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We read in Revelations 4:11, “for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” (KJV) God did not only create us so that He could show us His great love, but also so that He could enjoy us and receive love from us.

In Genesis 3:8 we read that God used to walk with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day in the Garden of Eden. He did so because He enjoyed spending time with them. In Colossians 1:16, we read that all things were made for Jesus and by Jesus.

We were created for Him!

In the Ezekiel 44:11-13, we read about two groups of priests.

The first group were the Levites. It says, “...and they (The Levites) shall stand before them (the people), to minister unto them because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity... And they shall not come near unto me...”

These Levites were more focused on ministering to the people, even when their hearts had turned away from God, they were no longer allowed to draw near to God to minister to Him.

This can so easily happen to us today!

We can be so focused on our ministries and what we can do for God that we neglect the importance of our relationship and intimacy with Him. There’s a consequence when ministry to the Lord is neglected.

One privilege of ministering to the Lord is drawing near to Him in prayer. In engaging to this we minister to God, release His power, and encounter His heart.

In worship and prayer, we contend for a breakthrough of His power on our heart, ministry, and in revelation.

“But the priests...the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me...”

Ezekiel 44:15

1. We minister to God by declaring His worth as a witness to how He is ministered to in heaven.
2. We labor in intercession to release God’s power to win the lost and revive the Church, etc.
3. We grow in revelation of the Word gaining insight into His will, ways, salvation, and plans.

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4. We grow in intimacy with God by personally encountering Him by the indwelling Spirit. We receive greater grace to love and obey Him as we are fascinated by who He is and seeing the majestic beauty of God as our Father and of Jesus as the Bridegroom, King, and Judge.

Today, think of the privilege we have been given. This privilege is why we are created in His image and in His likeness. Drawing near is the cry of the bride, the cry of the new creation, drawing is our spiritual magnet.