

Beloved of the Lord:

Consider worshipfully and prayerfully the great characteristics of our blessed Lord that the Spirit of God reveals in this Scripture. May the meditation draw us closer to Him and mold our lives for His glory!

1- HE IS THE GREAT SACRIFICE OF THE AGES - "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the SIN of the world" - John 1:29. Grasp the complete significance of this! He not only removes the SINS of believing sinners, but in future glory, the SIN of the world will be replaced by EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS - 2 Pet.3:10;Rev.21:1-5. A NEW CREATION!

2 - HE IS THE GREAT BLESSER - "The same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost" - John 1:33. The baptism of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor.12:13) took place at Pentecost (Acts 2). The formation of the Church which is His Body - Eph.1:22,23. As then, so now, the presence and operation of the Holy Spirit is the POWER of the assembly. Is it forgotten?

3 - HE IS THE GREAT GATHERING CENTER - John 1:35-39. The first two disciples were Andrew and John. The Lord drew them on! They came, saw and abode with Him. His Person became clearer; His words dearer and His fellowship sweeter. He still is the gathering center for His people today! - Matt.18:20. From the first two, the Spirit will bring a multitude to gather for ever around Him in glory! - HE WILL BE IN THE MIDST! - Rev. 5:6-10.

4 - HE IS THE GREAT BUILDER - John 1:40-42. Andrew brings Peter to Jesus, Who immediately changes his name to Cephas, meaning "A STONE". Why? He knew his plans to build His Church and wanted Peter a "stone" within it - Matt. 16:16-18. Later Peter writes more in detail about it - 1 Pet. 2:1-10. Let us remember HE is still THE GREAT BUILDER!

"View the vast building, see it rise;  
The work how great, the plan how wise!  
O wondrous fabric, power unknown  
That builds it on the "LIVING STONE".

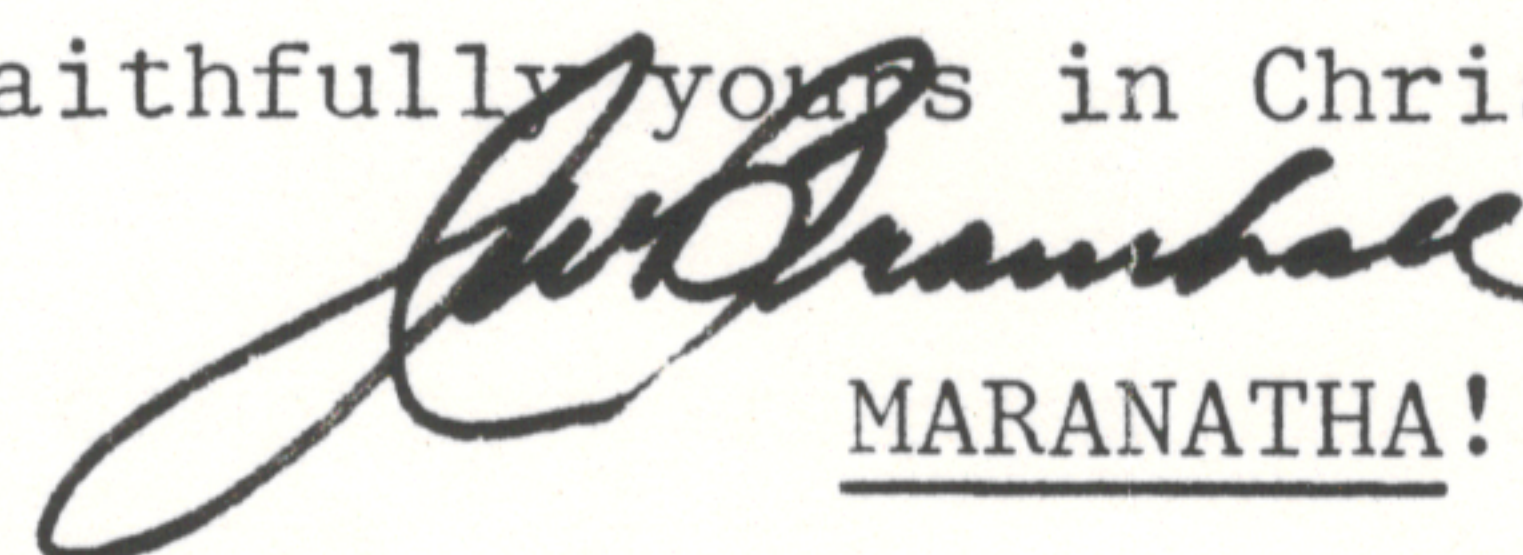
5 - HE IS THE GREAT LEADER - "Jesus findeth Philip and saith unto Him - FOLLOW ME" - John 1:43. There is but ONE LEADER! ONE Shepherd and ONE flock - John 10:16. Human leadership can never be a substitute for HIM! The Corinthians chose human leadership, the BEST of that day, causing contentions and divisions - 1 Cor.1:11-13. Today, do WE follow MEN or HIM? "The sheep follow HIM; for they know HIS voice" - John 10:4.

6 - HE IS THE GREAT JUDGE - John 1:44-48. Philip finds Nathanael and brings him to Jesus. "Whence KNOWEST Thou me?" is Nathanael's query of the Lord, Who knew his character and his thoughts when "under the fig tree". "ALL things are naked and open to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" - Heb.4:13. HE IS THE JUDGE OF ALL - John 5:22;Rev.1:13-16. Saint and sinner will stand before Him; the saint at His Judgment Seat - 2 Cor.5:10; the sinner at the Great White Throne - Rev.20:11-15.

7 - HE IS THE GREAT ADMINISTRATOR - John 1:49-51. "Greater things than these shalt thou see" said Jesus. In the greatness of His Kingdom, heaven will rule over it. The Lord Jesus will be the personal Administrator of His Kingdom. "For the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver; the LORD is our King; HE will save us" - Isa.33:24 - will be confessed. The Judicial, Legislative and Executive branches of the Kingdom will be in HIS control! HE IS THE GREAT ADMINISTRATOR!

"Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to THEE,  
HOW GREAT THOU ART! HOW GREAT THOU ART!"

Faithfully yours in Christ,



MARANATHA! - Psalm 104:34