

## Called to Reign

### Lesson 2

### **“The Blueprint”**

Too many of God’s own people see God as angry, stern, harsh and authoritative who is focused on our faults and failures.

We are comfortable with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, but our view of God as The Father who turns us away when we fail to measure up is the common view.

When we have that perspective of Father God, it’s like we feel we have to clean ourselves up before we take a bath.

If we were able to get everything in order in our lives, then the Father would be able to turn back towards us.

Our view of sin in our lives hinders our intimacy with Him.

That may seem spiritual, but it really leads to a self-centered way of life.

Everything is focused on “me and how well I did/do.”

- When we are focused on self that way; your life becomes centered on what you can and cannot do.
- You feel as if you have to perform to become a mature son or daughter; not as though you already are one.
- When you live this way; you are denying what God has already said about you.

Rom. 5:8 “But God [our Father] commends/shows/reveals His love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

- Just as before Jesus ever did ministry and the Father gave Him His approval, so we have His approval before we came to His love and have done anything.

The question of “Who am I?” must always begin with our view of God as our Father.

- We will only realize who we are by realizing who HE is and how He sees us.
- It’s like the Father says to us when we fall short: “My son/daughter, do you realize when you sin, you are actually turning away from Me, and it’s Me who is standing there with open arms to receive you? I should be the safest place for you, even in your worst moments. When children fall, don’t you want to help them feel comfortable enough and come to you for help?”
- We miss many moments of enjoying the Fathers love by running away from Him instead of running towards Him.

- When we operate from the orphan spirit, we miss His love for us.
- We do things to have something, and hoping to have something, to become something.
- From last week, we learned that was backwards from the relationship the Lord wants us to have with Him.
- By being his son/daughter, we are something and we have everything in Him and that makes us something. PERIOD!

We have to go back to the beginning to understand the way we were meant to be. Go back and see the original blueprint the Father has for our relation with Him.

**Before the Beginning:** The culture of heaven is our template for love and interdependence vs. independence.

All the way back to eternity past, you find a Father, a Son, and a Spirit.

- They are three but completely one. **Tri** [three] in **Unity** [One] = **Trinity**.
- In the beginning God... the Word begins with God in the beginning and end with God.
- In Genesis, it talks about a God named Elohim = a plural noun.
- The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit were a family.
- An amazing equal relationship with no competition between them.
- They are the prototype of love and honor.
- They point to One another in a covenant of love – completely united with one another.

This pattern is important because this is the blueprint of God's family and how it is designed to work.

- Everything in God's Kingdom is relational.
- If we create our own blueprints from an unhealthy worldview of our Father, we end up making Him in our own image and we ask Him to bless what we are doing rather than what He is blessing.
- Self will be the center.
- We turn what is supposed to be a family atmosphere into a matter of principles and productivity = religion.

**Rom 1:18-32** the fate of those who create their own blueprint and depart from the ways of the Lord.

When we make our template like heaven, we see what the culture of love and honor looks like and how selfless it is.

- What it's not like to compete and compare ourselves with one another, but to complete and complement one another.
- This is the blueprint for covenant and the Kingdom family and a picture of what God wants to accomplish on earth.

**The Truth Deficiency:** A truth deficiency led to a love deficiency, which becomes a blessing deficiency.

Lucifer, who is believed to be the Angel of Worship around the Throne of God in the beginning; was bright and prominent and reflected the Glory of the Lord. He was created to appreciate God's "WOWC" effect.

- Father God loved Lucifer because God is love.
- Lucifer fell from heaven and became the deceiver because he did not love himself the way God loved him.
- He did not join in the culture of the Father, Son and Spirit who could each point to one another as most valued and most beautiful
- Lucifer decided to become like the Father, Son and Spirit and he would feel better about himself.
- His distorted sense of identity intervened and caused his fall – Isa. 14:12-14.
- It started with a truth deficiency, which led to a love deficiency, which eventually became a blessing deficiency.
- His truth deficiency was his desire to be equal to the Most High.  
“Why are You God and I’m just the worship leader?  
We don’t see this identity crisis with Jesus in the Gospels.  
“Why am I just a Son while you are the Father?”  
Jesus was completely secure.

Lucifer had an issue with his identity and was insecure, wanting to be like God, to sit on the throne.

Because he didn't see himself the way the Father saw and loved him, he left the family. He seemed to think: “If I do something, then I'll have something and then I can be something.”

**III** which is the focus that has led to the world system we live in today.

Because of this root identity issue, Lucifer was not one with the Father.

He broke covenant, he violated the family culture.

He left in rebellion and persuaded 1/3 of the angels to go with him.

They no longer have a home or a father.

They have no place of security or affirmation, no experience of perfect love, no sense of value.

THEY ARE ORPHANS

### **The Identity Thief:**

Gen. 3 tells the story of the fallen devil with his orphan spirit coming to Adam and Eve in the body of the serpent causing them to question the nature of God.

- V. 2-            “Did God really say, you must not eat from all the trees of the garden?  
V. 4- 5           “The serpent said to the woman, you most assuredly won’t die.  
                    For God knows that when you eat of it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
  
- The enemy was really questioning:
  - Is God really good, and are you really good enough?
  - He intimated that God was deceiving them, and if they ate from the forbidden tree, they would actually become like God Himself.
  - If you do, you will have, and then you will become.”
  - He inverted the order of their identity and inheritance.
  - He is still working this lie on us today.

### **The Age – Old Lie:**

- You can become something by doing something
- You aren’t really who God says you are until you strive for it and achieve it.
- You can become something better than what God says you are.

Eve stepped out of her agreement/covenant with what the Father had said.

- She broke her unity with Him; they were no longer one.
- The irony of all of this is that the enemy tempted her with something she already had – God likeness.
- He suggested God was withholding something from His son and daughter, even though they were already made in His image.
- They couldn’t become more like Him than when they were created in His image.

- The orphan spirit always feels insufficient and thinks that something more must be done.
- The enemy tempted Eve with an orphan spirit because that is what he was living in.

As soon as Adam and Eve heeded the enemy's voice, the world became an orphanage and began seeking identity in things other than God.

In Adam, we all have believed the lie that there is a higher or better identity than being a son or daughter of the Most High. But there isn't.

That is our identity and everything else becomes our assignment.

### **Eden's Design:**

Gen. 1:27 "Let US make man in our own image, according to our likeness."

- "Let US... because He wanted to create what He had in heaven – a holy family, a prototype of fellowship that loves like the Father, Son and Spirit love, honors the way they honor and celebrates uniqueness but also unity.
- Adam's original design and condition was to be in the image of God, in the presence and love of God, in face to face relationship with God, full of God's breath, and living in a place of God's pleasure.

This is important to understand because this is the position the Father has for us.

- The first full day of Adam's existence was the 7<sup>th</sup> day of God's creation – a day of rest.
- Adam began his existence not in a place of doing or having but simply in a place of being.
- Adam began in a resting place.

### **Eden's Blueprint:**

- The way God's Kingdom work is that what you have received you can be; what you have become, you can multiply; and what you multiply, you can have dominion over.
- You have authority over what you become and over what you love.
- Because you receive, you become, and because you become, you can multiply and have authority.

The religious mind does not understand this place of glory.  
Religion focuses on the failure of human beings rather than on the faithfulness of God.  
It highlights sin and how all of us have fallen short of glory.  
But there is something glorious in each one of us.  
That's the starting point.  
Sin made us fall short of the glory we were designed to express and experience, but that's why Jesus came – to restore us back to glory.

**We are not human doings – we are human beings!**

The Tower of Babel's attempt was man trying to build something to have something to make him something.  
We all have our temptations to do the same.

This is what religion tries to do, build its towers to man's greatness.  
But it will never work, because it is not built on the proper blueprint.

It does not grasp our foundational identity as sons and daughters of God who already experience His pleasure before ever doing anything good or bad.

God told them and us to “Be fruitful and multiply, not Do fruitful things.”  
The first assignment was and is to “BE.”

**The curse of the orphan spirit will be broken when the fatherless spirit is undone and hearts are restored back to their Father in the identity and intimacy of the resting place.**