

Total Devotion to Jesus Part-3

“Total Devotion to Jesus” is a series dedicated to becoming more like Jesus, which brings glory to Him & eventually to us as well.

The Glory of Jesus Revealed

John 2:1-11 NKJV *“On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”*

*4. Jesus said to her, “Woman (TPT “My dear one”), what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.” 5. His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” (John 14:15 “If you **love** Me, [you will] keep my commandments.”) 6. Now there were six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. 7. Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them to the brim. 8. And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it. 9. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10. And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”*

*“This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His **glory***; and His disciples believed in Him.”*

* **SFLB WW** “Originally, **glory** meant an opinion or estimation in which one is held. Then the word came to denote the reputation, good standing, & esteem given to a person. It progressed to

honor or glory given to peoples, nations and individuals. The NT [Gk] “*doxa*” becomes splendor, radiance, and majesty centered in Jesus. Here (**John 2:11**) *doxa* is the majestic, absolute, perfection residing in Christ and evidenced by the miracles He performed.” **Jesus is in a class of glory all by Himself!**

Abraham’s Faith Gave Glory to God

Abraham gave glory to God, and we can do the same. **Rom. 4:19-22 NKJV** “*And not being weak in faith, he (Abraham) did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. 20. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving **glory** to God, 21. and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore it was accounted to him for righteousness.*”

Abraham: 1) did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief; **2)** he was strengthened in faith (**Rom. 10:17 AMPC** “*So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).*”; **3)** thus he gave **glory** to God; **4)** he was fully convinced that God was able to perform what He had promised Abe. **5)** So God put “rightstanding” in Abraham’s account in Heaven.

Believe in your heart on Jesus’ resurrection today, confess Him as your Lord with your mouth & be saved like Abraham was. Don’t be a doubter. God is able to perform what He promised us in Christ Jesus. **Give God the glory! Glory To God.**

Miracles Are for the Glory of God – So Believe

John 11:38-40 TPT “*Then Jesus, with intense emotions (NKJV “groaning”), came to the tomb [of Lazarus] – a cave with a*

stone placed over its entrance. **39.** Jesus told them, “Roll away the stone.” **Jesus just said the unthinkable in the mind of Martha, Lazarus’ sister! Natural mind – “No”, Spiritual – “Yes”!**

“Then Martha said, “But Lord, it’s been four days since he died – by now his body is decomposing!” **Don’t underestimate God!** **40.** Jesus looked at her and said, “Didn’t I tell you that if you will believe in Me, you will see God unveil His power (or “you would see the **glory** of God”).” **Are you needy? Believe God’s Word right now & see His glorious power unveiled in & through your life!**

Use Your Body for Holiness to Bring Glory to God

1 Cor. 6:15–20 TPT “Don’t you know that your bodies belong to Christ as His body parts? Should one presume to take the members of Christ’s body and make them into members of a harlot? Absolutely not! **16.** Aren’t you aware of the fact that when anyone sleeps with a prostitute, he becomes a part of her, and she becomes a part of him? For it has been declared (Gen.2:24): “The two become a single body.” **TPT note:** “Paul is teaching that sexual intercourse causes an interpersonal union that goes beyond the physical relationship.” **17.** But the one who joins himself to the Lord is mingled into one spirit with Him. **18.** This is why you must keep running away from sexual immorality. For every other sin a person commits is external to the body, but immorality involves sinning against your own body.

19. Have you forgotten that your body is now the sacred temple of the Spirit of Holiness, who lives in you? You don’t belong to yourself any longer, for the gift of God, the Holy Spirit (or “the in-you Holy Spirit”) lives inside your sanctuary (or “temple”). **20.** You were God’s expensive purchase, (Aramaic:) paid for with tears of blood, so by all means, then, use your body to bring **glory** to God.” **NKJV** “For you were

*bought at a price; therefore **glorify** God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."*

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O.T. Glory: Isaiah Chapter 60 – A New Day

TPT note: "Here Isaiah begins a new section in his masterpiece. The theme of these last seven chapters is "The Glorious New Day, corresponding to the Feast of Tabernacles. The Hebrew word for "**glory** " appears twenty-three times in chs. 60-66."

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Isa. 60:1-2 "*Arise (or "awake, rise up"), shine.*" **Becka Greenwood**

"Be set on fire in order to set people free!" "*For your light has come! And the **glory*** of the Lord is risen upon you. 2. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and **His glory*** will be seen upon you.*" ***SFLB WW** "Heb. *chabod*; Weightiness; that which is substantial or heavy; glory, honor, splendor, power, wealth, authority, magnificence, fame, dignity, riches and excellency. *Chabod* is **God's glory**, not only His honor, renown, and majesty, but also **His visible splendor**, which filled Solomon's temple & will someday fill the Earth."

Christian nations have often been the most blessed because of the liberty that the gospel brings vs. Socialist Communist nations.

Jesus' Glory, Including Authority, Becomes Ours

John 17:22 TPT "*For the very **glory** You have given to Me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy.*" **TPT note:** "It is important to note that **the key to unity among believers is experiencing the glory of God that Jesus has imparted to us.** As one with God through faith in Christ, **He shares His glory with us**, since we are not "*another*," but have been made one with the triune God through the blood of Jesus."

- **Jesus' glory transferred to us includes the authority of the believer over darkness** (Matt. 28:18-20 NKJV *"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20. teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."*). With authority comes responsibility. **Jesus' glory given to us undoes the confusion of Babel, thus bringing unity!**

- **God's Love for Jesus & Us Convinces the World**
John 17:23 TPT *"You [Father] live fully in Me and now I live fully in them so that they will **experience perfect unity** (Aramaic: "shrink into one"), & the world will be convinced that you have sent Me, for they [worldlings] will see that You love each one of them with the same passionate love that You have for Me."*

"You are God's Beloved Child"

How great is God's love (**Rom. 8:14-17 NKJV** *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17. and if children then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be **glorified together.**"*)!

Scripture indicates that, before God's children reach His glory, He often leads them through suffering.

- So, in consideration of that fact, let's resolve to give the Lord Jesus our **total devotion** without reservation, as much as we can by His grace, and trust Him to protect what we surrender to Him.