

Countenance – The Light of His Image pt.2

Countenance – refers to a person's face or facial expression, serving as a direct reflection of their inner emotions, character, or spiritual state.

- To understand this teaching, first you must understand that God is everything. He is the IAM that IAM
- He is the Lamb and the Lion
- He is the Judge and the convicted
- He is the bread of Life and the Living Water
- He is the beginning and the End. The Alpha & Omega

(John 1:1-5 nkjv)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not ^[a]comprehend it.

- Jesus is the word, he was there in the beginning and everything was created through him
- That's why I believe that the waters that was there in the beginning represents Jesus because out of the waters everything was created
- Man was created from the dust of the ground, and the herbs and trees came from the ground, and the earth came from the waters

(Genesis 1:6-10 nkjv)

⁶Then God said, “Let there be a ^[c]firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” ⁷Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so. ⁸And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

⁹Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear”; and it was so. ¹⁰And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was good*.

- So everything came from the waters. When Jesus came into the world the gospel of John referred him as the light of the world
- No one has seen God at anytime but only the begotten son, who has declared him or reveal him

(John 1:6-16 nkjv)

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That^[b] was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His ^[c]own, and His ^[d]own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the ^[e]right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ^[f]is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ”

¹⁶ ^[g]And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten ^[h]Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

- The bible says that John the baptist was sent by God to bear witness of that light.
- So if he is a witness then he must testify about the light
- Look what John says about the light and who he is

(John 1:29-31 nkjv)

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ³¹ I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.”

- John the Baptist is testifying that the light is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.
- That’s the first introduction he makes about Jesus when he sees him for the first time, declaring him as the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

Let’s Go deeper!

- How did John the Baptist know that. When did he get that revelation?
- I believe John got that revelation when he was in his mother’s womb because when Jesus’s mother Mary was pregnant with him, greeted John’s mother Elizabeth. John leap with Joy

(Luke 1:39-45 nkjv)

³⁹ Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ But why *is* this *granted* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed *is* she who ^[h]believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”

- Could it be possible that John the Baptist leap with joy when he was in his mothers womb because he knew that was the lamb of God that was slain before the foundation of the world
- Joy is the expression of salvation
- When David fell short, he asked for the joy of salvation to be restored

(Psalms 51:12 nlt)

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and make me willing to obey you.

- When you trust in the Lord you rejoice with a glorious inexpressible joy because your reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your soul

(1 Peter 1:8-9 nlt)

⁸You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. ⁹The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

- All through the bible you'll begin to see a theme about rejoicing and having joy.
- The Kingdom of God is of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit
(Romans 14:17)
- I believe John leaping for joy in his mother's womb was because he knew Jesus was the lamb that was slain before the foundation of the word
- Scientifically speaking Light travels faster than sound. In the natural John was older than Jesus estimated by 6 months
- But remember John was crying out "**He who comes after me ^[f]is preferred before me, for He was before me.**" v. 15
- So John who was sent by God as a witness to the Light to be the voice in the wilderness, **(Voice/Sound)**. **So when the voice or sound** Caught up to the light when he finally met Jesus. he declared and identified the light. The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

Sidenote:

The first 5 scriptures in genesis refers to the light

The first 5 scriptures in John also refers to the light

The number 5 represent Grace

Elizabeth name means – God is my oath or Gods promise

John name means – God is gracious or graced by God

Mary name means – Beloved, bitter or the star of the Sea

Jesus' name means – Yahweh is salvation or God saves

- So from the very beginning God promised his Grace from the Star of the sea that would bring Salvation (**Bright & Morning Star – Rev. 22:16 nlt**)
- John the Baptist preached repentance and baptism
- Repentance means – to change your mind, to turn away from sin
- And because he was to bear witness of the light he will speak truth. He began to expose darkness that he called out king Herod for marrying his brother wife
- He locked him up in prison and one day because of a vow king Herod made. John the Baptist was killed

(Mark 6:17-29 nlt)

¹⁷ For Herod had sent soldiers to arrest and imprison John as a favor to Herodias. She had been his brother Philip's wife, but Herod had married her. ¹⁸ John had been telling Herod, "It is against God's law for you to marry your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias bore a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But without Herod's approval she was powerless, ²⁰ for Herod respected John; and knowing that he was a good and holy man, he protected him. Herod was greatly disturbed whenever he talked with John, but even so, he liked to listen to him.

²¹ Herodias's chance finally came on Herod's birthday. He gave a party for his high government officials, army officers, and the leading citizens of Galilee. ²² Then his daughter, also named Herodias,^[f] came in and performed a dance that greatly pleased Herod and his guests. "Ask me for anything you like," the king said to the girl, "and I will give it to you." ²³ He even vowed, "I will give you whatever you ask, up to half my kingdom!"

²⁴ She went out and asked her mother, "What should I ask for?"

Her mother told her, "Ask for the head of John the Baptist!"

²⁵ So the girl hurried back to the king and told him, "I want the head of John the Baptist, right now, on a tray!"

²⁶ Then the king deeply regretted what he had said; but because of the vows he had made in front of his guests, he couldn't refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner to the prison to cut off John's head and bring it to him. The soldier beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a tray, and gave it to the girl, who took it to her mother. ²⁹ When John's disciples heard what had happened, they came to get his body and buried it in a tomb.

- out of all the ways you can die. I don't think it was a coincidence that Herodias wanted to behead John the Baptist
- because your head, face, your countenance will testify and be a witness to the light the image of the son