

Study 2

THE HIGH HUMAN CALLING

our nature:

(as those created in the moral image & likeness of God)

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

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

1) TO KNOW GOD

enlightened in His presence, & (out of a clear conscience, a free spirit & a pure, undivided heart) receiving the supreme blessing of:

*** *a life-giving, inner spring of great delight in Him***

always choosing to respond to the Father, in an adoring spirit of:

- **reverent awe**
(the absolute wonder & wisdom of knowing He is GOD!)
- **childlike trust**
(the peaceful simplicity of lifting up our soul to Him)
- **grateful affection**
(the inner-music of thankfulness for the reality of His love)
- **unwavering obedience**
(the holy happiness of pursuing His pleasure, way & will)

2) TO GLORIFY GOD

in the blessedness of our communion with the Holy One there is:

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

through the enormous, ongoing blessing of being one with Him in:

- **His own holy affections**
(in our inner being ***a spring of divine, moral purity:***
strong, jealous passion for His glory & praise, with hatred for sin—& grief at its intrusion into our or another's heart, mind, words or actions; which is also *simultaneously* within us
a spring of divine love: free-spirited & yearning, self-giving desire for all to know the blessedness of communion with the Father—able, to live freely & fully as His image in His world)
- **the truth of His word**
(in our thinking a holy perception of God, humanity & creation, & seeing all things at all times in the light of this worldview)
- **His purpose[s] of wisdom & love**
(in our daily, relational living a holy, regal & joyous self-giving in all we desire, think, say and do—that which is eternal)