

WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM

The Destiny of the Sons of God

Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why

INTRODUCTION

One of the greatest mysteries revealed in Scripture is the destiny of the sons of God.

Many believers understand forgiveness of sins, but few stop to consider the question:

What does it mean that we are the children of God?

The Scriptures teach that the overcomers will become like Messiah. They will inherit glory, immortality, incorruption, and the divine nature. The basis of this transformation is not merely resurrection. The basis is sonship.

A human father produces human children.

If YAH is our Father, what is the final destiny of His children?

This lesson examines that question from the Scriptures.

WHO SHALL BECOME LIKE HIM?

The promise belongs to the children of God.

Adam Was Called the Son of God

Luke 3:38 (KJV)

"Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God."

Adam is called the son of God.

The concept of sonship begins at creation.

Those Born of God Become Sons of God

John 1:12-13 (KJV)

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Notice the language.

The saints are not merely followers of God.

They are born of God.

The Saints Are Already Sons of God

1 John 3:1-2 (KJV)

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Notice carefully:

John says:

"Now are we the sons of God."

The sonship exists now.

The future transformation concerns what those sons ultimately become.

The Spirit Bears Witness That We Are Children

Romans 8:14-17 (KJV)

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

The children are heirs.

The heirs inherit.

WHAT SHALL WE BECOME?

The answer begins with understanding inheritance.

Children Inherit the Nature of Their Father

A human father produces human children.

A sheep produces sheep.

A bird produces birds.

The offspring inherit the nature of the parent.

Therefore the question becomes:

If YAH is our Father, what shall His children inherit?

We Shall Be Like Him

1 John 3:2 (KJV)

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

John does not merely say we will admire Him.

John says:

"We shall be like him."

We Shall Bear the Image of the Heavenly

1 Corinthians 15:47-49 (KJV)

"The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

Today we bear Adam's image.

Tomorrow we shall bear Messiah's image.

We Shall Be Conformed to His Image

Romans 8:29 (KJV)

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Messiah is called the firstborn among many brethren.

The brethren are conformed to His image.

We Shall Be Partakers of the Divine Nature

2 Peter 1:3-4 (KJV)

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Peter says the saints become:

"partakers of the divine nature."

We Shall Receive Immortality

1 Corinthians 15:53-54 (KJV)

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."

The children of God inherit immortality.

We Shall Receive Glory

Romans 8:17 (KJV)

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

John 17:22 (KJV)

"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:"

We Shall Be Called Gods

Psalms 82:6 (KJV)

"I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High."

Notice the connection:

"gods"

and

"children of the most High"

appear in the same verse.

John 10:34-36 (KJV)

"Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?"

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"

Messiah affirms Psalm 82.

HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?

The pattern is first shown in Messiah.

Messiah Was in the Form of God

Philippians 2:5-8 (KJV)

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

The movement shown in Messiah is:

Form of God → Likeness of Men

The Overcomer Experiences the Opposite Movement

The saints begin in the likeness of men.

The promise is that they become like Him.

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1 John 3:2 (KJV)

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

The pattern becomes:

Likeness of Men → Likeness of God

Through the Spirit

Romans 8:11 (KJV)

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

WHEN DOES THIS OCCUR?

1 John 3:2 (KJV)

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

It happens when He appears.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (KJV)

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

Colossians 3:4 (KJV)

"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

WHERE DOES THIS OCCUR?

Philippians 3:20-21 (KJV)

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

Revelation 5:9-10 (KJV)

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 22:3-5 (KJV)

"And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light:

And they shall reign for ever and ever."

WHY IS YAH DOING THIS?

To Produce Many Brethren Like Messiah

Romans 8:29 (KJV)

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

To Manifest the Sons of God

Romans 8:19 (KJV)

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

Creation is waiting for this event.

To Fulfill the Original Purpose

Genesis 1:26-27 (KJV)

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

The image begun in creation reaches its fulfillment in glorification.

DOES THIS MAKE THE SAINTS THE MOST HIGH?

No.

This lesson teaches that the saints become like God because they are the children of God.

It does not teach that they become the Most High.

Psalm 83:18 (KJV)

"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth."

There is only one Most High.

Revelation 21:7 (KJV)

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

The son inherits from the Father.

The Father remains the Father.

1 Corinthians 15:28 (KJV)

"And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."

Order remains.

Authority remains.

The Most High remains the Most High.

CONCLUSION

The central doctrine is sonship.

- Adam was called the son of God.
- The saints are born of God.
- The saints are children of God.
- The saints are heirs of God.
- The saints partake of the divine nature.
- The saints bear the heavenly image.
- The saints receive immortality.
- The saints receive glory.
- The saints reign with Messiah.
- The saints become like Him.

Why?

Because children inherit the nature of their father.

If YAH is our Father, and we are truly His sons, then the final destiny of the overcomer is to share His nature, glory, immortality, and likeness.

Therefore:

1 John 3:2 (KJV)

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

The overcomer becomes like God because he is a son of God, while YAH remains forever the one and only Most High over all.

PART 2

Go to the Ant, Thou Son of God

Learning the Mind of the Body from the Ant Colony

Foundational Scripture

Proverbs 6:6-8 (KJV)

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."

Most people read this passage as a lesson about hard work. While that is certainly true, the command is deeper:

"Consider her ways, and be wise."

YAH is telling us not merely to look at the ant, but to study how it functions.

The ant is one of the greatest examples in creation of many individuals functioning as one organism.

Today scientists call an ant colony a **superorganism** because thousands or millions of individual ants operate together as if they were one living body.

This should immediately remind us of the calling of the sons of God.

The Sons of God Are Called to Become One Body

Romans 8:14 (KJV)

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

The goal of the sons of God is not merely individual salvation.

The goal is to become one body under one Head.

1 Corinthians 12:12 (KJV)

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."

Just as the ant colony contains many ants yet functions as one organism, the body of Christ contains many members yet is intended to function as one body.

The Ant Has No Visible Ruler

Proverbs 6:7 (KJV)

"Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,"

The ant does not require a supervisor standing over it every minute.

The colony is governed by a common purpose.

Likewise the sons of God are not to be driven by constant external force.

They are to be governed internally by the Spirit of YAH.

Jeremiah 31:33 (KJV)

"I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts."

The mature son obeys because the law of YAH is within him.

The Ant Works for the Colony, Not Itself

An ant does not wake up asking:

"What can I do for myself today?"

Everything it does benefits the entire colony.

Likewise:

Philippians 2:3-4 (KJV)

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

The carnal mind seeks its own benefit.

The mind of Christ seeks the benefit of the whole body.

Let This Mind Be In You

Philippians 2:5 (KJV)

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:"

The Greek concept here is the way one thinks.

Christ thought differently than the world.

His entire life was devoted to the Father's purpose.

Likewise every ant serves the colony's purpose.

The son of God serves the purpose of YAH.

The Body Must Become One Mind

Philippians 2:2 (KJV)

"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

Paul's vision was not millions of believers each doing whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

His vision was one body.

One purpose.

One doctrine.

One Spirit.

One mind.

Just as the ant colony moves together toward a common objective, the sons of God are called into unity.

One Heart and One Soul

Acts 4:32 (KJV)

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul."

Notice this was not two people.

This was a multitude.

Yet Scripture describes them as possessing:

- One heart
- One soul

This resembles the superorganism concept found in the ant colony.

Many members.

One life.

One purpose.

One mind.

The Son Learns His Place in the Body

Not every ant performs the same task.

Some gather food.

Some defend.

Some build.

Some care for the young.

Yet all contribute to the same organism.

Likewise:

1 Corinthians 12:18 (KJV)

"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."

Every son has a role.

Every member has a purpose.

The eye is not the hand.

The hand is not the foot.

Yet all serve one body.

Division Is Contrary to the Mind of God

When ants become confused and cease cooperating, the colony dies.

Likewise division destroys the body.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (KJV)

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you."

Satan seeks fragmentation.

YAH seeks unity.

The Kingdom is built upon one mind.

The Ultimate Goal of the Sons of God

The purpose of sonship is not merely individual perfection.

The purpose is a family that reflects the nature of the Father.

1 John 3:2 (KJV)

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him..."

A colony of ants operates as one organism.

The sons of God are being transformed into something far greater:

A body of glorified sons who share the mind, character, nature, purpose, and will of their Father.

Conclusion

When Solomon said:

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise."

The lesson is not only diligence.

The ant reveals a mystery:

- Many functioning as one.
- Individual members serving a common purpose.
- Labor without selfish ambition.
- Unity without coercion.
- One life expressed through many members.

This is the calling of the sons of God.

Ephesians 4:13 (KJV)

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

The ant colony is a shadow in creation.

The perfected body of the sons of God is the reality toward which YAH is working—a people who are of **one heart, one soul, one Spirit, and one mind**, fully submitted to the Father and functioning together as one living body under Christ the Head.

FINAL EXHORTATION: THE HOUR OF SONSHIP IS NOW

Brethren, the command was never merely:

"Go to the ant and work hard."

The command was:

"Consider her ways, and be wise."

The ant has no ambition for itself.

The ant has no private kingdom.

The ant does not compete against the colony.

The ant does not seek its own glory.

Every thought, every labor, every sacrifice serves the life of the whole body.

Yet among men, everyone wants to be first.

Everyone wants recognition.

Everyone wants authority.

Everyone wants their own doctrine.

Everyone wants their own kingdom.

But the sons of God are called to something higher.

The Father is not building a collection of individuals.

He is building **a body**.

He is forming **a family**.

He is creating **a nation of kings and priests**.

He is bringing forth **many sons unto glory**.

The question is not:

"What can the body do for me?"

The question is:

"What can I do for the body?"

The question is not:

"What is my position?"

The question is:

"How can I fulfill my purpose?"

The question is not:

"How can I be served?"

The question is:

"How can I serve?"

The ant colony survives because every ant knows its purpose.

The Body of Christ will reach perfection when every son learns his place and submits to the purpose of the Father.

THE CALL TO ACTION

Therefore, I challenge every son and daughter of YAH:

Examine yourself.

Ask yourself:

- Am I building the Kingdom or my own kingdom?
- Am I seeking unity or creating division?
- Am I serving the body or serving myself?
- Am I walking in the mind of Christ or the mind of this world?
- Am I laboring for the harvest or sleeping through it?

The hour is too late for spiritual spectators.

The hour is too late for lukewarm religion.

The hour is too late for division, pride, envy, and selfish ambition.

Creation is waiting.

Romans 8:19 (KJV)

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

The earth is not waiting for another denomination.

The earth is not waiting for another movement.

The earth is waiting for the manifestation of a people who are of **one heart, one soul, one Spirit, and one mind.**

A people who have learned the lesson of the ant.

A people who have learned the mind of Christ.

A people who have become one living body under one Head.

Therefore:

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:"

And:

Ephesians 4:13 (KJV)

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Go to the ant. Consider her ways. Be wise.

For the ant is a witness in creation that many can become one.

But the sons of God are called to something far greater:

To become one body, one family, one kingdom, one mind, and one spirit under YAH forever.

The time for preparation is over. The time for manifestation is at hand. Let every son of God find his place in the body, take up his labor, and work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Amen.