

# **THE HIGH HUMAN CALLING**

## **our nature:**

(as those made in the image & likeness of God)

- **children**
- **creatures**
- **servants (worshippers, rulers, stewards)**

our holy calling (the way of life, righteousness, freedom & rest) is:

## **1) TO KNOW GOD**

out of a clear, untroubled conscience, a free spirit, & a pure, undivided heart, having:

**\* *an inner spring of great delight in Him***

& so, continually relating to the Father in a joyous spirit of:

- **reverent awe**  
(knowing He is GOD!)
- **child-like trust**  
(lifting up our soul to Him)
- **grateful affection**  
(thanking Him for every expression of His love)
- **wholehearted obedience**  
(loving His will & way — & seeking His pleasure)

## **2) TO GLORIFY GOD**

through a continual:

**\* *reflection of His glory — as His representatives***

- **His moral purity**  
(in our inner being: a spring of jealous desire for God's glory & praise — hating, grieved by & dreading sin)
- **the truth of His word**  
(in our thinking: a true view of God, humanity & the creation — seeing all things, at all times, in this light)
- **His love**  
(in our relationships: 'holy affection', 'yearning desire' for others to be blessed, & 'ceaseless self-giving')
- **His purpose[s]**  
(in the investment of our lives: that which lasts forever)