

Day 1 — Seeing the Invisible God

Scripture Reading:

Colossians 1:15, John 1:18, Hebrews 1:3, Exodus 33:18–23

Devotional:

One of the great frustrations of the human heart is that God feels distant. We long to know Him, to understand what He is like, and to be certain that He is there. Scripture tells us plainly that God is invisible—beyond our sight and beyond our ability to fully comprehend. Even Moses, who spoke with God face to face, was told that no one can see God in His fullness and live.

That is why Colossians 1:15 is such staggering news: “*He is the image of the invisible God.*” Paul is saying that God has not remained hidden. The God we could never climb up to has come down to us in Jesus Christ.

Jesus is not merely someone who talks about God. He does not just point us in God’s direction. He shows us God. Hebrews tells us that the Son is “*the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.*” To look at Jesus—His compassion, His authority, His holiness, His mercy—is to see what God is truly like.

This matters because so many of our fears and doubts about God come from imagining Him apart from Christ. We wonder if God is harsh, distant, or easily disappointed. But when we look at Jesus welcoming sinners, touching lepers, weeping at a grave, and giving Himself on the cross, those questions are answered. God is not colder than Jesus. God is exactly like Jesus.

Faith does not mean we understand everything about God. It means we trust what He has made known. And God has made Himself known fully and faithfully in His Son. When you want to know what God thinks of you, how He treats sinners, or whether He is worthy of your trust, don’t speculate—look to Christ.

Reflection Questions:

1. When you think about God, what assumptions do you tend to make apart from Christ?
2. How does Jesus reshape your understanding of God’s character?

Practical Application:

Spend time today reading one Gospel account of Jesus interacting with people. Ask, *What does this show me about God?*

Prayer:

Father, thank You that You have not left us guessing about who You are. Thank You for revealing Yourself in Your Son. Help us to trust You as You truly are, not as we imagine You to be. Draw our hearts to Christ, the perfect image of Your glory. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Day 2 — Christ, the True Image

Scripture Reading:

Colossians 1:15, John 14:9, Philippians 2:6–7, Genesis 1:26–27

Devotional:

From the opening pages of Scripture, we are told that humanity was created in the image of God. That truth gives dignity to every human life—but it also raises a question. If we are made in God's image, why does that image feel so fractured?

Colossians 1:15 gives us the answer. Jesus is not *an* image of God. He is *the* image of the invisible God. Where our image-bearing is finite, broken, and distorted by sin, Christ's image is perfect and complete. He shows us not only what God is like, but what humanity was always meant to be.

Jesus does not merely resemble God; He shares the very nature of God. That is why He can say, *"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."* To see Christ is to see God without distortion.

This also means that Jesus is the pattern for restored humanity. Salvation is not simply about forgiveness—though it certainly includes that. It is about re-creation. God is restoring His image in His people by conforming us to the image of His Son.

That changes how we think about growth in the Christian life. Sanctification is not becoming something artificial or unfamiliar. It is becoming, by grace, what we were created to be in Christ. We are not inventing a new identity; we are being restored to a true one.

The more we behold Christ, the more we are shaped by Him. This is slow, sometimes frustrating work—but it is certain work. God is committed to finishing what He started.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does knowing Christ is the true Image change how you think about salvation?
2. Where do you feel the tension between who you are and who you are becoming?

Practical Application:

Ask God to help you see sanctification not as pressure, but as restoration rooted in grace.

Prayer:

Father, thank You for sending Your Son as the perfect Image. Thank You that in Him You are restoring what sin has broken. Help us to fix our eyes on Christ and trust Your patient work in us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 3 — Firstborn, Not Created

Scripture Reading:

Colossians 1:15, Psalm 89:27, Hebrews 1:1–3, Revelation 1:5

Devotional:

The phrase “*firstborn of all creation*” has been misunderstood for centuries. Some have taken it to mean that Jesus was the first thing God created. But Paul means exactly the opposite.

In Scripture, “firstborn” usually speaks of rank, authority, and inheritance—not origin. The firstborn son was the heir, the ruler, the one who carried the family name and authority forward. That is how the Bible uses this language again and again.

When Paul calls Jesus the firstborn of all creation, he is declaring Christ’s supremacy over it. Jesus is not part of creation. He stands over creation as its rightful Lord and heir. Hebrews tells us that God appointed the Son “*heir of all things*.”

This truth matters because a created savior cannot save. Only God can reconcile us to God. The early church understood this clearly, which is why they confessed that Jesus is “begotten, not made.”

For believers, this is deeply reassuring. The One who rules all things is the same One who has redeemed you. Your salvation rests in the hands of the sovereign Son, not a fragile or limited mediator.

For those still unsure about Jesus, this truth presses a question: If He truly is Lord over all, neutrality is not an option.

Reflection Questions:

1. Why is it essential that Jesus is not a created being?
2. How does Christ’s supremacy bring comfort to your faith?

Practical Application:

Confess areas of life where you treat Jesus as helpful but not authoritative.

Prayer:

Father, thank You for Your Son, the rightful heir of all things. Strengthen our faith to trust Him fully and submit joyfully to His rule. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Day 4 — When Christ Is Lord of Everyday Life

Scripture Reading:

Colossians 1:15, Romans 8:29, Colossians 3:10, Matthew 11:28–30

Devotional:

Big theology always reshapes small, ordinary life. If Jesus is the image of the invisible God and the firstborn over all creation, then He is not just Lord of heaven—He is Lord of your home, your work, and your relationships.

In families, this means we don't define success the same way the world does. Parents are not simply raising high achievers but pointing children toward the true Image. Marriage is not self-fulfillment with Jesus added; it is shaped by Christ's self-giving love.

In work, Christ's lordship frees us. Our jobs matter, but they are not ultimate. Our worth is not measured by productivity or recognition. We work faithfully because Christ reigns—not because work defines us.

In the church, Christ's supremacy reorders everything. Preferences, personalities, and platforms take a back seat to joyful submission to Him. Unity and faithfulness flow from keeping Christ central.

Living under Christ's lordship is not restrictive—it is restful. The One who rules all things is gentle and humble in heart.

Reflection Questions:

1. Where does Christ's lordship most challenge you right now?
2. How does His supremacy bring freedom rather than fear?

Practical Application:

Identify one area of life where you need to realign under Christ's authority.

Prayer:

Father, help us to live ordinary lives under the gracious lordship of Your Son. Teach us to trust Him in every area of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 5 — Christ Is Enough

Scripture Reading:

Colossians 1:15, Colossians 1:18–20, John 6:35, Romans 8:32

Devotional:

Paul does not exalt Christ merely to inform us. He does it to anchor us. Colossians 1:15 reminds us that the Christ we trust is not small, fragile, or uncertain. He is enough.

For the believer who is weary, this is good news. Your salvation does not rest on how strong your faith feels today. It rests on who Christ is. The One who rules creation will not fail to keep His people.

For the unbeliever, this passage presses a loving challenge. You do not need a lesser Jesus—one who fits neatly into your plans. You need the real Christ, the One who reveals God and reigns over all. He alone can save.

Christ's supremacy does not push us away. It invites us to rest. The Lord of glory gave Himself for sinners, reconciling us to God by the blood of His cross.

There is no higher place to stand than under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions:

1. Where are you tempted to look for something “more” than Christ?
2. How does Christ's sufficiency strengthen your assurance?

Practical Application:

Come to Christ today with your weariness, doubts, or unbelief—and trust Him.

Prayer:

Father, thank You for giving us Your Son, who is more than enough. Draw our hearts to Him in faith and rest. In Jesus' name, Amen.