

# When God Makes Sense

They That Worship Me [III]

## review

What is worship? Worship is more than just singing songs. Worship *inspires* songs; worship leaders take from scriptures (as David did) to create music. I want you to be able to understand things that you have already been taught previously. I want your understanding to be with the Spirit and not just the letter alone. “The letter killeth, but the Spirit bringeth life” (**2Co 3:6**).

What was the highest form of worship? Reflection—let me explain. Adam and Jesus were never recorded in the scripture as “worshipping” because their reflection was worship in its highest form. It wasn’t about what you can give but how He can see Himself in you. God is more attracted to Himself than you.

*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. - 2Co 3:18 NKJV*

This is why did Jesus said, “I do nothing of Myself, but what I *see* My Father doing in heaven” (**Jhn 5:19**). One of the Commandments declares “Do not worship any false/graven images” (**Exo 20:4**). You’re supposed to be looking and beholding God, changing into His image.

The knowledge of good and evil depends on you. “Good” to God is not dependent upon right or wrong, but functionality. He said, “Let there be light” and there was light. He saw the light and it was good (**Gen 1:3-4**). You know what He did? He checked and observed light and saw that it was doing what He told it to do. It was good because it was functioning properly.

When a mechanic fixes a car he will drive it to check the repair. When he sees that the car is functioning as it is supposed to, he will say, “Now it’s good.” Is the car bad or good in nature? No, but it’s good in *function*.

The knowledge of good and evil can give you corrupted perception. People always think they have a sin issue, when it’s really a desire issue. Adam didn’t have sin, he had desire. That’s what the enemy planted, a desire. He said, “You will be *like* God” (**Gen 3:5**). But Adam was already in the *likeness* and image, but he said he would be *like* God (**Gen 1:26**). There is a difference.

Likeness is a reflection, but to be *like* means you require the same thing the original requires. That is to be worshipped, to judge, to be lifted up. This is why we have so much corruption in the world today. We have people who want to be lifted up, to become stars.

Everything goes back to the garden, that's why God redeems (**Psa 49:15**). He didn't say that He'll make it better but that He will redeem; taking us back to that place. Remember what going from glory to glory really looks like (**2Co 3:18**)? It doesn't mean that we are going from blessing to blessing; that's just provision to provision. A house or a car is just provision, not glory.

Glory is substance, and we are a reflection of substance. That's why God said, "I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions" (**Joe 2:28**). Prophets, you have to hear this.

When you prophesy or see something, you are going back to your original intent and calling. You were called to *see* something. These things are coming to you in pieces but they are not the full scope or entire picture. Even with dreams:

*I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. - Psa 16:7 NKJV*

Dreams are counseling. When He counsels He takes you back to the place where you were to know who you are supposed to be. When God made man God didn't say he was just good, but *very* good (**Gen 1:31**).

## the Spirit of God

The carnal mind has a hard time understanding things of God because you need His Spirit. How many of you have read a scripture and gained no understanding? But when you are saved and filled with the Spirit, that scripture became illuminated. You began to understand because the Spirit opens your eyes to what God was trying to convey.

We sing songs about glorifying God without knowing what that really means. Glorifying God or magnifying Him is not by simply singing it or saying it, it is not by words alone. Are you familiar with the Lord's Prayer?

The Amidah is a collection of Jewish prayers. The Lord's prayer is from the Amidah, it was a Jewish customary prayer (**Matt 6:9-13**). This was something they were always praying. Jesus was not teaching them something new. He was reintroducing them to a prayer they only knew the letter of, not the Spirit of.

*... who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2Cor 3:6 ESV*

They asked Jesus, "Teach us how to pray" (**Luk 11:1**). They thought He would give them some extraordinary word but He said, "You already have the word. You need spirit now." Remember when Jesus was teaching about the cup being clean on the outside but filthy inside (**Mat 23:25-26**)? He was always trying to get them out of procedure and into the intensions of God.

*Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?... The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When [there were] no depths, I was brought forth; when [there were] no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I [was] there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, [as] one brought up [with him]: and I was daily [his] delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights [were] with the sons of men.*

*Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed [are they that] keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed [is] the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death. - Pro 8:1, 22-36 KJV*

Many think that God's first creation was light. The Spirit of God carries wisdom, the first of God's creations. Wisdom said, "I was there when He created the heavens and the earth." Wisdom is not education! Education is a whole bunch of knowledge. Wisdom is when you know the intentions of God.

I remember when I was eating with my family, my mother would bake a cake. Everyone had a specific cake that they liked so she would make a layered cake of each flavor. My friend would visit and get a slice of cake and said, "This cake is all mixed up! Ya'll like it like this?"

"No man, you don't understand. My sister is going to eat the bottom layer, I'm going to eat the middle layer, and my father is going to eat the top layer." We knew the intentions of her cake and knew where it was supposed to go. But he didn't know because my friend wasn't there. I was there when she made the cake and the fulfilled the family's request.

Wisdom knows the intentions of God because she was there. She knows that a dog is supposed to bark and not meow. Wisdoms says that homosexuality is an abomination because that was not the original intention. Wisdom *knows* the intentions of God. It's like using a fork to eat jello. While it's possible to do so, a spoon was designed to scoop.

## to walk with[in]

To know the intentions of God you have to go all the way back to the beginning. To answer the questions of "Why did He do this?" or "What was the purpose of that?" As a Pastor I'm asked, "What is my purpose in life?" Then there are people who want to do ministry as their purpose and they miss it!

Anytime the true glory of God came in, the people couldn't minister. When the true glory of God arrives there can be no minister because ministry represents separation. Ministry is to bridge a gap, but when God is present there is no need for a bridge. Isn't He the goal? He said, "Seek My face" (2Ch 7:14).

He didn't say seek positions, opportunities, or anything else but His face. He has anointed you to do certain things but those are functions (a job), but that's not who you are. He didn't call you "prophet such and such," He calls you "son" and "daughter" and "My own." He says, "I know you by name, not job description, and you are mine" (**Exo 33:17**). He even talks about prophecy being imperfect.

*For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. - 1Co 13:9-10 KJV*

This means that God is the purpose and the goal. To God, the highest form of worship is reflection. What does God call his reflection? His friend—that's why we sing "I am a friend of God." To God, there is none before Him or beside Him yet He calls His reflection His friend.

Moses, God called him more than a prophet. "I spoke to Him face to face-to-face, as a man speaks to his friend" (**Exo 33:11**). What happened when Moses spoke to God face-to-face? His very face shown with light after leaving the presence of God (**Exo 34:35**). "Shown" didn't mean a light that was upon him, it was a light from within. God is always trying to get us back to the garden.

Adam walked with God in the cool of the day. If you look it up in the Jewish text, that context of walking means to walk *within*, not side-by-side. I was blown away upon learning that. I thought they were walking and holding hands! No, Adam walked *within*.

*And they heard the voice 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 amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where [art] thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I [was] naked; and I hid myself. - Gen 3:8-10 KJV*

Adam heard God's voice and tried to hide because he never heard God outside of himself. He walked *with* God, *within* God! He said, "Abide in Me, and I in you" (**Jhn 15:4**). We have always been trying to get back to that place. Holy Spirit came so that we can get back to reflecting, understanding, knowing His intentions and the heartbeat of God.

## who told you that?

You can have time and space, but you can't hold time and space. Right now we are in Killeen, TX and it is 7:49:23 pm, but now it's 7:49:30 pm. I can be in a space but I can't hold time, but your soul can. When you mention words like abuse, harm, failure, no good, etc. they go back to a time where time holds them. When your soul is wounded in a place, time holds you there. Time will keep you captive.

A double-minded man is not who thinks of two thoughts at one time, but a man who is in two places at one time. You're trying to move forward but you can't get past what happened to you back then. You can't do the things of God because you are held back by previous circumstances and situations. Because you didn't forgive "there" you can't move into "here".

God asked, “Adam where are you?” You think God couldn’t see through the trees? He wasn’t talking about the physical space He was in. Adam was no longer in eternity, he was no longer in the same realm of time. He was held at a moment, no longer in God.

*And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil . . . And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves aprons. **Gen 3:4-5, 7 ASV***

“I was naked so I hid myself.” But God replied, “Who told you that?” The snake never told Adam he had no clothes on—that’s powerful to me. Did the tree that they ate from speak out loud? Who told him that he was naked? It said that their eyes were opened.

Do you have the gift of discernment? Have you been in a place and just know that you know what is going on around you? The knowledge of good and evil operates the same way. That’s why it’s called “knowledge.” Gnosis is defined as known knowledge; carnal knowledge, aware of self. Epic gnosis is divine knowledge or discernment.

Your carnal knowledge causes you to *acknowledge* where you are and who you are; self awareness. It’s all about you, about how you feel, “I”. Satan took them with their selfish desires, but then it became their nature—he put a corrupted seed in them.

My son Emmanuel is seven years old now. I remember when he was running around the house butt-naked. He didn’t even know his butt from his face, all he knew was running. All of a sudden he became aware of being naked and even told me, “Daddy I’ll bathe myself.” “Son, I’ve been wiping your butt all this time. I gave you what you got, boy!” But what happened was he became conscience of himself.

## true and Truth

*If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. - **2Chr 7:14 ASV***

When you are turning away from wicked ways, that means you were looking at something that you were becoming. Whatever you look at in the spirit, that is what you become like. We are always trying to reflect something, that is our nature. We have to a role model, American Idol, BET, MTV, celebrities and all these other people that we want to be like.

We desire to behold and to become, but God says, “Deny yourself and become like Me” (**Mat 16:24**). “Deny yourself and seek My Face because you forgot what you’re supposed to look like.” He is trying to get you to where you used to be.

I feel as if we’re still at that “who told you that?” place when we’re struggling with things like poverty, sexual immorality, etc. The knowledge of good of evil is true, but the knowledge of God *is* Truth. We say, “We worship in spirit and in truth” but do you know the spirit that you are in (**Jhn 4:24**)? Do you know the truth of the spirit that you are in? Do you know if it’s true or Truth?

Some things are true, but not the truth. It's true you don't have a dime to your name, but the truth is that God is going to overflow you "pressed down, shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom" (**Luk 6:38**). It's true that everything may be against you but the Truth says, "I am for you and am more than the world against you" (**Rom 8:31**). Don't those scriptures come to life now that they are in the right context?

We don't know how to reflect God, we know how to sing songs. Reflecting God is not singing songs but we are caused to sing when reflecting him. You can reflect God in such a way you'll experience what Zephaniah did.

*"The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet [you] with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." - Zep 3:17 NKJV*

It really isn't about you, but about God reflecting through you. Paul said, "I'm crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, not I, but Christ lives in me" (**Gal 2:20**). You are there, but it's not you because "you" are the reflection of Him. You can reflect God and He'll start approaching you. He said, "Draw near unto me and I will draw nearer unto you" (**Jas 4:8**).

He will start approaching you. It's not that it's about you, but you reflect Him. God is attracted to Himself. I learned the hard way that it takes God to worship Him. Flesh can praise God, did you know that? We have kept sanity because of our praise. "My flesh and heart cry out ..." (**Psa 84:2**).

God said, "I inhabit that praises of my people" (**Psa 22:3**). Praise gets Him to come but worship makes Him stay because you reflect Him. Worship is denying yourself, it's no longer about appeasing you or your things. You're praising Him in spite of the pain, pressure, etc. but when you worship it's no longer about you. You're telling God, "It's not about my pain or circumstance, I have shrunk down in those areas. I am in a place where I'm hidden and reflecting You. I'm here just for You."

Then God will begin to approach *you*. This is beyond the grasp of a religious mindset because Religion believes that it controls God! But Worship says, "God change me in the way that you see fit." Religion tries to change God saying, "Bless my mess" instead of "take me out." You begin to reflect Him.

## heading

What do you say when your baby is born? "He looks just like me." You're pleased with just that. The baby has done nothing for you, but he is yours. I told you a while ago that God calls His reflection His friend. But He says something to you as well. "I am friend who sticks closer than a brother" (**Pro 18:24**).

Your brother is your blood ... waitaminute! A friend that sticks closer than a brother? Do you know how the Jew sees this as? You cannot be *in* your brother. You can possibly look like him, have the same blood and mannerisms, but you can't become one. That's why we are called the Bride of Christ, we are meant to be one (**Eph 5:27**).

Remember Jesus said, “If you’ve seen Me, you’ve seen My Father” (**Jhn 14:9**). God is trying to tell us something. He said, “I do nothing of Myself except for what I see My Father doing in heaven” (**Jhn 5:19**). We have pastors, prophets, evangelists, teachers and apostles, but if we never understand that God is our destiny we will never come to maturity. “You *are* saved, you are *being* saved, and you *will be* saved.”

A reflection doesn’t ask, “What can I do for you?” but “I just want to look like you.” It’s not what you can do for God, it’s you simply wanting to look like Him. My eldest son, Jaces, wants to do everything that I do. He’ll get me water and take care of chores, but what he really wants to do is emulate what I do. That’s training him!

Some of us wanted to be just like our parents. We used to put on their shoes and do other things they did. Something in you just wants to reflect. Something inside of you says, “I want to be a reflection of something! I’m supposed look like something that I’m not measuring up to. I have to get closer to it to know what I’m supposed to be.”

God said, “If you draw to me, I will draw nearer unto you” (**Jas 4:8**). The perfecting of saints is often times mentioned, but how can they be perfected if they don’t know what they’re supposed to be like (**Eph 4:12**). It’s not in doctrine but in reflection. He said, “A city set upon a hill cannot be hidden” (**Mat 5:14**).

Image and likeness is so different then just looking like Him. Image and likeness is the very being of, from the core out. The pharisees tried to get the outward appearance of being holy, but didn’t know the Spirit of holiness. They cleaned the outside of the cup, but the inside was filthy (**Mat 23:25**). They were doing ceremonies and procedures but had no spirit of God in the midst. When reflecting God you can do things without being seen. It’s not about you being seen by others but about you reflecting who you care about, your first love—God.

You run into so many people who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof (**2Tim 3:5**). But what is the power? It’s the power that changes you, they deny change. They have a form of godliness, there is a change that happens with godliness. When there is only a form and no power, you are doing religious activities in the attempt to be spiritual. Jesus said, “You make them twice as much a child of hell as you are” (**Mat 23:15**).

I want you to research the Amidah. Christians added the doxology, “For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever,” in approximately 1500 BC during the reign of Elizabeth I. However, “our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” is the original prayer (**Mat 6:9-13**). This is a prayer of reflection.

The people who were praying this had no idea. When they asked Him to teach them how to pray, he used this very prayer. They had the letter but not the Spirit, you have to know the intentions of the author. How many of us read a book but never get the author’s intention? It’s because we never comprehend. We *hear* but we never comprehend. If you comprehended what the author was writing then you would understand.

## Love's intent

My father has a book titled “He Erased the Scars.” I remember why he wrote it and the events that led to its publication. My sister died and he had to overcome some really hard things simultaneously. During the book signing so many people were sharing their testimonies about his book. He said, “That’s good, but that’s not what I wrote it for.” He already explained in the book why he wrote it, but because of the knowledge of good and evil we get our own interpretation of things.

When God says one thing, we interpret another. That’s why when your wife, husband, or significant other complements you, you can’t take it. You’re interpreting it wrong—your interpretation is messed up. Remember, we have corrupted perception. Because of that knowledge of good and evil, we are still left with our own “interpretation.”

Did you know that our interpretations are forbidden? The knowledge of good and evil was from a *forbidden* tree. Therefore our interpretation is forbidden and in error. That’s why we have the gift of interpretation of tongues and dreams. God wants you to know the intentions of what He is telling you.

*For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. - 1Co 12:8-11 ESV*

There were somethings that Jesus could not teach His disciples. “I can’t teach you these things yet. I have to wait until the Helper comes because you don’t understand” (**Jhn 16:2**). Those things were spirit and life, the very things that we have to know.

When the Holy Spirit comes, He comes to reveal. That is revelation—seeing the true intentions of God. You begin to see clearly, what you should have seen from the beginning. There are some things you shouldn’t have had to be taught. You had to be taught because of the fall. Adam, as said before, was not taught how to love. God *is* love, and he walked *with[in]* God (**1Jo 4:8**). How then can substance be taught how to be?

*Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have [the gift of] prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed [the poor], and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. - 1Co 13:1-3 NKJV*

Why is it that we profit nothing without love? Because He *is* Love! Please don’t have information without the revelation. You know this stuff, but you really don’t *know* it. “He who is forgiven much, loves much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little” (**Luk 7:47**). Love is powerful. Love is God. Anyone who tells you that they love you and they’re not in God, they don’t know what they’re talking about.

We called Adam stupid left and right after he ate the fruit. But wait! He was reflecting God too. If he was one with Eve, he could not see himself doing anything else but eating that fruit. Love is an action word. Adam so loved his wife he acted, but God so loved the world that He acted (**Jhn 3:16**). That is powerful to me.

That's why husbands are to love their wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her (**Eph 5:25**). What did He call his reflection? His friend, and greater love has no one than to lay down one's life for his friend (**Jhn 15:13**). Do you understand what He is trying to say about you? "You're my friend, I died for you."

## change

God is getting us out of "mission" mode and into "position" mode. When we are reflecting and being intimate with Him, not wanting anything in return. I told you before, Adam was the shadow of God. There is no shadow in God, but He did say, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" (**Jas 1:17; Psa 91:1**). Does that make sense to you? This is about being in the secret place, where you begin to see who you were supposed to be. That's why the secret place is there, to get you to look at Him and changing.

*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. - 2Co 3:18 NKJV*

The Spirit of God is always trying to change you. That's why He'll say, "No don't do that." God says, "I chastise those I love because if I didn't you would still have your own nature. I want you to have My nature. There's a way that seems right to man but its end leads to death, the wage of sin. " (**Pro 3:12; 14:12; Rom 6:23**). God is trying to get you to deny yourself, so He can see Himself.

Jesus did exactly what He said: "I didn't come to do away with the law but to fulfill it. You have the law but it's killing you. You can't do all these things. But by the Spirit I will give you life through these commandments and word" (**Mat 5:17**). That's why the highest form of praise is obedience. Obedience is better than sacrifice (**1Sa 15:22**). The "sacrifice of praise" is not about your singing, but your obedience (**Heb 13:15**).

God wants us to reflect Him without *trying* to reflect Him; it's by His Spirit. When you're trying you are struggling. He didn't call us human "doings" but human *beings*. "I want you to *be* this." To be or not to be is the question. Have you become?

Have you notice that salvation really is instant but sanctification is a life-time process? Notice how you abruptly stopped certain things; cussing, lying, [strong] drinking, etc. You stopped with certain things and have been perfected, not *perfect* but perfected. "Perfected" means maturity, completion, going from glory to glory. You are going back and being restored to place we were before the fall.

*For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. - 1Co 13:12 NKJV*

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