

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man **in Our image, after Our likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Rom 8:29 For whom He did foreknow (*Gk.4267-to know beforehand, foresee*), He also did predestinate (*Gk.4309-limit in advance, predetermine*) to be **conformed to the image** (*Gk.1504-likeness, profile, representation, representation*) of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

1Co 12:27 Now ye are **the body of Christ**, and members in particular.

7 Attributes in order to more resemble Christ

Humble:

Php 2:5 Let this mind (*Gk.5426-to be [mentally] deposed [...in a certain direction]*) be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in the form (*Gk.3444-form*) of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God (*you can't plunder something you already possess*): **7** But made Himself of no reputation (*Gk.2758-make empty, neutralize, make void*), and took upon Him the form (*likeness*) of a servant (*Gk.1401-slave*), and was made in the likeness (*Gk.3667-form, resemblance*) of men (*Gk.444-anthropos-mankind*): **8** And being found in fashion as a man, He **humbled** (*Gk.5013-humiliate*) **Himself**, and **became obedient** (*Gk.5255-submissive*) unto death (*Gk.3360 & 2288- literally to the point of dying*), even the death of the cross.

- **Jesus** subjected **Himself** to becoming human so that **He** could be tempted, suffer and die. As **God** **He** could not die. **Satan** could not tempt **Him** into committing sin. But as a man, **He** could be tempted to sin and **He** could die.

Heb 10:12 But this man, **after He had offered one sacrifice** for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath **given Himself for us** an offering and a sacrifice to God for a **sweet-smelling savour**.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a **living sacrifice**, holy (*Gk.40-ceremonially consecrated*), acceptable (*Gk.2101-wellpleasing*) unto God, *which is your reasonable* (*Gk.3050-rational ["logical"]*) service (*Gk.29999-worship*).

- It would be logical to worship **Him** from **Whom** the ultimate sacrifice came!

Yet strong:

Luk 9:51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that He should be received up, He **steadfastly set** (*Gk.4741-to turn resolutely* in a certain direction*) **His face** to

go to Jerusalem, **52** And sent messengers before His face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for Him. **53** And they did not receive Him, because **His face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.** **54** And when His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt Thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? **55** But He turned, and rebuked them, and said, **Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.** **56** **For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.** And they went to another village. *resolute-fixed and firm in purpose; determined. (Webster)

- To be humble like Jesus we are to be strong like Jesus in our resolve to be firm in purpose to do His will and not our own.

Luk 22:41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, **42** Saying, **Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done.** **43** And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven, **strengthening (Gk.1765-to invigorate) Him.**

- Jesus was about to withstand such cruelty that no man has even withstood and thus would have needed this angel's support to strengthen Him.

Mat 26:51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out *his* hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. **52** Then said Jesus unto him, **Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.** **53** **Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels?** **54** **But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?**

Bold:

Mat 21:12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, **13** And said unto them, **It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.**

Mat 26:63 But Jesus held His peace. And the high priest answered and said unto Him, I adjure Thee by the living God, that Thou tell us whether Thou be the Christ, the Son of God. **64** Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

- Knowing His answers determined His fate, Jesus did not shy away from stating Who He is. Our boldness then must come from being in Him.

Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: **12** **In Whom we have boldness** and access with **confidence** by the faith of Him (*the power of God, gospel*).

Yet compassionate:

Mat 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing** every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, **He was moved with compassion on them**, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith He unto His disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;** 38 **Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.**

Mar 9:20 And they brought him unto Him: and when He saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. 21 And He asked his father, **How long is it ago since this came unto him?** And he said, Of a child. 22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but **if Thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.** 23 Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.** 24 And straightway **the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help (Gk.997-relieve) thou mine unbelief (Gk.570-want of faith).** 25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, **Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.** 26 And *the spirit* cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. 27 But **Jesus took him by the hand**, and lifted him up; and he arose.

- We don't have the ability to do as Jesus did in this incident but do we see what compassion He had and how it had an affect on those who witnessed such care?

Suffering:

Heb 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man (*Gk.444-anthropos, human being*), that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: 8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we see not yet all things (*we have not been able to control our lust for sin*) put under him. 9 But we see Jesus, Who was made a little lower (*Gk.1642-to lessen[in rank or influence]*) than the angels for the **suffering of death**, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became Him, for Whom *are* all things, and by Whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

- Jesus' suffering not only rescued us from Hell but also rendered Satan of no further use (*as the destroyer- Ex 12:23; 1 Chr 21:15; Job 1,2; Ps 17:4; Pro 28:24; 1 Cor 10:10*).

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part (*Gk.3348-to share or participate*) of the same; **that through death** He might destroy (*Gk.2673-[render] entirely idle [useless]*) him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver (*Gk.525-change away, release, remove*) them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to

bondage. 16 For verily He took not on *him the nature of* angels; but He took on (*Gk.1949-to seize [for help]*) *Him* the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved (*Gk.3784-to be under obligation, be bound*) *Him* to be made like unto *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour (*Gk.997-aid or relieve*) them that are tempted.

Heb 10:3 But in those *sacrifices (animal)* there is a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. 4 For *it is not possible* that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a body hast Thou prepared Me: 6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin Thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God.

Isa 53:10 Yet **it pleased the LORD to bruise Him**; He hath put *Him* to grief: when Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed (*Heb.2233-fruit*), He shall prolong *His* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. 11 **He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied**: by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for **He shall bear their iniquities**.

Yet merciful:

Luk 23:34 Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do**. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots. 35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided *Him*, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God. 36 And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar, 37 And saying, If Thou be the king of the Jews, save Thyself.

Luk 23:40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with Me in paradise**.

Luk 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, **Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit**: and having said thus, He gave up the ghost. 47 Now **when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God**, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

And loved:

Mat 3:16 And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.

Joh 15:9 **As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love**.

Joh 16:27 For the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God.

- The way to a parent's heart can be sought through the way we treat their children.

Joh 17:26 And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

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- Humble yet Strong, Bold yet Compassionate, Suffering yet Merciful and Loved. Do we possess these attributes that belong to Jesus? If we do, then, we too are Christ-like and to be Christ-like we are also God-like. Therefore to see Jesus in us is to also see God in us.

Joh 14:8 Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open (*Gk.343-to unveil*) face **beholding as in a glass** (*Gk.2734-see reflected, mirror oneself*) **the glory of the Lord**, are **changed** (*Gk.3339-transformed*) **into the same image** (*Gk.1504-likeness*) from glory to glory, *even* as **by the Spirit of the Lord**.

*Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

- If you have seen me...have you seen Jesus?

Jas 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass (*Gk.2072-mirror, for looking into*): 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty (*love God, love your neighbor*), and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

- Mirror, mirror on the wall, do I see Jesus, do I see Him at all?

Hear: Romans 10:17 ..."faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: Heb 11:6 ..."for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: Lk 13:3 ..."except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: Mat 10:32 "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: Acts 2:38 ..."repent and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"...

Remain faithful: Rom 6:4 ..."even so we also should walk in newness of life."

That's how we see Jesus mirrored in our lives!

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