative. Just when like they were saw the tree of good and evil, but they couldn't see function of God's intention or purpose. They can never see past the mask. With God, you have to off the mask in order to look through His eyes because religion fights it.

## the desired texture

You can't worship and not know the truth. God is trying to shake us from ourselves because we have been our biggest hindrances. When He gets our masks off He still has to deal with our soulish realm. He still has to deal with the wounds that got us to religion in the first place. He has to remind us "not to consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, will you not be aware of it?" because there's a chance that you can miss (**Isa 43:18-19**).

I have a friend that was in Catholicism, deep in it. He did 240 Hail Marys for a friend that was hurt. I said, "Wow, that's crazy though." He was puzzled and questioned, "Why is that crazy?" I told him that all he had to do was pray in the name of Jesus and something would have changed! Get some power and quit checking off the list.

What he was doing was a filler for his soul. See, religion operates through the soulish realm that pleases the soul. That's why there's a checklist. You have to make to every service; miss one and you're in sin. They begin to check-off and say, "Why are you not there in position?" Because they were "right" that week, they checked-off themselves allowing them to check others.

*The sacrifices of God [are] a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart--These, O God, You will not despise. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. - Psa 51:10 & 17 NKJV*

Do you know what contrite means? Literally “grounded up.” God just doesn’t want broken heart, but one that is grounded up; where you can’t even put the pieces back together yourself. A heart that can’t be salvaged. Then He will give you a *clean* heart and *renew* a *right* spirit *within* you. To renew meant to “go back where you had it right.” He’s trying to take you back to that place of the garden.

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