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January 8, 2024 – Praying the Apostolic Prayers – Erlinda Cruz

## ***Experiencing the Glory of Being God's Inheritance (Ephesians 1:18)***

“That the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation...that you may know (experience)... what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints...”

Ephesians 1:17-18

Remember that in this prayer, Paul prayed for specific prayers for the Ephesians and for us, the bride of Jesus Christ.

- We pray to understand God's calling for our life, both in this age and the age-to-come. We must have a clear vision for what our destiny is and what we are to do.
- We pray to know who we are to God as His treasured inheritance.
- We pray to experience God's power in our heart, ministry and life.

The second specific request relates to who we are to God. This prayer is to realize that we are God's inheritance. By making us His inheritance, God has revealed His passion for us. Paul spoke of both our inheritance in God (Ephesians 1:14) and of God's inheritance in us (Ephesians 1:18).

Paul is making a reference to Moses' revelation from God in Deuteronomy 32:9.

“For the LORD's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.”

Deuteronomy 32:9

“‘They shall be Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘...I will make them My jewels.’”

Malachi 3:17

“Jesus... who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross...”

Hebrews 12:2

We are God's inheritance. We are what the Father has given to the Son as His reward. God's valuation of his people is established by his valuation of Christ. To see the value that God places on us, Paul wants us to experience some of the "riches of the glory" of being God's inheritance.

Who we are to God: this touches the issue of our spiritual identity.

This is very different than what we do before God in our calling or mandate. It is the revelation of who we are in God's heart and affection. We see our greatness, value, dignity, honor and beauty that we have in Jesus' eyes. We are the prize of all the ages that the Father gave the Son. We are the reward that He most longs for. In this revelation, we see the greatness that we possess before Jesus' heart.

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Much of our insecurity and fear is related to lacking this revelation of our dignity. We confess that we are Jesus' favorites in that He loves us as the Father loves Him.

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you..."

John 15:9

We confess that we are the Father's favorites in that He loves us as that He loves Jesus.

"That the world may know that You...have loved them as You have loved Me."

John 17:23

There are infinite riches (wealth) in being the focus of God's affection. The power of knowing this is without precedent in human experience. We confess these truths as Satan attacks us.

"My Beloved is mine, and I am His."

Song of Solomon 2:16

"You have ravished My heart, My sister, My Bride..."

Song of Solomon 4:9

"I am my Beloved's and His desire is toward me."

Song of Solomon 7:10

We are to have a living understanding of the glory of God in us through Jesus Christ. We are to gain understanding every day that we are loved, and we are to be confident in that. We must never forget Jesus did all, finished all, died for all to give us access to the Father, to experience His great love, to desire Him, and abide in Him.

Here are a few scriptures to meditate to let you/us be confident and secured in the love of God:

"SEE WHAT [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him. Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is."

1 John 3:1-2 AMPC

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”But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—[Isa. 56:5.]“

John 1:12 AMPC

”For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.“

John 3:16 AMPC

”For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.“

Romans 5:6, 8-11 NKJV

”Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.“

Romans 5:5 NKJV

”What then shall we say to these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare His own Son,

but delivered Him up for us all,

how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect?

It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns?

It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen,

who is even at the right hand of God,

who also makes intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation,

or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”

Romans 8:31-35 NKJV

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“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.  
For I am persuaded that neither death nor life,  
nor angels nor principalities nor powers,  
nor things present nor things to come,  
nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing,  
shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”  
Romans 8: 37-39 NKJV