

We Become Great By Becoming Small

The loving Creator God is a very jealous God, this jealousy is a lover's jealousy.

Exodus 20:5 [Living Bible] *“You must never bow to an image or worship it in any way, for I the Lord your God, am very possessive. I will not share you affection with any other God.”*

As a faithful lover of humanity God rightly demands the faithfulness of His created beings.

James 4:1-6 [Living Bible] *“What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Isn't it because there is a whole army of evil desires within you? You want what you don't have, so you kill to get it. You long for what others have, and can't afford it, so you start a fight to take it away from them. And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it. And even when you do ask you don't get it because your whole aim is wrong, you want only what will give you pleasure. **You are like an unfaithful wife who loves her husband's enemies.** Don't you realise that making friends with God's enemies, the evil pleasures of this world, makes you an enemy of God? I say it again, that if your aim is to enjoy the evil pleasure of the unsaved world, you cannot also be a friend of God. Or what do you think the Scripture means when it says that **the Holy Spirit, whom God has placed within us, watches over us with tender jealousy?** But he gives us more and more strength to stand against all such evil longings. As the Scripture says, God gives strength to the humble, but sets himself against the proud and haughty.?”*

Our Creator God loves us as the perfect loving husband does his wife, but far better than any human husband can.

How has the Creator God shown this great love for humanity?

John 3:16-18 [Message Bible] *“This is how much God loves the world, He gave His Son, His One and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in Him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending His Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it is. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in Him is acquitted, anyone who refuses to trust Him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to Him.”*

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, willingly allowed Himself to be crucified and murdered by the humans He had created to express this love the Creator God has for us.

Philippians 2:5-9 [NIV] *“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself** and became obedient to death, even death on a cross! **Therefore God exalted him** to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,”*

Christ is the living example for us to follow.

1 Peter 5:5-7 [NIV] *“Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, **clothe yourselves with humility towards one another**, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” **Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.** Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”*

This jealous God does really love and care for us and desires to share eternity with all human beings.

We start this preparation to share eternity with our Holy, loving Creator God by humbly becoming small before this great God that He then can make us great.

Only the humble are completely sane, for they are the only ones who see clearly their own size and limitations.

Egotists see things out of focus, to themselves they are large and God is correspondingly small, and that is a kind of moral insanity.

A humble person evaluates everything correctly, and that makes them a wise person.

Humility pleases God wherever it is found, and the humble person will have God for their friend and helper always.