

Becoming Different I Part 2 of Different
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I. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" - Revelation 4:6-8

A. There are different responses that we can have in worship toward God when we catch a glimpse of what makes Him different.

1. We can dance, sing, lift our hands, bow down, shout, and much more. But, there is one act of worship that is uniquely human, and that is becoming what we see.

a) The angels can dance, sing, bow down, shout, and match any other outward expression of worship that we can, but what they can't do is become different as He is different.

B. "but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy (different) in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy (different), for I am holy (different)."' - 1 Peter 1:15-16

1. You and I have the unique privilege of worshipping God by becoming like Him!

a) How is this possible?

(1) We can become like Him, because we were created in His image!

(2) "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." - Genesis 1:27 NIV

b) No other being spiritual or biological carries the image of God.

(1) There are many things that speak or show of how different God is, but we are the only ones that do so by acting like Him.

C. This may seem like an intimidating thing, but to me it is the greatest adventure of christianity.

1. “For he knew all about us before we were born and he destined us from the beginning to share the likeness of his Son.” - Romans 8:29 TPT

- a) It is our destiny to be the kind of different that God is!
- b) But, how?

D. “And we all, with unveiled face, continually seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are progressively being transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord, [who is] the Spirit.” - 2 Corinthians 3:18 AMP

1. As we do what the angels do, constantly looking for what makes God different, we are become transformed into what we see.

- a) We see Him in the word, in prayer, and in His presence.
 - (1) The presence of God is a powerful place where His attributes are displayed and transferred to us.
 - (2) And, we must practically imitate what we see.

(a) Therefore become imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father] - Ephesians 5:1

E. Today I want to give you three practical ways of imitating God, and becoming different as He is different.

1. Become differs in serving.

**a) “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...”
- Mark 10:45**

(1) Here is a perfect example of how different our King Jesus is.

(a) Instead of coming into the world to be served He served.

(2) We can practically imitate our Father by serving.

(a) We can serve our families.

(b) We can serve our community.

(c) We can serve in here in the local church.

2. Become different in love.

a) **“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.” - Matthew 5:43-45**

(1) The love of God is so different from every other love in the world, that it literally calls us to love our enemies.

(a) This is what makes the sons and daughters of God different from the rest of the world.

(2) The practicality of this, is within the scripture itself.

(a) When you find yourself feeling attacked or angered by the actions of another pray for them, and speak blessings over them.

3. Become different in Fathering.

a) **"I will guide you in the way of wisdom and I will lead you in upright paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered, and when you run, you will not stumble." - Proverbs 4:11-12**

(1) Fathers, we have the unique privilege of showing the world and our children one of the most distinguishing qualities of our God.

(a) That is the quality of Him being Father.

(2) We get to lead our children as God leads us.

(3) We do this practically by leading intentionally.

(a) We have to look for the everyday moments to show our children how to live and be in relationship with God.