

The Pride of the Holy Spirit

...parents are the pride of their children.¹

If the Holy Spirit is the Father of our spirits, for by Him we are born again, then should He not be our pride? As the only commandment of the law that causes a blessing says, "Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you,"² then should not that apply to Him who gave us the command?

Honour can be spoken of in so many ways – love, respect, worship – but pride is rarely associated with honour because virtually all use of the word 'pride' in the Bible pride is spoken of in the negative.

For one thing we know it is the sin of Satan and as the Lord has said, "...I hate pride and arrogance, evil behaviour and perverse speech,"³ and of course we are taught and reminded to be humble and have humility. However, it is not the pride of the world that we are speaking of, but rather, the pride of a father for a son and a son for his father. If you really have learned to listen, you might hear it in the Father's voice when He first said to Jesus, "You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased,"⁴ and later on that glory filled mountain when He spoke from the cloud, "This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!"⁵ Listen and hear if you can... not just the love the Father has for Jesus, but the pride He has for Him, His Son, and again at the temple when the voice of the Father responded to the Lord's request, "Father, glorify Your Name!" and the reply came, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."⁶

And when you have read in the places where Jesus mentioned His Father, do you think He spoke of His Father apologetically and ashamedly, or rather, with more than love, respect and worship, but also with pride? Can you hear how proud Jesus was when He said to the Jews who were persecuting Him for healing on the Sabbath, "My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I, too, am working"?⁷

When you learn to be proud of your God and your Father, you will be able to hear the pride with which Jesus spoke of His Father, and suddenly it is as if Jesus was boasting, yes, boasting of His Father. Can you hear it, elect? Listen... "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from Heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true Bread from Heaven."⁸ Did you hear it, elect... how the Father is the pride of the Son and the Son is the pride of the Father?

Now consider then how proud They are of the Holy Spirit and in turn how proud the Holy Spirit is of Them. For one, the Holy Spirit never draws His elect from outside of those called and chosen by the Father and Son, as if to say how proud He is of Their choice of believers and disciples. Neither does the Spirit speak on His own, but only says what He hears, that is to say, the Spirit's pride of the words of the Father and Son is such that all He ever does is to repeat them; nor does He tire of them. That is why you will never find the Holy Spirit reminding you of anyone else's words except Jesus'. Neither will He help you practise someone else's words except Jesus', nor guide you into anyone else's truth except Jesus', or reveal anything about anyone else except Jesus. He is that separated, set aside, set apart, for Jesus and the Father, which is why He is indeed the Holy Spirit. Yet He is set apart not just because of love, respect and honour, but for far more than that. He has set Himself apart for the Father and Son for Their ways and Their words because He is proud of Them. So proud that He makes Himself one with Them so that now when you understand God's pride for God, you can see when the Lord said, "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are One,"⁹ that these were words spoken with pride.

When you understand this intonation of pride that came through the Lord's words for His Father, you will see why the pharisees and Sanhedrin hated Him without reason. For when Jesus first began His ministry, He did not attack them like John the Baptist did... but rather, He allowed them to be in His presence. It was not Jesus out to curse them or persecute them; it was Jesus revealing to them His Father... the Father He is so proud of that everyone should hear something about Him. And if they were interested,

¹ Proverbs 17.6

² Exodus 20.12

³ Proverbs 8.13

⁴ Luke 3.22

⁵ Matthew 17.5; Mark 9.7; Luke 9.35

⁶ John 12.28

⁷ John 5.17

⁸ John 6.32

⁹ John 10.29-30

He would then reveal some more, which is why He said, "No one comes to the Father except through Me."¹⁰

Indeed, Jesus was not there to condemn them, but rather, He came to reveal His Father who is their God in all His mercy, compassion and goodness so that Israel might be proud of their God, not their religion, and see the Father. So proud is Jesus of His Father that when He was called, "Good Teacher..."¹¹ He replied, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good—except God alone."¹² He was not even interested in answering the rich ruler's question, but first placed His Father above Himself.

Now, elect, can you begin to fathom how proud the Holy Spirit is of the Father and Jesus... He who will not speak on His own, but only what He hears? Proud enough of Them who sent Him not to mind the disobedience, ignorance and arrogance of individuals and denominations so that the words of Jesus are still confirmed and the church founded by Christ still exists to be the world's largest religion. His love for the Father and Son has caused Him to be patient and to bear with us as we went our own various ways with our own plans like the twelve deciding to go to Capernaum instead of obeying the Lord and going to Bethsaida.

However, elect, if there is someone you need to fear, He is the One who is patient but yet proud of the Ones He is patient for. For even as He watches the words of Jesus cast aside in the churches that bear Jesus' Name, there rises in Him the fury of One who will seek vengeance for the One and Ones He not only loves, but is passionately proud of. As He has said, "Have I not kept this in reserve and sealed it in My vaults? It is Mine to avenge; I will repay."¹³ What is this reserve that He spoke of? What is this that is sealed in His vaults hidden as it were among His many folds, for He is the sevenfold Spirit of God? It is but His pride... His pride for the Father and Jesus whom He loves without limit.

So what is the work to which His elect are called? Firstly, He has and will continue to raise up one and ones who believe in every word of Jesus and will practise them unashamedly before all to see so that those who are ashamed of the words of Jesus are put to shame, and their works and words of substitution, even if it is trans-substitution as some have made up in the delusions of their hearts, are brought to nothing publicly. So He will convict of sin all who have not believed in Jesus, not only of His Sonship, but in the truth of His words. Like the virgins without spare oil, situations will be unleashed on those who care for the words of men more than the words of Jesus... situations they cannot conjure away with their knowledge, wisdom and witchcraft (divination).

But now, elect, if you have caught the Spirit's pride for Jesus and the Father... elect, join me for a moment and watch... watch in silence and awe at the pride of the Spirit for your God and your Father, and see His humility as He pours Himself out unceasingly without limit in Their service.

Now if you want to see the Holy Spirit... if you have ever wanted to see the face of the Holy Spirit, see His pride. When you can see and understand just how proud the Holy Spirit is of Jesus, then and only then will you see Him and know from where He came and where He is going, even if He makes Himself like the wind. Jesus said, "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."¹⁴ But until you understand the spirit, the attitude, of the Holy Spirit to the Father and Son is one of unashamed consuming boisterous pride to glorify Them again and again, you have not been birthed with His Spirit. You may be born again, you may speak in tongues, and have all wisdom and knowledge and power as Paul said, and you may even have love so that you are not a resounding gong... but now go beyond Paul and reach out to where Jesus is. Unless you have pride in the Ones you say you love, then you have never begun to understand the Spirit of God, and to you He will remain a mystery like the wind's path is a mystery.

If you are proud of someone, you value not only him but also his gifts. Indeed, the gift of tongues, that first gift, which the Holy Spirit graced the church of Jesus Christ with, reveals a person's heart for the Holy Spirit. If you will not use the gift, believe for the gift, see the value or need for this first gift, then no matter how much you say you honour the Holy Spirit, you are lying. Even if you have the gift but do not display it, or when you do, you display it with apologies or with such amateurism that it is mocked by unbelievers, then you may love the Holy Spirit, but in truth, you are not proud of Him. But when you will speak with Him in His languages until they all flow out of you without limit in all eloquence, grandeur and sophistication as well as authority and complexity, then you have shown your pride in Him. Pride, elect, the pride of the Holy Spirit. Beyond love there is pride... pride for the One you love.

¹⁰ John 14.6

¹¹ Luke 18.18

¹² Luke 18.19

¹³ Deuteronomy 32.34

¹⁴ John 3.6

As such, elect, you obey the Father not because you have to and not because you love to, but because you are proud to. You listen to Jesus, practise His words and seek to bear witness to all of them in their truth because you are proud to... proud to because you are proud of Him and His Father who is also your Father. If there is anything you must now impart to the believers and disciples, it is your pride with which you listen to and practise the words of Jesus.

And you serve the Holy Spirit as His elect because you are proud of Him... proud of the way He is ever at work for Jesus... so proud that through practice you excel in all His gifts and His fruits. This pride, this holy pride, this sacred pride, that no pigs or dogs can ever appreciate – for indeed, when the dogs see this pride they will turn on you – is your privilege, elect. **It is privilege unto you to be proud of Him who elected you. So be proud.**

If God honours the one who honours Him, what awaits the one who is proud of God? Be proud, elect, be filled with the Spirit of Pride and bear witness to what God has prepared for those who are proud of Him, and you too will be the pride of the Holy Spirit.