

Destined for Dignity

The Bible says that we are fearfully and wonderfully made Psalm 139

Psalms 139:14 (TPT) I thank you, God, for making me so mysteriously complex! Everything you do is marvelously breathtaking. It simply amazes me to think about it! How thoroughly you know me, Lord!

One scholar wrote that if you could see a departed saint immediately after their “death” you would see a being of such glory, goodness and brilliance that you would instinctively bow down to worship.

God did not create us as trash, as cosmic playthings preordained for torment and pain.

He created us marvelously breathtaking.

Disobedience brought sin, sin brought disease, pain and tragedy.

Most people define themselves according to those moments of pain, tragedy and disease.

Meaning most of us, even the redeemed define ourselves through the prism of sin.

But God has never changed HIS opinion of you and HE wants you, needs you to define yourself according to promise, potential and power.

Title of Today’s message: Destined for Dignity.

Destine = to decree beforehand, to assign or designate

Dignity = to be worthy, hold high rank, esteemed and honored.

Dignify = to change a persons name, appearance, or character to reflect dignity.

How this message came to me. God sd, “pray for the restoration of his dignity.”

*Redefine Words
Redefine Culture*

God’s place for man in creation was a place of dignity

Psalms 8:1-9 (NLT) For the choir director: A psalm of David, to be accompanied by a stringed instrument. O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens. [2] You have

taught children and infants to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you. [3] When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place— [4] what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? [5] Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. [6] You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority— [7] the flocks and the herds and all the wild animals, [8] the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that swims the ocean currents. [9] O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

I want to speak to you today about dignity. Man was created for dignity. You were created to live life as a dignitary.

Who or what is a dignitary? One who possess exalted rank.

To understand who you are, we need to understand who Adam was.

Gen 1:26 NAS

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;

Image = representation, mirror represents you

Likeness = physical appearance.

John 14:8-10 NAS

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Col 1:15 NAS

15 And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation.

Heb 1:3 NAS

3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

All that Jesus was; is what man was created to be.

Jesus is God's idea of what man was & is meant to be.

All that Jesus was we are through him.

I am convinced that most people will come to the level of the Father's purpose if they know how.

- We were not created for misery but for joy
- We were not created for defeat but for victory
- We were not created for ashes but for Beauty
- We were not created for the devil but for and by GOD!

Each of us will walk through the valley of death but we were not created for that low place. We were created for High places.

Seated with Christ

Reigning with Christ

Living in Christ.

Christianity is not a faith focused on a cross. Christianity is a faith focused on Resurrection. Our emblem is an empty tomb

Our Savior is a champion and even as HE is so are we in this world.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 (TPT) For it is written: The first man, Adam, became a living soul. The last Adam became the life-giving Spirit. [46] However, the spiritual didn't come first. The natural precedes the spiritual. [47] The first man was from the dust of the earth; the second Man is the Lord Jehovah, from the realm of heaven. [48] The first one, made from dust, has a race of people just like him, who are also made from dust. The One sent from heaven has a race of heavenly people who are just like him. [49] Once we carried the likeness of the man of dust, but now **let us carry the likeness of the Man of heaven.**

We have already read that when God created man He created man just a little lower than Himself.

Eccl 3:11-12 TLB

11 Everything is appropriate in its own time. But though God has planted eternity in the hearts of men, even so, many cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

In order for man to communicate with God he had to see like God, think like God and understand like God.

God is eternal. He works for eternal projects. He sees with eternal eyes.

When you understand that you live in eternity – moments can no longer frustrate you.

Defeat is a mirage. Its not real. Its only an illusion

1 John 5:4-5 (TPT) You see, every child of God overcomes the world, for our faith is the victorious power that triumphs over the world. [5] So who are the world conquerors, defeating its power? Those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Psalms 21:4-6 (TPT) He wanted resurrection—you have given it to him and more! The days of his blessing stretch on one after another, forever! [5] You have honored him and made him famous. Glory garments are upon him, and you surround him with splendor and majesty. [6] Your victory heaps blessing after blessing upon him. What joy and bliss he tastes, rejoicing before your face!

Acts 17:28 (TPT) It is through him that we live and function and have our identity; just as your own poets have said, 'Our lineage comes from him.'

Never allow anyone or anything to strip you of your dignity.

Never allow yourself to live life as if you were anything other than a dignitary.

Circumstances will conspire against you but God causes all things to work together for you.

Your enemies will demean, devalue and insult you but they do not control you and their words mean nothing to you.

When you are tempted to submit to the circumstances and victory seems a pipe dream, remember your dignity.

You are a direct descendant Elohim, Jehova, Yahweh, God the Almighty ONE

You were and are destined for dignity.