

# **Access to God, Authority & New Clothes**

## **The Principle of Reversal (11)**

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### **20. He was removed from God's presence to make a way into God's presence for us.**

#### **When and how was Jesus removed from God's presence?**

##### **When He left heaven**

Phil 2:6-8 ... 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.

Jn 6:38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

2Cor 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

Heb 2:9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, ... (Heb 2:8-10)

Jn 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

##### **At Calvary**

Matt 27:46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

Mt 27:50-51 Jesus ... yielded up His spirit. 51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; ... (Mk 15:38; Heb 6:19-20)

#### **He made a way for God's presence in our lives**

##### **Jesus is in the bosom (presence of God) of the Father**

Jn 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him. (Lk 16:22-23)

Jn 14:3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. (Jn 12:26; 17:24)

##### **We have access to the presence of God**

1Pt 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

Eph 2:17-18 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; 18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

Eph 3:12 in whom (Christ) we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.

##### **We can now draw near to God**

Heb 10:19-20 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, (Heb 7:11-19; 9:12; 10:1-10)

Heb 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 7:19 ... there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

Heb 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, ...

#### **Jesus discloses Himself to us**

John 14:21-23 "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him." Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

John 14:18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

John 16:14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

Rev 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me

## **21. He was stripped naked so that we might be clothed in white linen.**

### **Jesus was naked on the cross**

Jesus died naked, this was part of the shame which He bore for our sins. At the same time He is the last Adam who provides clothes of righteousness for sinners. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary)

Jn 19:23-25 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. 24 So they said to one another, " Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be";this was to fulfill the Scripture: "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS." 25 Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Heb 12:2 ... Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame ...

### **The shame of being naked**

**Begins in the garden** after the sin of Adam and Eve (Gen 3:6-10)

Gen 3:7 ... they knew that they were naked; and they ... made themselves loin coverings.

Gen 3:8 They ... hid themselves from the presence of the LORD

Gen 3:10 ... "I heard the sound of You, ... I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

Gen 3:11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked?"

### **Shame and nakedness**

Rev 3:18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; ... (Rev 16:5; 1Sam 20:30; Ps 109:29; 132:18; Isa 20:4; 47:3; Jer 13:26; Ezk 7:18; Ob 10; Mic 7:10)

**Clothed with shame** (Job 8:22; Ps 35:26; Jer 3:25)

### **Jesus bore our shame**

Ps 89:38-39 But You have cast off and rejected, You have been full of wrath against Your anointed. 39 You have spurned the covenant of Your servant; You have profaned his crown in the dust.

Ps 89:45 You have shortened the days of his youth; You have covered him with shame

### **Jesus provides clothing for our shame**

#### **Clothed in righteousness**

Zec 3:3-5 ... Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I have taken your iniquity away from you and will clothe you with festal robes." ... (Isa 52:1; 61:10)

#### **New self - clothed with Christ**

Eph 4:24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Gal 3:27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Rom 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

Col 3:10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him --

#### **Our clothing is our responsibility**

Rev 7:14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Rev 16:15 "Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame."

## **22. He submitted to others authority to break their authority over us and give us a place to rule**

### **Background:**

#### **Authority was given to Adam and Eve in the garden**

Gen 1:28 God said to them, " Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Ps 8:5-8)

#### **Man lost his authority in the fall and gave it to the devil..**

Lk 4:6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

1 Jn 5:19 We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. (Jesus calls the devil the ruler of this world; Jn 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is ... against ... world forces of this darkness, (Eph 6:10-18).

#### **Jesus defeated the devil and took back man's authority.**

(See below "Through His death")

### **Jesus submitted to His Father's authority**

(1Cor 15:27-28; Jn 5:19; 12:49-50; Heb 5:7-8; 10:5-7)

## **In His death - Jesus submitted**

### **to Roman judicial authority and to Jewish religious authority.**

Jn 10:17-18 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. 18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

Jn 19:10-11 So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" 11 Jesus answered, " You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; ... (Mt 26:53-56; Jn 18:4-9)

## **Through His death**

### **Jesus defeated the devil and took back man's authority.**

Mt 28:18 ... "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth"  
(Lk 10:22; Jn 17:2; Ps 110:1-3; Dan 7:14; Rev 11:15; 17:14; 19:16)

Col 2:15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Heb 2:14 ... that through death He might render powerless ... the devil,

1 Jn 3:8 ... the Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

### **Jesus gives His authority to (us) the church.**

Eph 1:20-22 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church (Mt 11:27; Jn 13:3; Phil 2:9-11; Col 1:16-19; 2:10; Heb 1:13; 10:12; 1Pt 3:21-22)

Phil 2:8-11

8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Jesus gives us authority in His name to:**

Evangelize (Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-18; Lk 24:47-48; Jn 20:21-22; Ac 1:8)

Lead people into salvation (Rom 10:9-13; Ac 2:21; 1Cor 1:2; Lk 24:47-48)

Heal (Mk 16:18; Mt 10:1, 8; Lk 9:1 Ac 3:6, 16; 4:7-10, 29-31)

Cast out demons (Mt 10:1-2; 10:9; Mk 3:15; 6:7; 16:17; Lk 9:1; 10:19; Ac 16:16-18; 19:11-16)

Perform miracles (Ac 2:22; 8:12-13; 1Cor 12:10, 28-29; Gal 3:5; Heb 2:4)

Prayers being answered (Jn 14:12-14; 15:16; 16:23)