An Attempt To Listen To God On

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The Impossible Task!

The Impossible Task Of Joseph's Brothers

That was the task Joseph gave to his brothers: "Go tell my father all my glory" (Gen. 45:13).

The duty now pressed on the sons was very painful and humiliating. They would have to confess that they had told their father lies. The disclosure that:

- 1) They had sold Joseph.
- 2) They killed an animal and put its blood on his coat.
- 3) They had deceived him letting him mourn for years.

The response of old Jacob was the mark of a spiritual man: "I will go and see him before I die" (Gen. 45:28). There is no record of any antagonism toward those who had caused him years of grief. What a blessedness this would be for the saints of God and what a removal of hardness and divisions would be manifested in the saints if this became the heart attitude while still in the body.

It was an impossible task to describe to the old sheik who lived in tents the glories of ancient Egypt, and that the son he mourned for was the administrator of all the riches of Egypt.

The Impossible Task Of New Testament Saints

When this is lifted to a higher level, the question comes with forceful intimidation: "How can we, fallen humanity restricted by sin, language and appreciation ever tell the Father the fulness of the glories of His Son?" It is He who knows the fulness of all His glories and perfections and appreciates the delightfulness of each one constantly. It becomes a stark reality that our surfacing of His glories is paltry, and yet, in infinite grace He delights to see our "exaltations" and hear our "exultations" of His Son.

When we consider the illustrations God uses to bring to our attention aspects of the Lord, each picture carries a truth, yet they are deficient for they are not the very image. In some cases they are parabolic parallels and in others parabolic contrasts. In the meditation of them there is need for carefulness in interpretation.

The Indescribable Perfection Of Christ

The glorious perfections of the Lord are indescribable for:

- 1) Everything we can comprehend is superseded by His incomprehensibility.
- 2) Everything we can envisage falls far short of His excellencies.
- 3) Everything we can understand is minuscule compared to the excelling wonders of His person, power, and position.

Such are His glories that throughout eternity He will receive the acclamation of angelic hosts and the adoration of redeemed humanity.

In consideration:

- 1) In the Old testament we find manifested there the thoughts of God regarding the perfect glories of Christ in shadow and in statement.
- 2) In the Gospels those glories are seen fully and continuously in the Person of our Lord.
- 3) In Revelation there is manifested those glories in personal qualifications and judicial righteousness.

As to His person, He is the exegesis of every perfection of God.

- 1) Graciousness is manifested in His corrections.
- 2) Sufficiency is manifested in His great "I Am's".
- 3) Undisturbed tranquility is manifested in His peace in the hours preceding His sufferings.
- 4) Compliance to the will of God is heard in Gethsemane.

The Magnetic Attractiveness Of Christ

If we caught a glimpse of the glories of the Lord, it would never be forgotten. The unutterable wonder of His person, coupled with the resplendent regality of His position, would result in us finding nothing attractive in this world. There would be a falling in love with Christ and an unsatisfiable longing to be with Him forever. Peter saw His glory and never forgot it for in his epistles he speaks of it 15 times. Paul saw His glory on the Damascus Road and never forgot it for in his prison epistles (included in this is 2 Tim.) he speaks of it 17 times.

John saw His glory and never forgot it and as an old man, some 80 years of age approximately, it was still fresh in his mind. He will speak of:

- 1) The glory of His Person.....chapter 1:14
- 2) The glory of His power.....chapter 2:11
- 3) His divine glory.....chapter 12:41
- 4) And makes it clear that through him the glory of God's power flows..chapter 11:40

An Interesting Reality

When a person "falls in love" with an individual, that individual means everything to the one who loves. They speak constantly about him or her. There is utter captivation, nothing else matters, all the world centers on that one person.

God is the same with Christ, He means everything to God and God cannot stop speaking about him. Therefore, in the Old Testament God reveals His thoughts concerning the multi glories of Christ in shadows and statements. When reading the gospels, it only right to be impressed by the fact that God is so enamored with the things the Lord does, He will have them repeated several times over. It is as if God is saying: "Look at what He did here or there", and in case we miss it, the Holy Spirit will cause men to write it again. In the book of Revelation God pulls back the curtain and lets us see the absoluteness of the judicial glories of Christ and His position. To make it clear, God has a title added to the Lord at the end of the book that is not found at the beginning. In Rev. 1:1 it is written: "The revelation of Jesus Christ", but in chapter 22:21 it is: "Our Lord Jesus Christ". He is Lord.

He Is Lord	Reference
"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest"	Matt. 9:38
"So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto His steward"	Matt. 20:8
"God hath made that same Jesus, both Lord and Christ"	Acts 2:36
"The word which God sent unto the Children of Israel preaching peace by Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)	Acts 10:36
"God that made the world and all things therein He is Lord of heaven and earth"	Acts 17:24
"Had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory"	1 Cor. 2:8
"Now the Lord of peace Himself, give you peace always by all means"	2 Thess. 3:16
"He is Lord of lords"	1 Tim. 6:15
"The everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"	2 Pet. 1:11

The Clarification Of The Expression "Moral Glory"

How can we then describe the moral beauties and the glorious perfections of the Lord? It is an impossible task and all anyone can do is present an exceedingly faint and shadowy reiteration of them. In reality they are a heart appreciation of His individual and combined perfections. This can be faintly illustrated by playing the piano. A single note can be played and it is acceptable in certain cases, however, if a harmonizing second note is played it is more interesting. Furthermore, if a whole series of notes can be played harmoniously at one time and done repeatedly, it can produce a piece of music that will move the heart and mind. This is the way it is with the Lord. We can see His actions and they are beautiful, if to his actions are added his words, it is increasingly beautiful. When there is added to these His motives, His goals, His attitudes or reactions and watch these unfold day after day and every moment of every day in perfection, the heart is moved by the superlative perfections of the Lord.

In every aspect of work there is a specialized language, consequently, unless an individual knows the language spoken and the context of the wording there will be confusion. For instance, a "knot" to a sailor is totally different from a "knot" to a carpenter. When we speak of the moral glories of the Lord, what exactly is meant by the terms, "Moral Glory", "Moral Beauty" and "Moral Perfection"? We can easily understand official, divine, creational, or redemptive glories, but what is moral glory?

Summarized, it is the perfections of God manifested in the flesh, the beauty of holiness and godliness in everything Christ is, did and said.

Considering this further, the moral glory of the Lord is developed in several avenues:

- <u>First:</u> The moral glory of the Lord is His whole life being lived with God as all in all. This meant that God was the source of all He did, said, thought, in answering and questioning, attitude and illustration. It meant that the glory of God was His chief pursuit in life. It was the life of God manifested by a man on earth, perfectly manifesting God and the Father at all times, under all circumstances, in all places and with all persons.
- <u>Second</u>: The moral glory of the Lord means that every word and act was an expression of that which He <u>was in</u> himself. Each one of us has a veneer of that which we like others to see or think about us. The Lord Jesus was himself and seen for what He was. He is the only man in whom there is no deception and no hypocrisy in anything He did because He was always absolutely genuine.

The moral glory of Christ shone on all those around Him and could not be restricted from being displayed. Man might try to restrict it's manifestation by pseudo spiritual traditions, nationalistic order, personal appearance or "spiritual hierarchy" in approaching Him or by personal relationships, but it continually radiated forth. He was the light and that light constantly radiated from Him. Taking on humanity did not stop Him from being the outshining of moral glory, consequently, as such he was always illuminating, censoring or correcting.

In this context the word "Moral" is being used as in Heb. 1:9: "Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity". Righteousness is in opposition to iniquity and indicates conformity to the character, the holiness of God and the moral Governor of the Universe. It is the <u>seen</u> conformity to His characteristics in every deportment of life, in assessment and in knowing and demonstrating the power of God in every setting of life.

The moral glory of the Lord Jesus is His individual and combined perfections, perfectly combined and coordinated in perfect balance that manifest the heart and mind of God. Being perfectly consistent with the character of God, one excellence will never cancel out another, but all will be in perfect cohesion. Truth will never compromise to error but always balanced with grace.

The word "glories" indicates another perfection of the Lord that is rarely applied to features of human beings, i.e. gentleness. I have never heard anyone speak of the glory of someone's gentleness or understanding. Largely it always has to do with position, the glory of kingship, judgeship, etc. In the Lord every attribute is a glory and therefore has a richness that is glorious to behold and appreciate. Furthermore, in Christ these glories are not isolated or disconnected from each other but are perfectly blended, ultimately making one magnificent personage.

When speaking of the glories of the Lord it is like a flower opening in the early morning to the rising sun.

There is the glory of:

- 1) His deity
- 2) His humanity
- 3) His condescension
- 4) His incarnation
- 5) His sinless life
- 6) His sacrificial love
- 7) His devotion to God
- 8) His all sufficient sacrifice
- 9) His resurrection
- 10) His ascension
- 11) His present glorification
- 12) His future glorification
- 13) His offices and others as well.

Coming from another angle there is His personal glory which is seen on two levels, His humanity and His deity. Added to this is His achieved glory, because of Calvary and His mighty storming of the citadel of Satan and defeating him and His power over death. Added to this is the glory of His positions regally, religiously and with regard to His peers and still added is His moral glory which could never ever be hidden, although not always seen.

The Lord is unique in that He alone has superlative and unequalled glories, some of which are:

1) <u>Creating Glories</u>

Initial creation Renovating Removing

2) <u>Redemptive Glories</u>

Eph. 1:7 Rom. 4:25 Eph. 5:2	Providing Salvation Securing justification Demonstrating love	
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3) Judicial Glories

	2 Cor. 5 Matt. 25 Rev. 20:11-19 Entire book of the Revelation	Of saints, at the Judgment Seat of Christ* Of the mixed people at the Judgment of the Living nations Of the sinners at the Great White Throne In Jn. 5:22 & 27 all judgment and the execution of it has been given into the hands of Christ. In Revelation it is He who personally opens the seals, and the authority for all other judgments.
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4) The Lord has a glory that is unique in that He alone

Jn. 3:17	Came into this world
Isa. 9:6	Is the object of prophetic statements and pictures
Acts 13:30	Received manifestation from God who He was, by His resurrection
1 Tim. 3:16	Received manifestation from God as to His claims, Justified by God

Matt. 12-16	Claimed divine Sonship, consequently perfect equality with God and abundantly presented the qualifications to prove it
Phi. 2:7-9 Heb. 2:9	Left the spirit world, became human
Acts 1:11 Heb. 4:14: 6:20	Brought humanness into the spirit world
Heb. 9:14	Qualified to offer Himself as a substitute sacrifice
Eph. 5:2	Willing to offer Himself as a sacrifice
Jn. 10:18	Deliberately of His own volition entered death
Jn. 10:18	Of His own volition after three days vacated the tomb
Phil. 2:9	By God is exalted to heaven
Deut. 18:15 Acts 3:22 Psa. 110 :4 Psa. 2:6	Is God's prophesied prophet, anointed priest, appointed King
Jn. 1:18; 14:6	The true manifestation of the Father and God
Jn. 14:10	Always spoke with the authority of God

5) The Lord has a glory as demonstrated by the claims He made

I 10.17	
Jn. 10:15	As the Father knoweth me even so know I the Father
Jn. 10:7	I am the door by me if any man enter in he shall be saved
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T 10.11	
Jn. 10:11	I am the good Shepherd who giveth His life for the sheep
In 10.30	Land my Father are One
511. 10.50	T und my T uner ure one
Jn. 10:36	I am the Son of God, cp Ch. 9:35 & 37
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Jn. 10:30 Jn. 10:36	I and my Father are One I am the Son of God, cp Ch. 9:35 & 37

6) The Lord has a glory in the truthfulness of His sweeping statements

Jn. 10:8	All that came before me were thieves and robbers
Matt. 11:11	There is not a greater risen than John the Baptist
Lk. 11:42	Ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. In Matt. 23:23, "omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith.

7) He has a glory that is unique in that no other individual declares so many facets of truth

Lk. 16:19-22	Concerning life after death
Matt. 8:36	Concerning the purpose of life before death

	Claimed to work exclusively the works of God Claimed to speak exclusively the words of God
Matt. 10:37	Claimed absolute love and loyalty

8) He has a glory that is unique in that He alone received declarations from God as to His perfections

Jn. 8:29 8:46; 14:30	Claimed to be sinless but was impeccably sinless, indeed He was holy
Heb. 1:5	Has the supreme acknowledgement of God without peer or equal
Lk. 2:26	He who is the Lord's Christ
Acts 17:28	He is an eternal person and every creature, human and otherwise, received its being from Him and every moment is sustained by Him. It is recorded in the New Testament by Him we live and move and have our being.

9) He has a glory that is unique by His entering into this world as an act of His own volition.

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Jn. 1:14	By that act the eternal person took a new condition and by it came into
Gal. 4:4	a new position.
Phil. 2:7	We began to be, He chose to become.
Heb. 2:14	

10) He has a glory that is unique in that no other dignitary maintains such widespread dominion as He does

1 Pet. 3:22	All ranks of angelic powers are subject to him	
1 Cor. 15:28	All is subject to Him	
Eph. 5:24		
Psa. 72:8	He shall have dominion world wide	
Matt. 7:29	He alone always spoke with the authority	
Mk. 1:22		
Lk. 4:36		

The illustrations are both negative and positive.

As one considers the offerings, observe that God uses a variety of terms, both positive and negative, to emphasize the purity of Christ.

It would seem strange to speak of the negative aspects of the glories of the Lord but God does this for a reason. They are used for they are emphatic in a way that a positive statement does not have. Consider the following two verses, both dealing with the holiness of God but one from a positive and the other a negative perspective.

- 1) The positive statement is found in Josh. 24:19. "And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God." That is a statement of fact.
- 2) The negative reads as follows. 1 Sam. 2:2, "(There is) none holy as the LORD: for [there is) none beside thee: neither [is there] any rock like our God". It speaks in an emphatic way which a straight factual positive statement cannot do. There are other times when a negative is used to accentuate and give prominence to a fact, for instance:
 - a) The cry of the Egyptians (Ex. 11.6). It could have said that a mighty cry arose from Egypt but instead it is recorded, "And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it anymore".

- b) Solomon's Throne (1 Kgs. 10:20), "And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom".
- c) God and His Abilities: "For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that [there is] none like me in all the earth." (Ex 9:14)
- d) Solomon and his wisdom: "Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee" (1 Kgs. 3:12).
- e) The Great tribulation: It could have read that the tribulation will be very severe, but instead it is recorded: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." (Matt. 24:21)

So the Holy Spirit uses negatives to give weight to certain truths.

The Multi Illustrations Of The Glories Of The Lord

To help us appreciate the magnificence of Christ the Holy Spirit uses multiple illustrations to help us see and focus on glories that we could easily miss. For instance, a little girl is given a doll for her birthday, it is not a real baby, it is a toy. Does that mean it has no value? Of course not, for that is a shadow of something greater, and from it the child learns lessons about life. It is an object lesson by which she learns things that she could not understand due to her immaturity. So with the types, they are illustrations of which Christ is the substance. They are types of which He is the True (He is the true Light Jn. 1:9), Bread (Jn. 6:35), Vine (Jn. 15:1), and the True God (1 Jn. 5:20), whereas they are shadows and not the very image. Consequently, every iota cannot be pressed to have a significance.

Our teacher is very understanding of our limitations and so presents to us pictures of the moral perfections of the Lord in multiple ways.

Ex. 12	There are those which are singular but with multiple sub-pictures, such as the lamb of the Passover	
Lev. 16	Day of Atonement	
Jon. 1-2	The experience of Jonah	
Lev. 14:4-7 Lev. 16:8	There are some that use two subjects, such as the two birds or two goats.	
Ex. 25:4	There are some that use three subjects, such as the three colors; blue, purple and scarlet.	
Ex. 30:34	There are some that use four subjects, such as the four spices for the incense altar.	
Ex. 30:23-24	There are some that use five subjects, such as the four spices and olive oil for the holy anointing oil, or the Levitical offerings.	
Rev. 1:13-16	There are some that use six pictures, such as the description of the Lord.	
Ex. 28:4-39	There are some that use seven pictures, such as the seven articles of clothing for the High Priest.	
Song of Songs 5:10-16	There are some that use eleven pictures, such as the personal perfections indicated	

Added to these there are the features which our Lord displayed so fully and beautifully. Characteristics such as:

- 1) Righteousness.... Isa. 53:9
- 2) Love.....Jn. 13, 14
- 3) Grace.....Lk. 4; Psa. 45
- 4) Truth.....Jn. 14; Psa. 45:4
- 5) Meekness......Matt. 11
- 6) Humility.....Phil. 2
- 7) Obedience.....Heb. 10

Then one can add to these the Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.

Reference	Spoken by	Wording
Isa. 42:1	God	Behold my servant whom I uphold in whom my soul delighteth
Matt. 27:4	Judas	I have betrayed the innocent blood
Matt. 27:19	Pilate's wife	Have thous nothing to do with that just man
Mk. 1:1	God	Thou art my Beloved Son
Lk. 23:14 Jn. 18:38 Jn. 19:4, 6	Pilate	I find no fault in Him
Lk. 23:22	Pilate	I find no cause of death in Him
Lk. 23:15	Pilate	Nothing worthy of death
Lk. 23:15	Herod	Not yet Herod (spoken by Pilate)
Lk. 1:35	Gabriel	That Holy which shall be born of thee
Lk. 23:47	Centurion	Certainly this was a righteous man
Acts 3:14	Peter	But ye denied the holy One and Just
Acts 4:27, 30	Peter	Thy Holy Child Jesus
Jn. 8:46	The Lord Himself	Which of you convinceth me of sin
Jn. 8:29	The Lord Himself	I do always those things which please the Father
Jn. 17:4	The Lord Himself	I have glorified thee on the earth
Jn. 11:42	The Lord Himself	I know that Thou hearest me always
2 Cor. 5:21	Paul	He hath made Him to be sin for us, He who knew no sin
Heb. 4:15	Holy Spirit	He is without sin
Heb. 7:26	Holy Spirit	Such an High priest became us who is Holy
1 Pet. 2:22	Peter	He did no sin
1 Jn. 3:5	John	And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sin and in Him is no sin
Lk. 23:41	Thief	This man hath done nothing amiss
Mk. 1:24	Demons	Thou art the Holy One of God

The following are the positive illustrations I am aware of, made by persons concerning the perfections of the Lord:

Reference	Expression	Truth Indicated
Lev. 16:4	Linen bonnet	Righteousness of thoughts
Lev. 16:4	Linen coat	Righteousness of character, temperament,
		integrity, frankness
Lev. 16:4	Linen girdle	Righteousness in service
Ex. 30:23	Pure (1865) Myrrh,	Liberty pure freedom
Ex. 30:24	Cassia, Strongs, 6916	This comes from a root which means to bow and is often connected with the bowing of the head and worshipping God
		MosesEx. 12:27 David1 Chron. 29:20 Jehoshaphat2 Chron. 20:18 The Levites2 Chron. 29:30 The peopleNeb. 8:6
		It was the inner bark of the tree, that which was unseen by the natural eye.
Ex. 30:23	Myrrh Strongs, 4753	Twice in His earthly sojourn was myrrh connected to Christ.
		At His birthMatt. 2:11 At His burial Jn. 19:39
		Prophetically it is connected with His coming in gloryPsa. 45
		It is used more often in the Song of Solomon than any other book and that is the book of love Distilling in drops bitter, love
Ex. 30:34	Sweet spices Strongs 8081	The cumulative glories of Christ
Psa. 24	Clean hands	Needed for: Service2 Cor. 6:17-7.1 Nearness to GodJames 4:8 Future reward2 Sam. 22:21 Spiritual powerJob 17:9; Isa. 1:10-15
Psa. 24	Pure heart	
Ex. 30:22	Sweet cinnamon, Strongs 7076	The combined fragrance of Christ.
Ex. 30:22	Sweet calamus, Strongs, 7070	Measuring rod
Ex. 30:22	Olive oil	The Holy Spirit, Zech. 4: 3-6
Ex. 30:34	Stacte	To drop that is as if to distill in droplets
Ex. 30:34	Onycha	An aromatic mussel or shell
Ex. 30:34	Galbanum	A fragrant gum
Ex. 30:34	Sweet (pure, clear) frankincense	Whiteness from its smoke
Song of Songs 4:7	There is no spot in thee	The absence of any defilement
Song of Songs 5:10	My Beloved is white	The unblemished impervious holiness of Christ
Song of Songs 5:15	Legs of pillars of marble	The solidity of His steps

Reference	Wording	
Lev. 1:3	No blemish, Heb. "Tamiym"	
Lev. 1:16	No crop to be put connected with the sacrifice	
Lev. 1:16	No feathers to be connected with the sacrifice	
Lev. 2:11	No leaven to be added to the offering	
Lev. 2:11	No honey to be added to the offering	
Num. 19:2	No blemish Heb."m'uwm"	
Num. 19:2	No spot Heb."Tamiym"	
Num. 19:2	No yoke	
Deut. 17:1	No ill favouredness	
Psa. 24:4	Not lifted	
Psa. 24:4	Not sworn deceitfully	
Isa. 42:2	No crying or lifting up his voice in the streets	

The following is a list of the negative phrases that have been shown to me:

On the Mount of Transfiguration the disciples, who were born in sin, certainly not sinless and perfect men, are there with the Lord sharing and looking upon Him in His glory. Glorious is the truth that sinners saved by matchless grace can now behold the face of the Lord: "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory" (2 Cor. 3:18). Even more wonderful is the fact that in a coming day we shall look on His face: "They shall see his face; and behold His glory" (Rev. 22:4), and the fulfillment of Jn. 17:24: "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory".

While we are brought into being sharers of His glory and in fullness of fellowship with him, yet forever there will be a distinction between He and us. That holy intimacy we have with Him does not negate the distinctiveness of himself. Forever there will be excellencies in the person of the Lord that we will know about intellectually and will be enjoyed beyond measure, but there will also be riches that only the heart and mind of God can appreciate.

Our Lord Jesus stands in contrast to every other human being. His manhood is absolutely unique in that He stands as a man alone from a different order of Adam. He is an eternal person and every creature, human and angelic, was created by Him. All creation receives its existence from Him and every moment is sustained by Him. Every human finds their origin in Him and by Him lives, moves and has being. There were men of whom it is said: "they were perfection in their generation", but they also fade into the darkness. They were noble men but they always fell far short.

Christ Was Perfect In Every Generation

No blemish and no spot:

- 1) Nothing in Him and nothing without could contaminate Him.
- 2) He could touch the dead, the leper and the diseased.
- 3) He could come in direct meeting with demonic powers and they could not corrupt Him.

Such was the holy perfection of Christ:

- 1) There was a complete absence of any infraction of God's law.
- 2) There was never the slightest deviation from God's will.
- 3) There was never the slightest distortion of God's character.
- 4) He was positively holy.

Christ is the Undefiled in His person (Heb. 7:25):

- 1) He is the unveiling of God and the Father.
- 2) The undefeated in His power.
- 3) The undisturbed in His peace.
- 4) He was undeviating in purpose and unwavering in consistency.

Forever He will be the Man whose life on earth was that of a man whose:

- 1) Beauty before God was void of any ugliness.
- 2) His service before God and to God were void of any defect.
- 3) His motives were void of any deceitfulness.
- 4) His genuineness was void of any hypocrisy.
- 5) His name was void of any reproach.

Nevertheless, the words of Psa. 27:4 ought to be in our hearts: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord."

May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth. John 16:13

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