**Are We Giving God the Glory Due His Name?**

We sing songs giving God, giving Jesus, glory, honor and praise. We serve him diligently, yet we often fail to give Him the glory due his name. The Pharisees honored God with their mouths, yet the Bible says that their hearts were far from Him. The knowledge of their sin kept them distanced from God.

***Isaiah 29:13*** *Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:*

Isaiah felt the same way when he found himself in the presence of God. “Who am I in the presence of God?” **Isaiah 6:1-7** We often feel the same way even though we have been forgiven.

***Colossians 1:21*** *And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled*

***22*** *In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:*

Jesus died for our sins so that we could walk in our inheritance. **Psalms 106:4-5,20** He exchanged his life for ours and called us joint heirs. **Galatians 4:1-7**

Just what does that mean? Until we begin to understand what our inheritance involves, we have missed the whole point. Our hearts are still far from Him. God wants us to fully assume and walk in our inheritance. Until we do that, we are not really giving God the credit due his name. **James 3:9-10**

Jesus was the first-born among many brethren. He was appointed heir of all things. He was the express image of his father. **Hebrews 1:2-3** He was different than the angels. He inherited a more excellent name. He inherited all of the rights and privileges that go with being his Father’s son, including the throne.

***Hebrews 1:4*** *Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

***5*** *For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?*

***8*** *But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*

The angels were created to be ministering spirits that minister to the saints and to the father. They surround the throne and cry “Holy, holy, holy.” Yet, they were never created to inherit the things of the throne and of the kingdom. They are not heirs. **Hebrews 1:5,713-14**

Mankind was created to be an heir. **Genesis 1:26-28** The position has been secured for us by Jesus. Jesus shared His glory with us and is not ashamed to call us brothers. **Hebrews 2:9-12** Can you picture yourself seated in heavenly places sharing the Father’s glory and honor that Jesus did? **Ephesians 2:5-6**

If you can’t, then you are not fully receiving the position Jesus secured for you. **John 1:12-13,16** For the most part, we agree that Jesus died for our sins, but we have never dared to fully assume our position as a joint heir. We have almost adopted the position of angels. We give Him glory and honor and we work for the kingdom, but we can not picture ourselves seated in heavenly places occupying the throne.

***Psalms 100:4*** *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*

***Psalms 96:8*** *Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.*

Unless we see that we have been filled with the same honor, glory and power that Jesus was filled with, we are only paying God lip service!

God won’t share his glory with anyone. He is the only one that can provide the quality of life that he intended for his children to have. He won’t share his position as provider. But, as a father, he is willing to share everything that he has with his children. He supplies us with his fullness. Don’t miss it! Take your rightful position as a son and joint heir. Jesus did!

Satan is an angel of light who tried to wrongfully assume a position outside of his inheritance. We are sons entitled to our inheritance. It can’t be assumed outside of our relationship with God. Am I saying that we are God? No, Satan said that and it cost him. **Isaiah 14:12-15**

We are one with God. If we try to assume the position outside of being one with him, then we are exalting ourselves above God.