

A scenic view of a stone wall winding through a mountainous landscape. The wall is built from rough-hewn stones and follows the contours of the hills. The vegetation is sparse, consisting of dry grasses and small, leafless trees. In the background, there are several mountain peaks, some of which are covered in snow or light-colored rock. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall atmosphere is quiet and somewhat desolate.

**He Must Become
Greater - John 3:22-36**

***Notice of Termination
of Employment***

Jesus Baptizes in Addition to John

- After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized. (This was before John was put in prison.) (3:22-24)

John's Disciples are Distressed

- An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him." (3:25-26)

A Servant's Heart

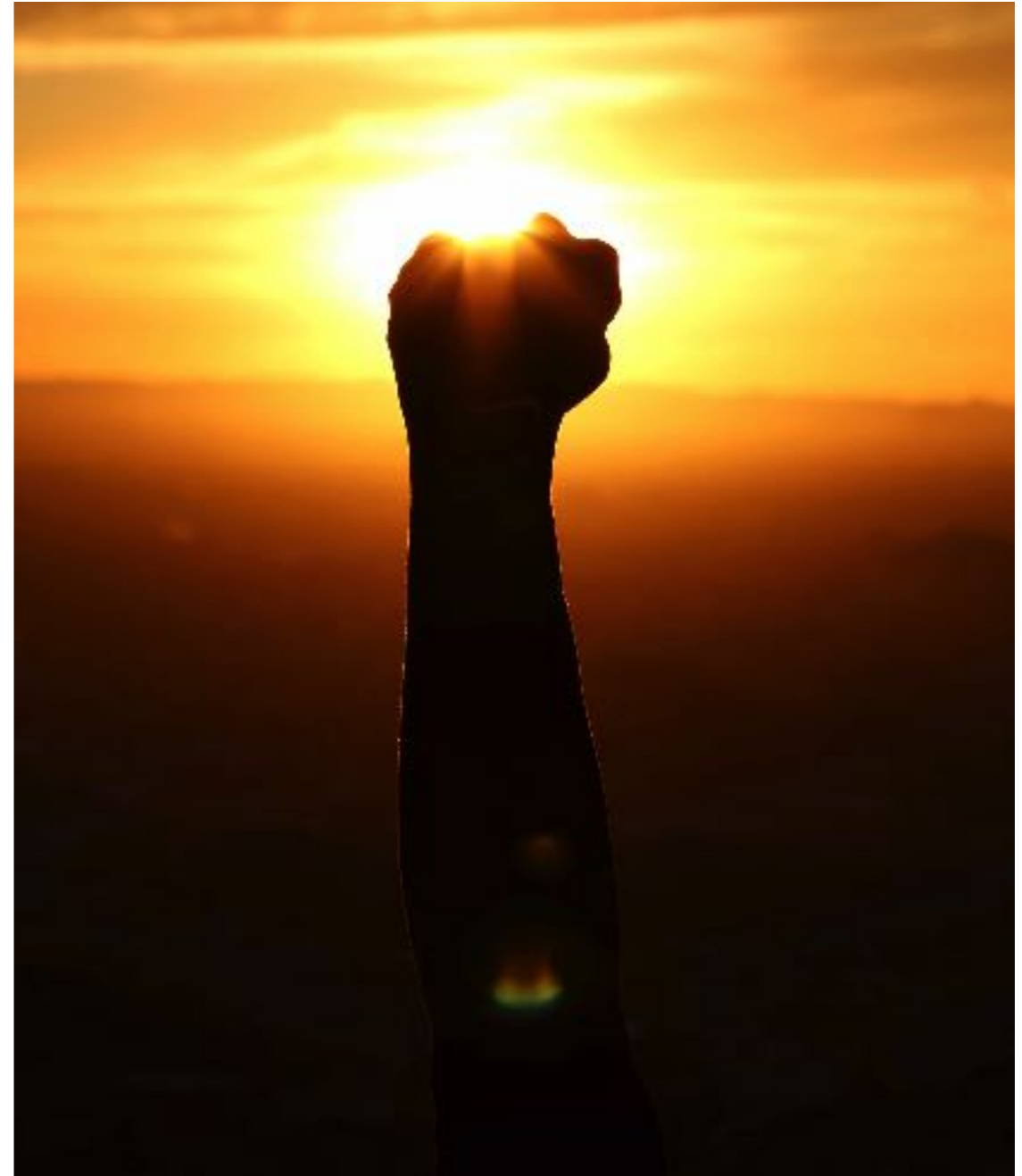
- To this John replied, “A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.’ The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less.” (3:27-30)

**“As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.”**

–Isaiah 62:5

The Power Trap

- It's an incredibly consistent effect. When you give people power, they basically start acting like fools. They flirt inappropriately, tease in a hostile fashion, and become totally impulsive.”



The Supremacy of Christ



1. Jesus is Superior because of His Heavenly Origins

- The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.
(3:31)

2. Jesus is Superior Because of What He Speaks

- He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. (3:32-33)

3. Jesus has the Full Measure of the Spirit of God

- For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. (3:34)

4. Jesus Has Been Given Full Authority From The Father

- The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. (3:35)

5. Jesus Is The One On Whom The Destiny Of Every Human Being Rests

- Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them. (3:36)



