

Crowned With Dignity and Worth 1

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Until you determine the value of a given thing, you don't know how to treat it.

How does God determine your worth to Him?

Most of us fear the **evaluation or judgment of God**.

Is God's relationship on us based upon **His judgment**?

- Yes – Sin had to be judged
- No – Jesus bore my judgment

James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all **without finding fault**, and it will be given to him. *NIV*

- Has your heart been **established** in the truth that God is not on a **fault finding** mission toward you?
- Wherever you find your dignity and worth will ultimately become your Lord.
- God has put the desire for value, dignity, esteem, and worth into the heart of mankind.
- The need to have value, esteem, dignity, and worth are at the basis all human behavior.
- If you don't have it, you will do anything to get it.
- We are created by God to seek pleasure and avoid pain.

As long as you believe that serving God is painful and sin is pleasurable, you will never serve God.

Psalm 8:3-6 – ³ When I look up into the night skies and see the work of your fingers-the moon and the stars you have made ⁴ **what is man that you are mindful of him**, the son of man that you care for and visit him? ⁵ You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings (*elohiyim*) and **crowned him with glory and honor and dignity and worth**. ⁶ You made him to **have dominion** over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:

Isaiah 40:12 – **He measures the heavens with the span of his hands.**

When I consider the heavens, what is man?

God crowned us with **glory, honor, dignity, and worth** in the beginning.

Genesis 2:25 - And Adam and Eve were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

What were they clothed with?

Genesis 3:6-10 – ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and **made themselves coverings**. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and **I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.**"

Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned, and come **short of the glory of God**.

John 17:20-24 – ²⁰ I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And **the glory (magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, worth and grace)** which **You gave Me I have given them**, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and **have loved them as You have loved Me**.