

HUMILITY, A DIVINE QUALITY

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Moses 4:1

1 AND I, the Lord God, spake unto Moses, saying: That Satan, whom thou hast commanded in the name of mine Only Begotten, is the same which was from the beginning, and he came before me, saying--Behold, here am I, send me, I will be thy son, and I will redeem all mankind, that one soul shall not be lost, and surely I will do it; wherefore give me thine honor.

Moses 4:2

2 But, behold, my Beloved Son, which was my Beloved and Chosen from the beginning, said unto me--Father, thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever.

From these two verse we can easily see the difference of the peculiar characteristics between Lucifer and Jehovah. Their different behavior gave them a different end. Proud and ambition are prerogative of evil person, even though sometimes we can have proud and ambition for good things. For sure humility is a peculiar characteristic of a good person and humility helps to grow the germ of divinity which is inside of us.

One of the greatest definition given to us from Jesus Himself about his divine character is found in Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

It is interesting to note that Melchisedec which is the first High priest mentioned in the Bible, he is a prototype of Jesus and he was a prince of peace and speaking of Moses we find

Numbers 12:3

3 (Now the man Moses [was] very meek, above all the men which [were] upon the face of the earth.)

Matthew 5:5

5 Blessed [are] the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Isaiah foresaw those divine qualities and described them clearly

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Isaiah 53:3

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were [our] faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:4

4 ¶ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:5

5 But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:6

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:7

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

because of this God the Father proclaimed

Isaiah 53:12

12 Therefore will I divide him [a portion] with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Leaving aside the meekness which surely is an essential component of Humility, we go back to the declaration of Jesus when He said:"for I am meek and lowly in heart:"

It is interesting to note that Jesus remarked "in heart".

An Italian philosopher, Fabrizio De Andre' gave once his personal definition of humility and to

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be sincere at the beginning I was really shocked, but after a while thinking to the definition given by the Savior , I had to admit that his point was logic and clear and the word "in heart" added by the Savior was very important to well understand and comprehend the real meaning that Jesus wanted clarify.

Fabrizio De Andre' declared:" Humility borders with proud and if humility is not sincere and OF HEART it is just a product of a unbelievable proud."

He was right, Jesus warned his listeners from the false humility.

Matthew 6:1

1 ¶ TAKE heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 6:2

2 Therefore when thou doest [thine] alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:3

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

Matthew 6:4

4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

Matthew 6:5

5 ¶ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites [are]: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:6

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Matthew 6:7

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen [do]: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

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Matthew 6:16

16 ¶ Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:17

17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;

Matthew 6:18

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Humility of heart this is the concept remarked here by Jesus. The examples expressed by Jesus are clear that people in many instances are pretending to do something just to have honor. Jesus defined these people as hypocrites and this word in Greek means "actor". God has no need of actors or stars, or people who pretend to do something, God wants real people who live their life as protagonist. It is true that the life is a big stage, but we have to play our part, not somebody else part.

Usually God to help even His servant to develop this important attribute, gave them simple means as the "liahona" or the rod for Moses. Doing in that way God gained two goals, His servant were helped to develop faith and humility. faith and humility go by and by, only who is humble can have the true faith, usually who is thinking to know much is usual to depend on his arm, the humble person always depend on his God..

Like we saw in opposition to humility there is proud. Lucifer was perfect in his ways but his weakness was the opposite of the divine nature and so Satan was born.

The Lord Jesus expressed many times His appreciation toward the little children. Once the apostles were trying to send away some little children but Jesus made clear that the kingdom of God was for them.

He meant two important things by that.

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1) the little children have no knowledge or malice and therefore they are innocent.

2) Only the people who are able to act like the little children with no malice but with natural spontaneity, how the little children usually do, they will enter in the kingdom of God.

Humility is a divine quality. In His life the Savior gave His best to show this. He was born in a stable, few people gave him honor and they were shepherds. He was born in an humble family and he was a son of a carpenter and probably a carpenter. A carpenter usually in the old world was an handyman, a person able to do everything for other. His symbol was a lamb which is the meekest animal in the world. he gave His life for all of us and above all He will SHARE with his brothers the honor and power. In his deep humility he went under all things, He well understood the principle he gave to His disciples to be seated at the last place at the table, because He followed that path and after all He found Himself at the very first place, because the father was pleased in Him and by his humble nature, "Not my will, but yours be done"