Shame

Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to <u>shame</u>; For you will forget the <u>shame</u> of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. Isaiah 54:4

My dear friend, Pastor Robert Walter has studied shame and its devastating effects for years. He taught me that we come to Jesus with BOTH sin and shame. He forgives the sin. How does He eradicate shame? Look into His face! His attunement, even delight can be seen there and believed. Honor and shame are rarely paired together in the Scriptures. It seems that "glory" is the Biblical opposite of "shame." If so, then looking into His face as a resolution for shame makes sense. For when we see Him for who He really is, we become like Him.

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Shame Is On The Lord's Adversaries

- Job 8:22 Those who hate you will be clothed with <u>shame</u>, And the dwelling place of the wicked will come to nothing.
- Psalms 35:4 Let those be put to <u>shame</u> and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life; Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt.
- Psalms 35:26 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my hurt; Let them be clothed with <u>shame</u> and dishonor Who exalt themselves against me.
- Psalms 40:15 Let them be confounded because of their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"
- Psalms 44:7 But You have saved us from our enemies, And have put to shame those who hated us.
- Psalms 44:9 But You have cast us off and put us to shame, And You do not go out with our armies.
- Psalms 44:15 My dishonor is continually before me, And the shame of my face has covered me.
- Psalms 53:5 There they are in great fear *Where* no fear was, For God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you; You have put *them* to <u>shame</u>, Because God has despised them.
- Psalms 69:19 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; My adversaries are all before You.
- Psalms 70:3 Let them be turned back because of their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!"

- Psalms 83:16 Fill their faces with shame, That they may seek Your name, O LORD.
- Psalms 83:17 Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put to shame and perish.
- Psalms 89:45 The days of his youth You have shortened; You have covered him with shame. Selah
- Psalms 97:7 Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods.
- Psalms 109:29 Let my accusers be clothed with <u>shame</u>, And let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle.
- Psalms 129:5 Let all those who hate Zion Be put to shame and turned back.
- Psalms 132:18 His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon Himself His crown shall flourish."
- Jeremiah 48:39 "They shall wail: 'How she is broken down! How Moab has turned her back with <u>shame!</u>' So Moab shall be a derision And a dismay to all those about her."
- Ezekiel 32:24 "There *is* Elam and all her multitude, All around her grave, All of them slain, fallen by the sword, Who have gone down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth, Who caused their terror in the land of the living; Now they bear their shame with those who go down to the Pit.
- Ezekiel 32:25 They have set her bed in the midst of the slain, With all her multitude, With her graves all around it, All of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; Though their terror was caused In the land of the living, Yet they bear their shame With those who go down to the Pit; It was put in the midst of the slain.
- Ezekiel 32:30 There *are* the princes of the north, All of them, and all the Sidonians, Who have gone down with the slain In <u>shame</u> at the terror which they caused by their might; They lie uncircumcised with *those* slain by the sword, And bear their <u>shame</u> with those who go down to the Pit.
- Daniel 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
- Zechariah 10:5 They shall be like mighty men, Who tread down *their enemies* In the mire of the streets in the battle. They shall fight because the LORD is with them, And the riders on horses shall be <u>put to shame</u>.
- Luke 13:17 And when He said these things, all His adversaries were <u>put to shame</u>; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.
- 1 Corinthians 1:27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to <u>shame</u> the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to <u>shame</u> the things which are mighty.
- Philippians 3:18-19 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.
- Hebrews 6:6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open <u>shame</u>.

Jude 1:12-13 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots, raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

Shame On His Disobedient People

- Jeremiah 3:24 For <u>shame</u> has devoured The labor of our fathers from our youth—Their flocks and their herds, Their sons and their daughters.
- Jeremiah 3:25 We lie down in our <u>shame</u>, And our reproach covers us. For we have sinned against the LORD our God, We and our fathers, From our youth even to this day, And have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."
- Jeremiah 7:19 "Do they provoke Me to anger?" says the LORD. "Do they not provoke themselves, to the shame of their own faces?"
- Jeremiah 10:14 Everyone is dull–hearted, without knowledge; Every metalsmith is put to <u>shame</u> by an image; For his molded image *is* falsehood, And *there is* no breath in them.
- Jeremiah 13:26 Therefore I will uncover your skirts over your face, That your shame may appear.
- Jeremiah 20:18 Why did I come forth from the womb to see labor and sorrow, That my days should be consumed with shame?
- Jeremiah 23:40 'And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten."
- Jeremiah 46:12 The nations have heard of your shame, And your cry has filled the land; For the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty; They both have fallen together."
- Jeremiah 51:17 Everyone is dull–hearted, without knowledge; Every metalsmith is put to <u>shame</u> by the carved image; For his molded image *is* falsehood, And *there is* no breath in them.
- Jeremiah 51:51 We are ashamed because we have heard reproach. <u>Shame</u> has covered our faces, For strangers have come into the sanctuaries of the LORD'S house.
- Ezekiel 7:18 They will also be girded with sackcloth; Horror will cover them; <u>Shame</u> will be on every face, Baldness on all their heads.
- Ezekiel 16:52 You who judged your sisters, bear your own <u>shame</u> also, because the sins which you committed were more abominable than theirs; they are more righteous than you. Yes, be disgraced also, and bear your own <u>shame</u>, because you justified your sisters.
- Ezekiel 16:54 That you may bear your own <u>shame</u> and be disgraced by all that you did when you comforted them.
- Ezekiel 44:13 And they shall not come near Me to minister to Me as priest, nor come near any of My holy things, nor into the Most Holy *Place*; but they shall bear their <u>shame</u> and their abominations which they have committed.

- Daniel 9:7 O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us <u>shame</u> of face, as *it is* this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.
- Daniel 9:8 O Lord, to us *belongs* shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.
- Hosea 9:10 "I found Israel Like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers As the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season. *But* they went to Baal Peor, And separated themselves *to that* shame; They became an abomination like the thing they loved.
- Hosea 10:6 *The idol* also shall be carried to Assyria *As* a present for King Jareb. Ephraim shall receive <u>shame</u>, And Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

Wrong Behavior Can Produce Shame

- Proverbs 9:7 He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.
- Proverbs 10:5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.
- Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.
- Proverbs 12:4 An excellent wife *is* the crown of her husband, But she who causes <u>shame</u> *is* like rottenness in his bones.
- Proverbs 12:16 A fool's wrath is known at once, But a prudent man covers shame.
- Proverbs 13:5 A righteous man hates lying, But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.
- Proverbs 13:18 Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.
- Proverbs 14:35 The king's favor is toward a wise servant, But his wrath is against him who causes shame.
- Proverbs 17:2 A wise servant will rule over a son who causes shame, And will share an inheritance among the brothers.
- Proverbs 18:13 He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.
- Proverbs 19:26 He who mistreats *his* father *and* chases away *his* mother *Is* a son who causes <u>shame</u> and brings reproach.
- Proverbs 25:8 Do not go hastily to court; For what will you do in the end, When your neighbor has put you to shame?
- Proverbs 25:10 Lest he who hears it expose your shame, And your reputation be ruined.
- Proverbs 29:15 The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother

- 1 Corinthians 6:5 I say this to your <u>shame</u>. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren?
- 1 Corinthians 11:22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise *you*.
- 1 Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak *this* to your shame.
- 2 Corinthians 11:21 To *our* <u>shame</u>, I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also.

No Shame On His People

- Psalms 14:6 You shame the counsel of the poor, But the LORD is his refuge.
- Psalms 69:7 Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Shame has covered my face.
- Psalms 71:1 In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be put to shame.
- Psalms 71:24 My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long; For they are confounded, For they are brought to <u>shame</u> Who seek my hurt.
- Psalms 119:31 I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!
- Jeremiah 17:18 Let them be ashamed who persecute me, But do not let me be put to <u>shame</u>; Let them be dismayed, But do not let me be dismayed. Bring on them the day of doom, And destroy them with double destruction!
- Joel 2:26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be <u>put to shame</u>.
- Joel 2:27 Then you shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel: I *am* the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be <u>put to shame</u>.
- Romans 9:33 As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."
- Romans 10:11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."
- 1 Corinthians 4:14 I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.
- 1 Peter 2:6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

Jesus Took Our Shame

- Isaiah 50:6 I gave My back to those who struck *Me*, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from <u>shame</u> and spitting.
- Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the <u>shame</u>, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Glory For Shame

- Psalms 4:2 How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness And seek falsehood? Selah
- Proverbs 3:35 The wise shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools.
- Isaiah 54:4 Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore.
- Isaiah 61:7 Instead of your <u>shame</u> *you shall have* double *honor*, And *instead of* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.
- Ezekiel 16:63 That you may remember and be ashamed, and never open your mouth anymore because of your shame, when I provide you an atonement for all you have done," says the Lord GOD.
- Ezekiel 34:29 I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the <u>shame</u> of the Gentiles anymore.
- Ezekiel 36:6-9 Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations. "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that *are* around you shall bear their own shame. But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come. For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.
- Ezekiel 39:26 After they have borne their <u>shame</u>, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt safely in their *own* land and no one made *them* afraid.
- Hosea 4:7 The more they increased, The more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame.
- Zephaniah 3:19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, And gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were <u>put to shame</u>.
- Zephaniah 3:11 In that day you shall not be <u>shamed</u> for any of your deeds In which you transgress against Me; For then I will take away from your midst Those who rejoice in your pride, And you shall no longer be haughty In My holy mountain.
- 2 Corinthians 4:2 But we have renounced the hidden things of <u>shame</u>, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Revelation 3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, <i>that</i> the <u>shame</u> of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.
Revelation 16:15 Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed <i>is</i> he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his <u>shame</u> .
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