

Now Are We the Sons of God - Part IV

Sons of God Reflect His Image

1) 1John 3:2

Beloved, now we are the sons of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

- a. Are we now God's sons?
- b. Is it possible to receive more revelation about Jesus than we already have?
- c. If we can receive greater revelation regarding Jesus while we live in this present world, can we also experience a greater revelation of our being sons of God?

2) Genesis 1:20 – 28

Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." ²¹ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*. ²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ 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."

- a. When God created living creatures in the waters, what did He speak to? What about when He created cattle, creeping things, and beasts upon the earth?

b. When God created man, who did He speak to and in whose image is man created?

3) Exodus 33:12 – 23

Then Moses said to the LORD, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.’¹³ Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation *is* Your people.”

¹⁴ And He said, “My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest.”¹⁵ Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here.¹⁶ For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who *are* upon the face of the earth.”

¹⁷ So the LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.”¹⁸ And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.”¹⁹ Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”

²⁰ But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.”²¹ And the LORD said, “Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.²² So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.²³ Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.”

- a. Where do we find the rest of God as stated in verse 14?
- b. Did Moses find grace in God’s sight? Why is this important?
- c. Moses asked to see God’s glory. Why did God answer that His goodness would pass before Moses? Are His glory and goodness virtually the same thing?
- d. How does this relate to God proclaiming His name in the same context?
- e. God also answers Moses that he can’t see His face to the same question, relating His face, goodness and glory to also being the same attributes of God. What does this mean?
- f. Why can Moses see God’s back but not His face?

4) 2Corinthians 3:4 – 18

And we have such trust through Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* from God, ⁶ who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷ But if the ministry of death, written *and* engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which *glory* was passing away, ⁸ how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? ⁹ For if the ministry of condemnation *had* glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. ¹⁰ For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. ¹¹ For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains *is* much more glorious.

¹² Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— ¹³ unlike Moses, *who* put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ. ¹⁵ But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. ¹⁶ Nevertheless when one 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* liberty. ¹⁸ 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.

- a. What is the ministry of death?
- b. Why couldn't the people look at Moses' face, and what was the glory of the ministry of condemnation?
- c. What veil is taken away in Christ?
- d. Where is liberty to be found?
- e. Can we look into the face and the glory of the Lord today? How can we do what Moses couldn't?
- f. How are we transformed into the image of the Lord?
- g. Do we now bear the image of God?