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Jesus, a Bridegroom with a Burning Heart of Love (Part 13)

The Nature of God: Love

A Love Paradigm of the Glory of God

Jesus wants His people to adore Him based on the revelation of His majesty and their partnership with His heart. He died that we might have boldness to draw near Him with great confidence. God is deeply relational. His glory has a significant relational aspect to it. The revelation of Jesus' worth connects us deeply to His majesty and heart for us.

19Having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20by a new and living way... 22let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith... (Heb. 10:19-22)

Paul compared the manifestation of God's glory as seen in the two covenants (2 Cor. 3).

The Old Covenant paradigm of glory was to stand at a distance and observe God's glory (like the angels do). This is what Israel did (Ex. 19).

The New Covenant paradigm of glory is to draw near with assurance and participate in God's glory as His Bride, not as a servant (Heb. 10:19).

24Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold [participate in] My glory which You have given Me (Jn. 17:24)

The servant paradigm of the kingdom stands at a distance and affirms His transcendent power; this is how the angels relate to God.

The relational paradigm draws close and participates with His transcendent love. The servant paradigm of the kingdom works for Him and exalts Him, but without participating with Him in a relationship of love.

We are to be both awestruck with His great power as the Most High God and to boldly draw near Him to participate with confidence.

Jesus is the One who was so high (transcendence), but went so low (condescendence), to bring us so near (partnership) because we are so dear to Him.

We magnify Jesus' supremacy as the revelation of His transcendence and condescendence touches our heart. His transcendence emphasizes His majestic power; His condescendence emphasizes His deep love and humility in making a way for us to be near Him.

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We magnify Jesus' supremacy by fully receiving and returning His love in a deep relationship that forever involves worshiping and declaring His greatness, magnifying His supremacy, obeying His commands, and partnering with Him in filling the earth with the Father's glory.

Prayer:

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