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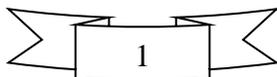
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# Introduction

This book aims to take you and raise you to the thought of Kingdom. We are living a very special period of God's eternal intention and if we dare to, I am sure we can touch Him, becoming ourselves part of that eternity. With this material we are going to analyse and learn about a woman's life who could touch, with her worship, God's eternity.

The worship that is not expressed then is not adoration, but that expression of worship doesn't depend on our abilities or talents. The worship depends on the source and that must be the heart. Worship is not about a culture, worship is about the heart.

You might have been Christian for some time now and you might still be used to singing in the church. You may be living the song but not the adoration. The problem is that one thing just doesn't fit the other, it simply contains it. Worshipping is not about the music or its singers, it is a lifestyle.

We may be aware and agree on that, but we cannot generate by means of our effort something that we are not feeling. We may have lived it once and now it's gone. Though we are aware, it is difficult to recover it. Once I was asked: Minister, how do I do to worship? I just feel I

am singing and it's ok, but I do know I am not worshipping. Why it is Minister?

You may have asked yourself the same question and that is what we will try to find out in this book. That is why I would like to encourage you and suggest you to put all your enthusiasm and attention on each page, on each chapter, on each line, because I know God will teach you about understanding and revelation and about the reasons of its absence or lack of interest, in case that's happening to you.

One way or another I know this material will help you bolster your faith and it will probably help you light the spiritual incense to adore the King, in case that flame has diminished.

I further believe you will be confronted to the King's thought, its principles, parameters and its value. If we are willing to think as God does, we may have to leave behind some thoughts adopted in religion, we have to leave them upon the feet of the Cross.

I propose this challenge and if you dare to do it, I think we have a good one ahead: read, meditate, evaluate and embrace the thought of God to finally discover that:

*“If we have the fragrance of worship caught in our spirits and only a revelation was needed to let it break as*

*an alabaster box of ointment before the presence of the King of Glory".*

I invite you to pray together and ask the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, to flood us with His presence and give us complete understanding in everything, taking us to the truth and justice, and teaching us His perfect will.

*Father we praise you, worship your holy name.  
We want to ask you in the name of your  
beloved son Jesus Christ  
To give us understanding of everything  
written on this book  
That we Could wake up in your thought, being able to  
quit our wrong thoughts and embrace  
yours, which are wise and perfect.  
Father, rise the curtain to your eternal truth.  
Bring us conviction of our condition and  
favour our lives.  
Reminds us from where and how you rescued us.  
And show us where you raise us.  
Make us expand the understanding of your grace and  
allow us to appreciate the honour to worship you.  
In the name of the Father, Amen.*

"Worship is the action of giving love to God with complete freedom". Clearly, in Psalm 18:1 we read: "How much I love Father my force!". Literally, to

worship means “to kiss” (*Pros-Kuneo*) and it’s used in an act of honour, reverence and veneration.

The worship is also an expression of amazement, submissiveness and respect towards God. Our heart’s desire must be that of worshipping God. We have been designed by God with this aim. There is one principle in the Bible which states that the man serves or he is a serf of what he worships. If we do not worship God, then we worship something or someone else.

But if you have decided to have this material and have already begun reading it, it is because your biggest desire is to worship Him with passion. I am sure that neither the death, the life, the angels, the principalities, the authorities nor the present or the future, the height, the deep, the tribulation, the anguish, the persecution, the hanger, the nudity, the danger, the sword or any other created thing could prevent us from worshipping the Father by means of That One who is the maximum and faithful Worshipper. Jesus Christ.

# Chapter 1

## Discovering the value of heaven

This book was born from a thought, generated in the lessons we have every week in what we call, according to God, “School of spiritual government”. In that field God is making us to change. During a special fast, He clearly told me that His village needed spiritual education, since they had lost many things due to ignorance or a misinterpretation of his Word. Since that day, we have been trying to crate a teaching and discussion environment in order to review the Divine principles and commit ourselves to walk through them. This teaching was born in that school. God showed us we have to revalue and reconsider the value of people’s souls, since our mission is equal to the people. In other words, there would be no mission without people The souls are the only reasons why we are on the Earth and our lives are entailed with a mechanism that has to do with heaven. The souls are the only reason why God came down to the Earth, gave his life away and scorned himself till dying at the cross. If we took away all the people in the world, then nothing would be felt. There would be no reason to justify Christ’s death and there would be no reason for us to live. If we are citizens of heaven from the moment we accept Christ, then we need

to convert ourselves in ambassadors of heaven on the Earth. For one thing is to be citizens and another is to be ambassadors. We turn into citizens of heaven at the very same instant we accept Jesus Christ, but becoming ambassadors is the result of a process by which we turn into being representatives.

We are citizens of the Republic of Argentina. But if we travel somewhere else and are commissioned as ambassadors by the government, then we will have to be prepared. They won't send any person, we should have experience, behave properly and have the ability to do it.

Hence, we are citizens when we accept Christ but we become ambassadors when we are filled by the Holy Spirit. That is why God needs us to be at the peak of his power. We have a mission in our lives and that is the only reason why we are still on the Earth and God hasn't taken us to the sky together with His angels to praise Him. Our life was not the result of a casualty. We weren't born from a cabbage. We have a divine purpose from the moment of the Creation itself.

The worst thing that could ever happen to a person on the Earth is not to find the reason why they were created since that is the only thing that could bring fullness into life. In other words, we need to know why we are here. There is nothing sadder than being created for something you were never good at. This happens to a person who doesn't like his job. He knows he doesn't like

it but he has no other option. He is only happy at the beginning of the month when he gets paid, but the rest of the month he is simply doing something he doesn't like but he does it anyway since it is necessary to do it.

The problem arises when that situation is taken into the everyday life and you just live because it's necessary to do it. You can say, "I won't end up killing myself, I do know I have to live". So, the big question would be, "Are you truly happy?"; "Is there something missing?"; "Are you at the peak of life or haven't you ever felt it"? For one person can only be completely happy when he finds himself with the purpose for which he was created. That is what makes us feel in the prime of life. The problem is that this purpose will be equal to the people, since if there were no people in this world, then there would be no point in being here.

Just imagine all the people on Earth disappeared. Let's say you are still able to travel to any other nation but you found no one, there are no people. Imagine you found houses, cars, wealth but everything else was uninhabited, just like those apocalyptic movies. Then, what would happen to our life? What would be its mission? It would be better to have God take us with Him and His Glory. Why would we stay here? It would be senseless.

To gather together and receive the Father's word has to do with people in general and not just about us. We

have already said that as citizens of heaven we have to learn to think as it is thought in heaven, though we have been taught for many years to think as on the Earth.

If God says we are ambassadors of heaven, we need to know that an ambassador represents a country and its features. In other words, an ambassador will speak the language and be familiar with the culture of the country he/she represents. It would be pointless that an English ambassador in Argentina didn't speak English. He/she is supposed to know his/her own roots since he/she represents the country and should know his/her culture.

If we are ambassadors of the Kingdom, we have to represent that Kingdom on the Earth. We have to represent heaven. God wants to bring heaven to the Earth through His village, His church. The problem is whether we can show heaven's features here on the Earth talking into consideration that we have been dragging a culture, an education and a thought acquired on the Earth. So God tells us He needs us to work at the same level of heaven because He needs to establish heaven on the Earth. That is to say, He needs to establish the Kingdom. Then, we must think as the Kingdom does, we must have its culture in order to be able to achieve that objective. Not matter whether we had been taught ranch culture at home that didn't favour us or if I had lived in a culture that didn't favour me because I was part of the Military Government or the birth of Democracy. I have never lived in a Kingdom before or a monarchy to see how they manage.

So, all of a sudden, God talks about a Kingdom, about kings and He also tells me I am a king and his ambassador on the Earth.

Imagine this situation I have suggested. You see the king of Kings enters your life and no matter what the situation is He tells us to be the ones to establish His Kingdom on Earth.

This is intense. So we have to start changing our minds and cancelling all that we have considered to be true and safe so far in order to work at the dimension God is telling us to. There is one way to think in heaven and another one on the Earth. God's village is in charge of bringing His way of thinking down to the Earth. From Heaven's interpretation, the Bible will make you work on the Earth in a completely different dimension.

We have two options: think as we have been taught or think the way heaven does or how God teaches us according to heaven's culture, thoughts and laws. According to heaven's laws, everything is possible while according to the Earth's laws there are many impossibilities.

We find a lot of restrictions on Earth. When we think according to the Earth's laws there are many things we cannot achieve. Those limits are broken in heaven and when we think according to heaven we break all the

boundaries of reason. So we have to determine ourselves to think according to heaven and not the Earth.

We have mentioned already the fact that Heaven values people and our lives differently. According to Heaven we are worth more than all the gold in the entire world. Jesus Christ bought us paying with his own blood. But on the Earth, we can be worthless, we might just be another number in the system.

According to the Earth, we could be among the despised or ignored ones who simply have to live out of a social plan or ask for help without ever getting any recognition at all. We may never get what we need or even our own family may rejects us. May be no one took care of us when we were kids and we were given up for adoption and that was when life mistreated us. What is more, we could have been physically or verbally abused since the system doesn't recognize decent values and doesn't protect us. Either we are born rich and inherit everything or we could be part of the despised ones.

Heaven does't discriminate but so does the world. That is why we could be like Mefi Boset who, despite being the heir to the throne, grandson of King Saul, with a great future ahead of him, had to run away. So, his nanny let him fall, breaking both his ankles and hence becoming paralyzed from both feet and ended up living in a cave in Lodebar, place which means "Silence spot, where dreams die". In a place where the Bible doesn't

exist, the question would be, “How come the heir to the throne can end up in such a place under such condition? Simply because the system doesn’t recognize the men and their needs.

This system only recognizes those who are famous, talented or do something special to stand out from the rest. For instance, if a famous football player shows up, then everybody would want to meet him and have a picture with him. But if that same man didn’t have the ability to kick a ball and let’s supposed he was dressed in coveralls working in a garage, no one, not even his mother, would want him around.

So, the value a person has is quite different on the Earth than in heaven. The Earth makes a lot of differences. We find, for instance, a person collecting cardboard on the streets to make a living and in that way he supports his family, which I think is great. However, society doesn’t value that person the same way it values an artist, a football player or someone famous who makes millions of dollars. Those people are admired and respected anytime they show up at any place. However, the anonymous worker, who hasn’t appeared on any newspaper front page due to his lack of fame and fortune, could be left lying on the streets and die there without no one would even notice him. They put him a black bag and cremate him. Who is going to complain?

The system doesn't estimate people equally. It will honour only those who have money, are famous or have achieved something in life. If not, it will simply despise them because the system works that way. It is cruel and has no mercy. That's why many people could be dying of hanger and no one would care for them.

We can watch TV and see how kids from other places in the world are dying of hanger and watch a little back kid with flies all over his face and we change channels since we don't like to watch that. We rather watch a movie or a fashion show, where models are paid hundreds of thousand of dollars for dressing rags no one would ever wear since they are horrible plus another hundreds of millions of dollars are paid to broadcast that show.

Suddenly, we change channels and we see a boxer fighting for millions of dollars. Even though I am falling short because I am sure nowadays fights are paid much more money, I simply want to state that this system is corrupt and merciless, since it doesn't perturb before the cruel reality of people dying of hanger.

What is the value of things? How many families which are starving could have their lives solved if that money invested in one of those fights, which actually last a few minutes, was instead destined to provide them with education, better salaries and new sources of work or even to improve the health system, among others.

We could eventually become famous in life but if by any chance we went bankrupt, then we would be despised. In this system we are only recognized because of the money we have. Sadly that same culture has filtered into the church. So, when a public officer or a prestigious businessman appears in church they are given the red carpet treatment.

If the President came and said, “I am going to come to this church” then the whole town will be in a rush, they would paint the curbs, hoist the Argentinean flag, everything would be a chaos. Where shall the President sit? Let’s paint the chairs gold, let’s put new flowers, let’s change the banners! Sadly, that concept exists on the Earth as well as in church.

This problem arises when a person looking scruffy and smelling like alcohol enters the same meeting. Maybe he is in trouble or is trying to escape from his anguish. He won’t be welcomed and many brothers would avoid kissing him due to his physical appearance. So, it is in that exact moment that we begin behaving according to the Earth and not Heaven.

According to Heaven, the President is worth the same as any prostitute who went to bed smelling like alcohol, with all her problems, pain and anguish she may feel due to the wounds in her heart. God appreciates the President as well as the other person. In other words, the values in Heaven are equal and God says we are worth

more than all the gold in the entire world, not only us but all the people on Earth.

When we think of ourselves as the last coke on the dessert we appreciate ourselves the way God does. But we have to take into consideration that according to God everybody represents that last coke. In other words, Gods appreciates me, a preacher, the same way He appreciates a guy who is on drugs and may not have a home o even is despised by his own family. To God, I am worth the same as that guy. Jesus Christ died for both of us. I am not better because I pray every morning. The problem arises the moment we start to see things differently compared to the way God does.

When we see the dollar exchange rate in Argentina, we know that money is worth a certain amount of pesos in Argentina, but it has another value in Brazil or France. Just like in every other nation the dollar reaches a rate according to the economy of that country. That is to say, the rate of a currency can change depending on the place. So I have to see what is the exchange rate up there and down here, knowing where I belong to.

According to God, we don't belong to the world but to heaven. God said we didn't belong to the world, he didn't want us to abandon it neither, he just wanted to keep us away from the evil. We are worthy what heaven says, that is what we have to say. If the system says that a certain person is not worth, that he or she should be killed

because he or she is a criminal, then we have to estimate his/her life according to heaven's parameters. We know for instance that we don't have the right to kill someone because they are criminals. According to heaven that person is stuck, can't see the light and need to be saved and bought for a high price. We have to understand the Father when He gives away his son and when that sons dies because he is despised.

This system makes us believe that is always better to kill criminals because they are worth nothing on the Earth, but on heaven, they are worth more than all the gold in the entire world. It doesn't matter who they are, or what they have done. It doesn't matter how despised they are or how badly they live among the sins. God says they are worth everything. So, as a church, we have to start thinking as heaven and begin to estimate our lives, beloved ones and families in a different way.

The problem is that sometimes we can't even increase our personal estimation and we could even feel just the same way as those who think they are worth nothing. God says through the Bible that we are His kings; we are His beloved sons on Earth, His ambassadors. He gave us a gift, a talent; He had surrounded us with thousands of angels and has crowned us with glory. That's when I think we should take a new approach and stop underestimating ourselves. We shall not say we are alone, or losers or that we are not doing well.

Let's rate ourselves as in heaven since it is there where God recovers our value and tells us how much we are worth, who we are and no one can't take that away from us.

## Chapter 2

### Religion that distorts

It is important at this stage that we have clearly understood what God says about us and shows us with his love. Otherwise, we won't be ready to understand the Scriptures we are about to analyze.

The passage I want to share with you is taken from the Gospel written by St. Luke, in chapter 7, from line 36 to 50 in the Bible. Though you may know this story very well, read it carefully one more time.

*And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.*

*And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house brought an alabaster box of ointment And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying,*

*This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who  
and what manner of woman  
this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.*

*And Jesus answering said unto him Simon,*

*I have somewhat to say unto thee*

*And he saith Master, say on*

*There was a certain creditor which had two debtors  
the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.  
And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave  
them both me therefore, which of them will love him  
most Simon answered and said I suppose that he, to  
whom he forgave most.*

*And he said unto him Thou hast rightly judged*

*And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon Seest  
thou this woman?*

*I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for  
my feet but she hath washed my feet with tears,  
and wiped them with the hairs of her head.*

*Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I  
came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.*

*My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman  
hath anointed my feet with ointment.*

*Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many  
are forgiven; for she loved much*

*but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little*

*And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.*

*And they that sat at meat with him began to say within  
themselves Who is this that forgiveth sins also?*

*And he said to the woman Thy faith hath saved thee;  
go in peace...*

In this passage we found two characters who are far way from each other and we found Jesus in the middle. We need to extract God's thought in order to extract wisdom but we have to analyze the two main characters in this story, Simon the Pharisee and the sinner woman. Both of these characters serve as two examples for God to teach us a lesson about our lives.

Simon, the Pharisee, was not a bad person, indeed he was religious. The thing is that religion distorts the mind and makes you think you are just too fair. Simon begged Jesus to go have dinner at his house. The problem was that Simon didn't want to spend time with Jesus and neither had he wanted to honour and serve him.

When Simon invited Jesus over his house, he was not thinking about honouring him, he was just thinking about himself. He thought he had the right to have Jesus answered all these wise questions he had for Him. Simon knew the Scriptures and was a well-known person who lived devoutly. He thought he had the right to have this famous man known as The Son of God visited his home and provided him with an explanation to all his strange doctrines.

Simon didn't live among sins. Instead, he tried to live according to the law. He was not a bad person, indeed, he was a good man. However, when he invited Jesus over his home for dinner, he just wanted Jesus to give him explanations. He thought to himself, "I'll

prepare him a nice meal, but deep inside I don't mean to honour him with a meal or special attention, I just want answers, because I am a fair person and I deserve an explanation".

That's the problem with religion. We get used to feeling safe, fair and protected. We begin feeling better than other people because we have changed our lives, attitudes, way of talking or behaving. That is the moment when we tend to forget where God really rescued us from. We think we are now clean, happy and free of any guilt, just living the way God wants us to live. We don't make mistakes; we have worked hard and tried to change our language. Since now we behave properly, we feel good and we think God is looking at us with approval while he disapproves the others.

We start to think that God disapproves those who don't follow His will. They are just sinners, impious, mundane people who deserve to be judged by God because they don't do what we do. That's the moment when we divert from life and truth and we become part of a religion. That's when we start making wrong estimations and we lose focus on the way God thinks.

Since the Earth devalues and we live and walk on this Earth, we automatically think that God's will is on us but not on someone who is living badly. Let's think about it. "Listen to the way this poor devil talks, how disgusting he is" So I think God is on my side and He doesn't listen

to him. The problem is how I react to that situation. Am I able to love, be forgiven and think I used to be just like that poor devil or should I believe I am superior than him since God is on my side and not on his?

We don't like to face it. You many now think you would never do that and it's fine. I am just evaluating how someone who had begun acting with grace could end up in trapped in religion.

Those who once lived among the sins, now say, as if suffering from a memory loss, "Have a look at this poor devil, so is the life he will get!". That is exactly the moment to show love and forgive the same way God forgave us, but it could also be the moment that makes us express disdain for all those who do not live as devoutly as we do. It sounds bad, doesn't it? But that is a good thing because it will make us think.

The problem with religion is that it makes you think you are the good one and hence deserves an explanation from God. When people are blind and can't find God, they simply don't know the privileges they could get and they just act out of ignorance. People are victims of the Devil's slavery which steals everything from them. That is the reason why God loved us so much and set a redemption plan for us for He knows we need to be rescued from our vain lives.

Simon thought that if there was anybody on Earth representing heaven, then that person should definitively come to his home. He considered himself worth an explanation that's why he thought of making Jesus a few wise questions since he was respectful, well-educated and knew the Scripture very well. He needed this master, known as Rabí, to provide him with a real explanation. Besides, Simon knew Jesus was a phofet so he would like Jesus to give him a private prophesy and analize if the words belong to God or not.

In other words, religion makes people think they have vested rights, so when things go wrong they get mad at God. Some people pray and say, "I go to church, I read the Bible, I behave properly and I still can't believe this has happened to me". These persons just can't understand how things go wrong in their lives or how they can have debts they didn't use to have. They just can't understant the fact they woke up with a stomachache or how come their partner had betrayed them. So they end up asking God why He allows these bad things happened to them.

It's a good thing to see ourselves the way God sees us but religion distorts us. To have a great value without humility can take us to the ruin, but to have a great value with humility will never set up above the rest.

When we start to think about the value God gives us but at the same time we question the four-wheel drive that bastard has, then we are doing things wrongly. We

lose focus the moment we consider we should be  
successfull since we pray and worship.

## Chapter 3.

### **Worshipper's heart**

As we have seen before, religion distorts our values. However, let's now focus on that sinner woman despised by society who, in fact didn't have a good reputation and society looked down on her.

She didn't show up looking for recognition and wasn't even invited to Simon's dinner. Indeed, she knew beforehand that her actions would provoke critics among the presents. But she showed up anyway and stood at Jesus's feet. She had the intention to worship and honour him that's why she had brought that alabaster box of ointment with her, which was the effort of all her work.

The only thing this woman wanted was to anoint Jesus with the perfume and worship him. She got down on her knees to cry and then her tears anointed Jesus not the ointment, even though she hadn't planned that way. Her tears washed Jesus's feet, the same feet Simon didn't wash or get washed by a servant as it was the tradition. at that time That woman simply cried.

That ointment got mixed with the sinner's tears and all of a sudden she grabbed her hair and began drying the

master's feet. No doubt this woman went to Simon's house for she knew Jesus was there. But she was not looking for food or recognition. She was not willing to make questions or considered herself worth some answers. She just went there to worship Him.

This sinner woman got down to adoration in such a manner that she totally forgot about the surroundings. She didn't care about what others may think or how much she would be criticized. She simply worshipped Jesus the same way King David danced for Jehovah while carrying the ark to Jerusalem. I think this is a good moment to stop and think for a moment about our worship. Is it all about songs or haven't we even asked ourselves what is it for real?

This situation was quite simple but none the less strong since that woman felt she had been forgiven. Hence, God said, "Those who are forgiven are able to love". Even though there exists no manuscript about it, I dare imagine a simple conversation between Jesus and Simon. "Simon, do you have any idea why this woman is doing what she is doing?" She knows she is a sinner but she has been forgiven. Instead, since you consider yourself a fair person then you won't get on your knees to wash my feet. You need explanations. You won't serve me, you want heaven to serve you because you are fair".

We don't seem to realise that sometimes we ask God to somehow serve us. However, what God claims

and admires from this situation is that this woman just came to worship and serve Him without asking for nothing in exchange. This woman not only worshipped Jesus but she also served Him. She washed His feet, which was considered the most humiliating act a person can perform at that time. In the past people wore sandals and their feet got easily dirty with rubbish, sweat and soil. So there was nothing so vile as cleaning a guest's feet so he/she could then sit down and eat.

In fact, tables were not as they are nowadays. Nowadays, we have big dinning tables where you can sit down and your feet touch the floor. At that time, tables were small, in ocassions long, but always very short. So guests would lie on the ground and their feet would be close to the face of the person next to them. So, washing the feet was considered a vital matter. But it seemed Simon was only interested in talking to God but not serving Him.

Simon was looking for answers but he was not willing to worship and serve God. Here it's where we find the main difference among these two people: one considered himself worthy and fair but he was religious, and religion doesn't worship God. In religion you can sing. However, the saddest thing that can ever happen to a man is ask God to visit his home but not be willing to worship him when He comes to your life.

The worst thing that could ever happen to church is to ask God to make himself present. But when He finally appears, it is only to beg Him, complain and ask Him why things just don't work out well. It is never to worship and honour Him because they are not worshipping Him as religion makes them believe.

This woman asked for nothing in return and considered herself not worth of anything. She simply bent on her knees. What this woman did has a great meaning to us all. She spilled that expensive ointment, which was the result all of her hard work. You may be thinking it was all the product of her sins. You may be right. But it was her own work, her life and it was worth a lot. And so she went and offered it together with her tears.

The Bible says that hair represents Glory for a woman. Women are always taking care of their hair. Now we see that this sinner woman didn't care to use her hair as a towel. She broke her personal boundaries and traspases her limits. She didn't care about using her hair as a towel for God. She spoke through her actions.

*I am just saying that I am leaving at his feet my honour as a person and everything else I could be as a person. I am showing Him my glory down at His feet. I wish to be His towel. My tears are the water I didn't have but they simply flew for him, they are born from my inside. I am going to spill my tears and my ointment. I will tell him I just wish to worship Him with all my means. This is me. I*

*just want to love Him and thank Him. I used to have nothing in life because I was part of the despised ones. But when I got next Him, He told me I was worth. That's why He is called the sinner's friend. He is my friend. He is my love".*

## Chapter 4.

### **The friend of the sinners**

The religious people couldn't understand why Jesus spent time with the despised ones, the sinners, with those considered "The viles of the word". They couldn't understand why he would touch a leper when everybody else would start running away or throwing stones at that person for getting close to the city. They couldn't understand why He had accepted to have a prostitute touch his feet. What's more, He not only accepted her story but He also looked at her tenderly.

But most of all, the religious people couldn't understand how Jesus said to Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him. Nobody liked Matthew, not even his own aunt. Why would He ask the sinners to follow him? Why didn't He just leave them behind? So one way or another they would get lost in hell. However, God called them and invited them to follow Him. People went crazy. They couldn't understand why He would ask them to follow him. But when Jesus saw Matthew, He didn't see him as a tax collector. He gave him value according to heaven.

Some people followed Jesus and tried to catch him making a mistake. They didn't follow him due to His

teachings. That's why their harsh hearts loved Him but at the same time they criticize Him. They couldn't understand why He felt sorry for an adulteress when the law clearly stated to punish her. They didn't understand how and why He said, "Follow me and don't be a sinner anymore" They thought that the most effective way to show love to Jesus was by divesting the sinners of any feelings and by killing them. Religious people behave that way. They start out good but all of a sudden they forget who they are and start grabbing stones and passing judgement.

You may find a bottle top on the street and not even bother to pick it up. But if you find, instead, a one-hundred dollar bill you will for sure throw yourself to the ground, cover the bill with your chest and in that way avoid anybody else to see it. In other words, we behave according to the value with provide things.

Jesus didn't consider Matthew, the leper, the adulteress or the sinners as simply bottle tops. He saw them as people of a great value, since he looked at them according to heaven's value.

According to heaven, those people were worthy a lot and didn't deserve to be left on the streets that's why He invited them to follow Him.

When Jesus found Zacchaeus up on a tree He told him, "Go to your house and prepare us some nice

dinner”You don’t go to somebody’s house if you don’t appreciate the people living there. That’s why people didn’t get it. They looked at Him and said, “This is exactly what we needed. He even goes to have dinner with the sinners. Nobody likes this little man who steals people’s money!”

According to the system, this little man should have deserved the death. But God was not looking at him according to the system. God simply wanted to have dinner with him and introduce Zacchaeus with all the good things God wanted to give him. It’s a curious fact to see that God decided to do with Zacchaeus what He didn’t do with Simon. He agreed to provide this little man with answers he didn’t even make. While when having dinner with Simon, He didn’t introduce him to the Kingdom for the mere reason Simon thought he had already met it.

Jesus said, “This little man up on the tree is really worthy, I know that and I also know what’s in his heart. I want him with me and I want to have dinner with him. So, of course people couldn’t believe their eyes. Imagine Jesus walking with the pharisses, the scribes and those who acted according to the law and He didn’t offer them a meal. Instead Jesus offered a meal to the little man who went up on a tree all by himself because no one didn’t even want to help him.

Let's remember that according to the the Scripture Simon had to beg Jesus to go have dinner at his house. However, Zacchaeus didn't even beg Jesus to have dinner with him. The little man was up on a tree when God arrived and said He would go have dinner with him. "At my house?", asked Zacchaeus, "I haven't even asked you". "Yes, I am going to your house. Go and prepare a meal", replied Jesus. And those who were begging Him and considered themselves worth something, didn't obtain anything.

The problem is that we sometimes underestimate ourselves which is totally wrong since that feeling is opposite to that of God's. Or we even underestimate the word of God. We have to understand that when our values rises so it does the other person's value.

*"The very first commandment of all is: hear, o Israel,  
The Lord our God is one Lord.*

*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart  
And with all thy should and with all thy mind and with all  
thy strength*

*This is the first commandment*

*And the second is like, namely this Thou shalt love thy  
neighbour as thyself*

*There is none other commandment greater than these*

St. Mark 12:30 and 31. V.R.V.

# Chapter 5.

## The true worship

Jesus raises the value of the despised ones. God saw this sinner woman washing His feet and honouring Him. So He said, I forgive this woman because she knows how to love. Worship has to do with love. To worship is not about singing a song, it is not a culture. Worship is a heart which has been broken as that alabaster box of ointment shedding nothing but love.

You can only worship when you love something passionately. We can sing songs to the Lord, but only the songs which are born out of love are aimed at the Throne of the Lord. You can dedicate someone a serenade or play a song by Ricardo Arjona and tell someone how much you love that person and it's just fine. But the real serenades are those from the past, in which a boyfriend sang out of tune but his lyrics were so full of love you can feel his only wish was to tell the girl how passionately in love he was with her.

Some of us just sing like Foghorn Leghorn. But there is nothing better to express love than the singer-songwriter. It's just fine if you hire the Mariachis to play while you sing but you will have to sing from the first

row in other to perform a meaningful serenade. The idea is for the lover to be able to express his love. But a loveless song is just worthless. She may imagine you are Ricardo Arjona but that would be very sad since she would be having feelings for somebody else and not you. Don't you think?

The worst thing is that the Ricardo Arjona only sings because he gets paid for that. Sadly there are many worshippers nowadays who consider themselves artists who charge high prices for what they do and demand lots of silly things just to sing. They say they love God. I personally believe they are fine. Their problem is the people who believe in them.

A woman in love may think her lover is singing with pure love and that's fine. The problem arises when we think God loves us even when we sing without any passion at all. My dear brothers, God is not thinking about the rhythm or how tuned we sound. He only looks through His heart, the same way He taught Samuel.

When we worship the Lord, we have to know from where it is that we are loving him. Sometimes, when we get close to God by doing the right things, we believe we deserve Him, but that is not the right motivation.

God has raised our vale but we can't forget where He saved us from. That is exactly what should bring gratitude to our hearts. We have to be able to worship

from the very same moment God saved us from being part of the despised ones. He raised our esteem and took us away from Hell.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms  
with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*

*For he chose us in him before the creation of the world  
to be holy and blameless in his sight.*

*In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship  
through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure  
and will— to the praise of his glorious grace,  
which he has freely given us in the One he loves.*

*In him we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of  
God's grace that he lavished on us.*

*With all wisdom and understanding,  
he made known to us the mystery of his will  
according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in  
Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their  
fulfillment—*

*to bring unity to all things in heaven and on Earth under  
Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been  
predestined according to the plan of him who works out  
everything  
in conformity with the purpose of his will*

Ephesians 1:3 to 11 (Simple language Bible)

# Chapter 6

## **Religion aborts the worship**

In due time, Religion will come visit us. If we ever had a personal encounter with Jesus we may be able to avoid it. But still, we have to be extremely carefull not to fall in its traps while living in such a powerful and corrupt system. Religion will make us look like Simon the pharisee: too proud, too self-confident, too self-sufficent to please the Lord.

I repeat myself when I say that Simon was a good person. What's more, he judged people correctly according to God's opinion. When Simon answered God's question about the sinner woman He said, "You have judged her in the correct way" We can be reasonable but it doesn't mean we can worship the Lord.

Simon's problem was not about his appearance or his knowledge. His problem was inside his heart. When the sinner woman showed up and threw herself to God's feet, Simon looked down on her and said, "Shame on this crazy woman! How did she get in? I will definately tell off the stupid servants who let her in!"

We should analyze the story from Simon's point of view. Imagine you are in your own house waiting to have dinner with the President. All of a sudden the neighbour next door shows up crying and wearing curlers, sandals and a dressing gown. Then she throws herself to the President's feet. Clearly you would think poorly of her, don't you? Well, that was exactly what happened to Simon.

As soon as he saw the woman he thought, "How come nobody stopped that woman before? She even threw herself to God's feet and now she is touching them! That's the moment when he questioned Jesus. If He was a prophet then He would definitely know that woman touching him is a sinner". Jesus said to Simon, "I am going to ask you a question", "Then say it Master". And that's when he realised how hypocritical religion was. He suddenly remembered God was the master.

Simon was judging Jesus. He thought, "If He is a real prophet He should know well what sort of woman is touching him. He should know she is a sinner. I think He is just another ignorant". Simon didn't say that aloud but he thought it to himself. When Jesus asked him the question Simon replied very quickly. "Say it Master" Jesus didn't want him to feel embarrassed. That is when the hypocritical side of religion comes out.

We can worship and praise the Lord but at the same time look down on someone next to us. The thing is that

God knows the heart. He knows our value and He also knows how much we estimate someone who enters the church wearing Christian Dior or any other person dressed in rags.

We should reconsider the value we give people. Does it depend on their job position, on their money or physical appearance or on their fame? Or shall we value people according to heaven? I think we should seriously reconsider it since the heart can be tricky and sometimes evil, it is not very trustworthy. Generally we know the right thing to do. However, it is a completely different thing to feel it and live it.

Some time ago I heard about the story of some girls who were prostitutes and they got the chance to preach the Gospel. These girls were taken to an altar and they stepped to the altar. They started to confess their sins out loud in front of everybody. They were almost screaming with great remorse. They recognised their sins. Such a beautiful and amazing revelation!

Well, this situation came to an end as soon as the church leaders appeared and asked the girls to keep quiet. They told these girls the church was the House of God and that it was not the right place to make their adventures public so they should better make silence and respect the place.

So, they told the people who had invited those girls, “Please do not bring this kind of people ever again to the church. There are many business men here and good people who truly need God and these girls here don’t help at all by making such a big mess.” One of the women who was forbidden to evangelize the sinner girls was my wife. She couldn’t believe what she was listening to. She came back home really sad after witnessing such a stupid religious act.

Now, all people who serve God should ask themselves, “What does God think about this situation? Otherwise, we could end up behaving opposite to our beliefs.

According to heaven, I should wish the Mayor come visit my church. But if he doesn’t come and instead a sinner person visits us, Glory be to God, because they are both worthy to God.

We should be extremely careful when a new person joins us because we can easily misjudge them. Some orders feel uncomfortable when a new person appears, some others start having second thoughts about the place. “I think he is a quack” It doesn’t matter if he/she is so. Glory be to God that they has come to Jesus. When a sinner regrets his actions he needs to know the Lord. And no matter whether he is living among sins or going through the worst period of his life; he must be saved by God for he is worth more than all the gold in the entire

world. Jesus says, “I gave my life for that person. Do not judge him for what he had done or lived. I have brought him here today to perform a miracle on him, the miracle of an endless life”.

We may be surprised to discover that inside that sinner person there is a passionate worshipper to whom we may not even need to tell him to worship. He will cry upon God’s feet with no shame, he will love a lot since he knows how many sins he had committed and how much he had been forgiven.

# Chapter 7

## Going back to the source of worship

We start making excuses to worship God the moment we begin thinking we are doing the right thing. We say, "I couldn't make it", "I had a problem with my motor bike", "A friend of my came to visit and I couldn't go to the meeting." Look, let's be honest. The person who has been forgiven believes she/he is unworthy. The one who receives God's favour and recognises the Lord's marvelous grace can only worship him and serve him with no excuses.

The true worshipper feels he/she owes nothing. The true worshipper never feels she/he is indebted to God for all the things He has done for them. If you are in debt then you can't worship. What's more, you will find it difficult to sleep sound at night since debts don't lead you to worshipping. Believing in God's grace and feeling forgiven every single day will lead you to adoration. When people truly understand this, then no one will have to insist upon them to worship, it will part of their lifestyle.

Worshipping is gratitude, it's love. It's the motivation we need to go to an order and sing a song.

Worshipping is not about being part of a cult or even singing a song, but at least it's a good starting point towards the right attitude. The sinner woman showed up at Simon's house with her alabaster box of ointment in her hands. She made no excuses to stay in the house and because of that she could enter eternity since she seized the moment and didn't let it go. She hurried herself to touch God. We should know that every moment is unique and unrepeatable. Every time we worship God, we will be touching eternity.

The sinner woman didn't think about the difficulties, whether it was a cold or warm day, whether it was a suitable time to go or not. She didn't even think about how far Simon's house was. She simply went. At the temple we have air conditioning in summer, heaters in winter and soft, comfortable chairs. We also have a good sound system and filming system together with special lighting. Still so, we have to encourage people to come and visit the Lord.

"You know Minister, I have been feeling just a bit tired lately, that's why I won't come today." That's just fine. But what really amazes me about the sinner woman is that she didn't care about anything at all. She was capable of understanding "*The honour of the despised ones*", the honour to be able to express true worship.

That woman had committed a lot of sins but she was capable enough to worship. Something that Simon lacked. Simon was a pharisee and that mean he had been influenced a lot by meaningless words, by religion and structures. Words kill adoration and the Spirit doesnt´revitalize. It doesn´t matter how much life has underestimated us. What is important is the way God honours us and how our lives begin to flow the moment we are forgiven.

*“We do not worship God in order to be blessed,  
But we are blessed while we worship Him”.*

# Chapter 8

## God looks for worshippers

If we deal with the concept of worshipping according to God, we can't avoid mentioning David, the sweet singer of Israel. Dealing with worshipping implies the analysis of those who had been despised. And even though David was called the Sweet Singer of Israel, his own family despised him.

Under God's orders, Samuel went to Isai's house in Belen to anoint a king. He was introduced to all his sons except for David since he didn't have the looks to be the future king. Samuel was introduced to the good looking ones, the ones who looked like future possible kings. They were all washed and they all smelled nicely. So when Samuel thought he had already found the new King, God told him, "Don't rush Samuel. I don't look at peoples's appearance. I look into their hearts and I have chosen neither of them to be a King".

So Samuel asked whether there was any other son who hadn't been invited to such an important election. "Oh, yes", said Isai. "But he is not even presentable, it's the little boy at the back taking care of the flock of sheep". Looking at Samuel's astonishing look, Isai

commanded, "Go fetch your brother". When nobody considered David, not even his own family, God called upon him to become a King. God looked for perfect hearts to join him, only those could be worshippers.

*For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the Earth  
to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to  
him.*

*You have done a foolish thing  
and from now on you will be at war.*

Chronicles 16:9 V.R.V.

God called the Sweet Singer of Israel to be a king, that same person who had been despised by everybody else. "This is my election, I have found him and I chose him to be a king. For he is despised by everybody else but he is also a worshipper. And I raise those who worship with their hearts and chose them to govern since they had been humiliated and I praise those who humiliate themselves".

*I have found David my servant;  
with my sacred oil I have anointed him.  
My hand will sustain him;  
surely my arm will strengthen him.  
The enemy will not get the better of him;  
the wicked will not oppress him.  
I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down his adversaries.*

*My faithful love will be with him,  
and through my name his horn  
will be exalted.*

Psalms 89:20 to 24

God said. "I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him" God was looking for him. He also said. "Jehovah's eyes are set upon the Earth looking for perfect hearts to vest in their power in their own favour". While looking for him, he found a short, red-haired fleckly young boy at the back of a house, who was looking after a flock of sheep and smelled like them. He said, "He is going to be the next king".

God gives us the same value as our family. Even though his own father didn't appreciate him, God said: "I decide your fortune and I will set you high and give you honour" That's the reason why David continued worshipping Him for ever. That's why David was able to write a psalm while his own son was being persecuted in the desert, when he had to run away on bare feet and his head covered.

*You, God, are my God,  
earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you,  
my whole being longs for you,*

*in a dry and parched land  
where there is no water.*

*I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your glory.  
Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.*

*I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.  
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.*

*On my bed I remember you;  
I think of you through the watches of the night.  
<sup>7</sup> Because you are my help,  
I sing in the shadow of your wings.*

*I cling to you;  
your right hand upholds me.*

Psalm 63:1 al 8 V.R.V.

It's rather impossible not worship Him when we know where God saved us from and how much He had forgiven us. God looked at us with love even when we were despised by people we didn't even know.

# Chapter 9

## **The honour of the despised ones**

The psalms will just begin to flow when this is revealed to us. This is not because everything in our lives is working out well but because we will be able to worship the King of Glory. If worship comes to us as in the case of the sinner woman or David, then we won't have to do the right thing to worship God.

We are going to find true worship because we have understood that God rescued us when we were lost and walking without course. Our only wish should be to serve Him, adore Him and honour Him. We may think that our mission in life is to negotiate and start a family and that is just fine. But the truth is that we are living on the Earth because we have been rescued from our vane way of living and we have a mission in this life. That mission is to establish the King of Heaven with full gratitude to God. This is the honour of the despised ones.

Our true motivation to serve God comes from the fact that we should know pretty well where He rescued us from. We have to thank Him for saving us when we had lost our own value. Now we are His beloved sons.

When someone points a gun on his/her head or grab a bunch of pills is just because they think life is pointless. They have lost their own value and are despised without any honour at all. But they will be able to worship God when they understand that He truly loves them.

That's why the despised ones have honour. They had been despised once but they know God rescued them. How come you cannot worship a God like that. This kind of worshipping will make you serve and worship Him without any effort at all.

The sinner woman brought the alabaster box of ointment from her own house. She didn't make it at Simon's because when true love reveals you cannot provide adoration through songs. If in church people are encouraged to raise their hands, open their mouths, sing louder and jump is because we are forcing them to worship whereas it should flow naturally.

If nowadays the act of worshipping flew naturally inside the temples, people would go without waiting for an invitation since the smell of adoration is appealing. The problem is that the great majority of Christians do not go to church to worship God. They only go to feel better with themselves and receive the Lord. How nice it would be for the whole town to gather together to worship Him, our beloved Father.

The Bible says that the last shall be the first. When God goes out on the streets to invite people into their Kingdom He may bring those who now refuse Him but eventually will accept Him. When Simon, the Pharisee, was taking Moses's lectures, surely he sat on the first row and recited long prayers while the sinner woman was selling her body easily, going from one man to another, feeling loved and still despised because of her profession. However, God's revelation came first to the woman and not to Simon. She was able to worship Jesus since she first found the honour of the despised ones.

Jesus told a parable in front of the pharisees. He said, "One day, the father told one of his sons to go work on the vineyard. The son said he would go but eventually didn't. So the father ordered his other son to go do the same. At first this son said *no* but eventually went to the vineyard. Then Jesus asked, "Who followed God's will?" The second son said *no* at first but eventually went to the vineyard. Many people say *yes* at the beginning but eventually never go. And many other people who say *no* at the beginning then go.

I want you to understand that these days there are many people who promise to love and serve God but eventually we have to insist upon them to come to church. However, there are still people who refuse God.

Nowadays, some people choose to do drugs, prostitution, alcohol and say, "I will never go to church in

my entire life!” But then, the least expected day, they show up and sit down on the first row. They will love God with all their hearts and with no shame. Today they are wasting their lives but when they recover their value they will have a big celebration at the house of God.

Personally, I was one of those who said *no* at the beginning but later, one day, I discovered His love. When I found him I spent five months crying. I couldn't pronounce His name without bursting into tears. I only worshipped Him and thanked Him for his forgiveness. I even remembered he told me, “Stop it, do not ask me to forgive you anymore. I have already done it”. That is why I don't want to be caught by religion. I just want to worship Him and I believe that is my sole honour on Earth.

“Do you know what I used to say”? I said I had met Him. In fact, I used to spend the whole day crying but I refused to go to those places. I remember them all screaming “Aleluya, Aleluya!” It made me feel embarrassed to hear that! “I would never go inside there!” But then, a week later, I went there and I witnessed a miracle for the first time in my life. Still I decided to keep to my position but later I thought about going only on Sundays. A couple of days later I said “I am going to come to all the meetings but I won't get baptised because I am single” Well, within a month I threw myself into the water. Ok, so I was baptized but I was totally useless there. They will definitely want me to offer sacrifice and many other things and when you least expect it, you are

hooked in it. A week later I was offering sacrifice. “This is it”, I thought to myself. But within a year I became Evangelical Minister and now I am a Minister. As you can see, when you get to know God’s love, it is just impossible not to worship and serve Him. Worship leads to service and there is nothing more important in this life than to accomplish God’s will.

When God’s grace flows inside you it is impossible to refuse His presence. When we understand His love and we let ourselves be loved we can’t say no to God. We meant nothing to society and we were despised by people but He raised our value and our bigger honour is to worship and serve Him.

*“Worshippers do not fail”.*

# Chapter 10

## Religious or worshippers

Taking in consideration this approach, in the Bible we will find many despised worshippers as well as many other people who considered themselves worthy but didn't show any consideration for others. This is the religious spirit that leads to death and division.

When Cain offered his sacrifice to the Lord, Abel thought his sacrifice was worth the same and so he should be honoured in the same way. So God asked him, "Why are you so upset with your brother?" If you had done the right thing and had offered me your sacrifice, then I wouldn't have done any difference at all. But Abel's sacrifice was that of faith. "

*By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did.*

*By faith he was commended as righteous.*

*when God spoke well of his offerings.*

*And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.*

Hebrews 11:4 V.R.V.

A religious spirit made Cain jealous, competitive and arrogant. He said, "How can God says Abel's sacrifice is worth more than mine?" Cain killed his brother because he was jealous and competitive. He thought his sacrifice was as good as his brother's. This is the religious spirit. So God asked him, "Where is your brother?", and he answered, "Who I am? My brother's guardian?" He should have been. But the religious spirit is coward and homicidal.

*We know that we have passed from death to life  
because we love each other  
who does not love remains in death  
Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer  
Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer  
This is how we know what love is  
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us  
and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and  
sisters.*

1 John 14 to 16 V.R.V.

"What was Jacob's problem? Jacob believed in himself and in his strength. He didn't realise the value God was giving him and that is way Jacob was even fighting with God. Jacob thought he had the right to fight God. He had to be confronted to realized he was not worthy.

When God tells you, “I will turn you into a prince in my village”, you have to be stubborn if you still want to fight God. Jacob was so miserably proud that he offered God his tithe in order to be blessed. That is the religious spirit that pretends to obtain everything using the force and the hard work. That is the spirit that is unable to enjoy the blessing. That is the spirit that turned Jacob into Israel. Nowadays God is working on changing many Christians who know how to work hard but do not know how to worship. They are unaware of God’s grace, which is only given to those who give up. That’s why Jacob’s spirit was broken when he gave up upon His hands.

“What happened to Mary and Aarón, Moises’s siblings? The problem was their religious spirit which made them considered themselves good people doing the right thing. They believed they had the same rights as Moises. Who deserves better? They asked themselves, “We are living exactly in the same way as him. What’s more, he got married with a black woman, while having many other women” Maria would say, “I live in peace” Aarón would think, “God told me I was a Priest, then we should be the leaders, not this silly stammerer” But God warned them to be careful. The religious spirit was affecting them.

When they crossed the Red Sea, Maria was singing and dancing but Aarón was already wearing his clerical clothing. Imagine the situation when these two got

together, "You worship while dancing and singing and I am wearing my clerical clothings. How is it that we are not the leaders?" The Lord comes and talks face to face to this stammerer when He should be talking to us, mainly when I am wearing these clothes". This is the effect of religion. Religion makes you believe and estimate yourself in a way that prevents you from being able to honour. Only those like Moises who were carried by the river flow and were saved by God could feel loved. You can't avoid loving Him when you see all the wonders He has done. When people consider you to be old and stammer God calls on you and say, "You are mine" That is the honour of the despised ones!

Josué got closer to God than anybody else "Why do you think Josué was Moisés' heir? Because Josué didn't believe in anything. He would simply say, "If I can go and climb half way of the mountain, then I will stay there and in that way remain closer to God's glory. I used to be despised but now I want to be close to Him and be reached by the glory Moisés will bring with him" In other words, Josue wanted to worship the Lord. Josue was the one who got closer to Jesus while everybody else just run away from Him. So, who else could be a better candidate to replace Moisés? But Josué didn't believe it. He knew he didn't deserve it, but there he was. Moises didn't feel honourable either, so he said, "I am an old stammering man, why do you want me? And God replied, "I do not consider you an stammering old man, you are the liberator of my village" That, my dear brothers, is what

releases worshipping in a person. So, let's be careful and do not forget how much we used to be worth and how worthy we are right now.

It is a good thing to look at yourself according to Heaven's value. I used to be worthless and now I am worth a lot in front of God. I was told I was useless and that I didn't have a future on this land. When I was a teenager I quitted school and began working with my uncle. One day the mother of a girlfriend I used to have said behind my back, "This little bastard has no future at all" That really hurted. From that moment on, I wanted to be out of the system. I considered doing drugs or alcohol. Since she said I had not future then I was not worth anything. Many teenagers think like this nowadays. The system makes them belive they have no future whatsoever. They belive that if they destroy themselves they will destroy the system. But the truth is they are only destroying themselves.

The system tells us we have no future. So, why shall we keep on suffering? Let's try to put an end to our lives right now. We don't realize we are just hurting ourselves. The despised ones ought to learn to change their minds and open themselves to love and worship.

What does a person usually do when He/She has a fight with his/her couple? They usually start drinking alchool and getting drunk. They smoke a lot and end up lying on the ground. How does that have anyting to do

with the fact that your boyfriend/girlfrined left you? Actually they are punishing themselves. They say, “It hurts so much that I punish myself” This system teaches the wrong things. It teaches us to hurt ourselves and make bad decisions in our lives. But then God rescues us and tell us how much we are worth for Him. That is the reason why true worship has to do with the despised one. We are not the best but we are worth according to heaven’s value in celestial dollars. Gods tells us, “Your are worth more than all the gold in the entire world”.

We should never forget that we used to be worthless and God was the one who rescued us. This is exactly the same relevation which made that sinner woman worshipped Him in such a deep way.

Why is it that sometimes we get upset with God because things just don’t work the way we want? I have seen people who stop going to church because God didn’t give them what they had asked for. They said it didn’t work. The word “to work” is just the opposite to the truth of God. “How does the Gospel work?” If things go wrong it doesn’t mean the Gospel doesn’t work. If we are in God’s presence and Jesus bough us with his own blood, then Gospel really works. That is its mission, to return the honour to the despised ones.

According to the Bible we already have everything we need. Reason why we should be able to understand the

act of worshipping and be capable of worshipping the Lord.

When the Lord showed Peter that He could lift the net full of fish, Peter fell on his knees and claimed, “ Get away from me. I am a sinner” Do you know the reason why Peter turn into a martyr? The only reason was that God visited Peter on his boat and he witnessed a miracle. He felt loved by the Lord and that made Peter be crucified upsid down. The act of whorshipping and serving are born the moment you feel forgiven.

Peter must have said, “I am just an ordinary fisherman and still God came to visit me on my boat!” But God’s visit made Pedro changed for ever. He must have thought, “I will worship Him. I will follow Him. No one will ever have to insist upon me to go and visit Him. I will always go since He was here, on my boat”.

“How come Paul followed God until he was beheaded? How can Paul worship the Lord while he was in jail? What is it that made him write an epistle about freedom while he was behind bars? How come a person can talk about faith after people had thrown stones at him? Paul said, “Who was I? I was a murderer. I used to chase people and kill them afterwads. But then He found me and forgave me. How can He forgive me for everything I have done? I was amazed by his forgiveness. How can He forgive me when I used to chase the church? He could have forgiven somebody else.

“So, I should allow by all means to be beheaded. I will throw myself to His knees and worship Him for he was the one who took me to heaven when I really deserved to be sentenced to the gallows”. Do you realise? When everybody else considered Saulo to be worthless, God chose him and claimed, “He is going to be my apostle on the Earth” Do you realize that Paul’s reaction is more effective than the reaction of those who consider themselves worthier than him?

That is the problem which many people have. Even though they have done the right thing they are unable to feel forgiven and they are wrong. It is not about whether we behave properly or not. The problem is that we don’t seem to realize how worthy we are for God. Simon, the pharisee, considered himself a good person. However, the sinner woman was a curse on society and that is what made her appreciate even more her encounter with Jesus. She let herself be loved. Simon, instead, was trapped in a religious spirit.

I have met a lot of people who told me they were nice people. Now, according to what they are good people? According to God, we all have the same blood, the same forgiveness and the same redemption. Some people consider themselves above average, so they say, “I may go to church and worship”, “But I can’t go next week”, “Today I won’t go, it’s too hot outside”, “I am too tired to go”. They say so because they consider themselves good people.

I have wondered many times why there aren't so many martyrs to serve God. Even though I believe martyrdom could be a gift to God, I still wonder how come some people keep on singing while they are being hit. I think that people need to be beaten to go to church.

I also wonder what made those person keep on singing though they were being beaten. I read Jon Fox' book. It describes the torture some brother had to endure. And even though he was set on fire, he never stopped singing. Fox writes about brothers being burnt while lying on broken glasses and still, they never stooped worshipping.

Nowadays, we need to encourage people in order to worship. So I wonder, "There's got to be something else! And I believe I know the answer. It is the revelation of grace vested in those people who had nothing to lose and eventually found God's love. So, it doesn't matter how the system may affect you. It doesn't matter how the world estimates you. The important thing is what God says about us and how much He regards us. That is true worship. The honour of the despised ones.

The despised ones are the ones who truly know how to worship and they do not need to be pushed to serve God "How can't we worship a God who says and shows us His love? How can't we throw to His knees when He had forgiven us for all our countless sins?

The sinner woman felt dirty inside out. Society looked down on her. But when the heaven's representative, the heaven's ambassador on Earth came to her, she said, " I am a sinner and I have done the worst things ever", surely God replied, "You don't need to give me any explanations. I know the sins you committed but I do not judge you for what you have done. I judge you according to what the Father says you are. So, I am telling you that according to the Earth you deserve to die, but according to heaven, you are a queen" It was enough reason for the sinner woman to throw herself to the master's knees and cry over Him. He had just told her how worthy she was when the rest of the world thought just the opposite.

All her family told her she was a curse on society but the King proved them wrong. He had something to tell her, that's way He asked her to keep the alabaster box of ointment and save it for her grave, since He was going to die for her. It's just impossible not to worship someone who is willing to die for you. God told her to save the alabaster box of ointment because He came to the Earth to die for her because she was a queen. That is true worship for those who aren't worth inside this system, but who are worth for the Lord.

Only the people who know they deserve nothing but have a lot of gratitude to offer are the ones who can truly worship God. Those people could die now and never ask for any explanations. I am talking about the people

who serve and ask for nothing in exchange. It's the people who throw themselves to Jesus's knees and mix their tears with the most expensive perfume, hard work and pain. It's the people who put all their glory at God's disposal. People who know that the honour of the despised ones has reached their lives.

*He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds  
He determines the number of the stars  
he gives to all of them their names  
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power  
his understanding is beyond measure  
<sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the humble  
he casts the wicked to the ground  
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving  
make melody to our God on the lyre*

Psalm 147:3 to 7 V.R.V.

# Prayer to the King

We love you Lord and are thankful to you. Let your grace invade us. If we have ever misbehaved and forgotten Jesus was our justice, we ask for your forgiveness.

If we have ever acted like Samson and got used to unaction and played with it, we ask for your forgiveness. If we have ever asked or claimed for happiness instead of offering service, we ask for your forgiveness.

If life has ever made us lost everything we had, Lord, make us grow enough hair to be able to anoint you.

Lord, we want to go back to the real gratitude again. The same gratitude that one day touched our spirit. The day our spirits came together. The same day we cried before you and someone told us that was love at first sight.

Lord, let it be our only love. Let us be embraced with all your grace upon your throne. We are here to worship you because you are worth it. Your love goes beyond limits.

We are not thankful because everything has worked well in our lives or because we have never had family

problems. No Lord. We are here to worship no matter things may go wrong.

Your heart will always be stronger though we may have been despised or we may have gone through situations which had broken our hearts. But that fills us with true love and adoration in our spirit to tell you we are here to serve you and worship you.

If a servant had the meanest job and that was to wash a guest's shoe, we are here to do the same. We are willing to do everything you say. That is our heart's gratitude.

We wish that true worship reaches your throne Lord. We wish we had your beloved son Jesus Christ among us right now to kneel upon His feet and wash them. One day we will be face to face with Him. We just want to worship you Father. Thank you so much. Amen.

Each of you has your own testimony. You might have cried sometimes when you remembered someone who didn't love you in return. But how good it feels to cry when someone has deeply loved us. Some people may have betrayed you, lied to you or even played with your feelings. But Jesus is capable of understanding better than anybody else. He will never play with our feelings.

That's why today we remember a sinner woman, a despised woman. Today we remember her worship. Do you know why? Because she did something that reached

eternity. She froze a moment in God's heart since she was able to truly worship Him. While others, though having God sat down on their table, only wanted to ask Him questions and engage in a discussion. Unfortunately they didn't worship the King. Let's not forget that Simon represents a religious system and the sinner woman represents a church that worships. Religion can't lead us to worship. This gift is only found in the despised ones.

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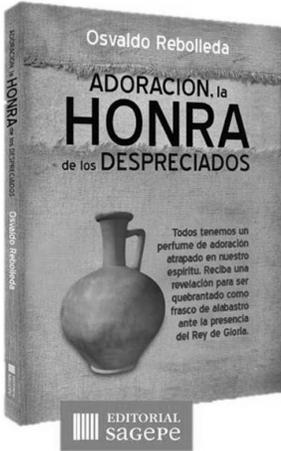
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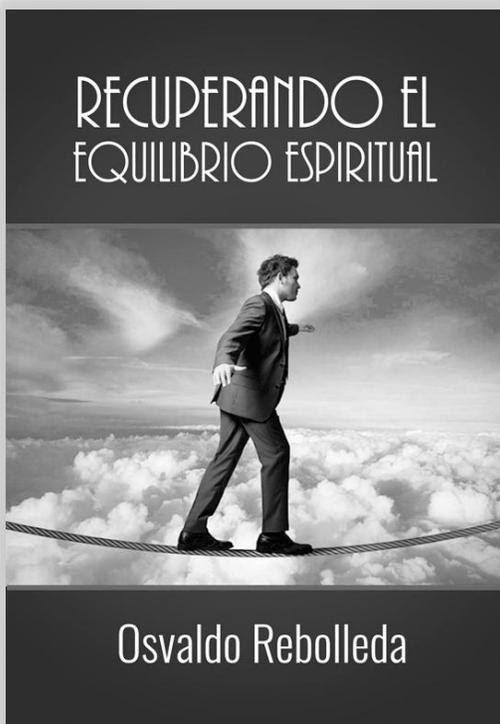
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