

LIFE IN THE GLORY REALM

INTRODUCTION

I recently spoke to the church about the fact that we have the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. When a person flows in the gifts of the Spirit, we have access to the power of God through His Spirit. When we flow like this, we are functioning in the "anointing of the Holy Spirit".

Sometimes however, we limit what we do to this experience. The Bible however, teaches us that we grow from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

I believe, God is reminding the church as whole that the Christian walk is not only about the anointing of the Holy Spirit in our lives, but about His revealed glory. I have heard this described as a whole new realm! This is the place where God is not only working through us as His anointed vessels, but where His manifest presence is being revealed and people are being touched, healed and delivered without even having been laid hands on. God is interacting directly with those He wants to bless and we need to start to understand this move of God which seems to be gaining momentum wherever God's people are. This is not a new glory, it's the glory of God that comes with the New Covenant and we need to get ready to experience it.

MESSAGE

WHAT IS THE GLORY?

In the Old Testament, whatever possessed weight in the sense of dignity was called Glory (kabod). Kabod means **weightiness, splendor, honour, and even beauty**. A man's wealth, the insignia of his wealth, and the pomp of his surroundings were called his kabod.

God's glory in these terms is nothing like man's glory, there is no comparison! God is the most glorious being in existence, and it is considered that human beings are created in the Image of God and can share or participate, imperfectly, in divine glory as image-bearers. Thus in Matthew 5:17 Christians are instructed to "let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Some commentators go so far as to say that **God's very nature is Glory!**

When the fullness of God's glory is manifest, it is so weighty that man cannot stand in its presence! We sing a song "Let the weight of Your Glory fall".

The Bible teaches that as God's glory filled the temple and the tabernacle, the priests could not stand to minister.

In fact, no man can look directly upon the glory of God and live, even in the New Testament, after Jesus work on the cross this remains so: **1 Timothy 6:16** (NLT) He alone can never die, and He lives in light so brilliant that no

human can approach Him. No human eye has ever seen Him, nor ever will. All honour and power to Him forever! Amen.

Isaiah the prophet had a vision of God's glory and he thought he would die!

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NLT) It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. 2 Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is **the Lord of Heaven's Armies** (YHWH Elohe Tzevaot -"YHWH God of Hosts"),! The whole earth is filled with his glory!" 4 Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. 5 Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven." 8 Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

- Isaiah recognized his own sinfulness and **expected** he would die because of being in God's presence!
- But one of the angels touched him with a coal from the altar and removed his guilt.
- You and I have also been touched, not necessarily by a coal from the altar but by the blood of the sacrificial lamb!

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NKJV) Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- This does not mean that we can actually look at God's glory, but being before the throne of grace means that we can experience His glory!
- And that glory is available everywhere! "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!"
- But... we must never, never, never come flippantly or irreverently before God. He may be our "Abba (Daddy) Father", but He remains YHWH Tzevaot, the LORD of Heaven's armies!

Coming back to the definition of glory, we find the interpretation of the Greek in the New Testament says this: *Glory (from the Latin gloria, "fame, renown") is used to describe the **manifestation of God's presence** as perceived by humans according to the Christian religion.*

PEOPLE HAVE INCORRECTLY AVOIDED GOD'S GLORY!

Nothing that is formed here on earth even approaches the beauty and wonder of our Creator. He deserves all honour and praise, but there is a scripture that people have not read or understood in context:

Isaiah 42:8 (NKJV) I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

- God is God, there is no comparison. He cannot even be compared to other lesser gods because they don't exist! He is the only true and living God!
- Being the only God, when an idol or false god is praised, that means man is giving God's glory to another.
- God gave this message to the Israelites when they were worshiping idols.
- But, scripture also shows that God does allow His people to receive, and flow in His Glory! Actually, the Lord wants us to walk in His power.

2 Peter 1:4 tells us that God intends us to become "partakers of the divine nature" This is what He intended all along.

Here are some scriptures that confirm this fact:

Isaiah 60:2 (NKJV) For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And **His glory will be seen upon you.**

John 17:22 (NKJV) And the **glory which You gave Me I have given them,** that they may be one just as We are one:

Romans 9:23 (NKJV) and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had **prepared beforehand for glory,**

1 Peter 4:14 (NKJV) If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, **for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.** On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed into the same image from glory to glory,** just as by the Spirit of the Lord

Popular religion insists that no one can share in God's glory. Yet the Bible reveals that redeemed humanity was built for glory - sadly Romans 3:23 says all have sinned and fall short of God's glory, but praise the Lord, through Jesus, that has been dealt with!

If we were prepared for glory, what is there in our lives that is preventing God's glory from manifesting? We need to be holy as God is holy, we need to walk in the righteousness that is ours in Christ Jesus!

NEW COVENANT GLORY

2 Corinthians 3:7-11 (NLT) The old way, with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away. 8 Shouldn't we expect far greater glory under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life? 9 If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God! 10 In fact, that first glory was not glorious at all compared with the overwhelming glory of the new way. 11 So if the old way, which has been replaced, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever!

Moses is a great example of someone who experienced and functioned in God's Glory. The bright glory of God reflected from his face.

- When Moses raised that staff over the Red Sea, it was not only the anointing at work, **it was God's glory being manifest!**
- When Elijah prayed and fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, water around the altar and even the altar itself, **it was God's Glory being manifest.**
- When Joshua prayed for the sun and moon to stand still so that they could win the battle, and it happened, **that was God's glory manifest.**
- When Jesus, fully man spoke to the wind and the waves and they settled, **that was God's Glory being manifest.**
- When Peter's mere shadow fell on people and they were healed, **that was God's glory being manifest.**

What about you and I? God wants to manifest His glory through our lives!

- When we walk in a quiet shop and suddenly it fills with customers, **that is God's glory being manifest**, blessing the place where we are!
- When we walk in a room and God's peace falls in the place, **that is God's glory being manifest.**
- When we start praising God and people start getting healed and delivered without a hand being laid on them, that is God's glory being manifest.

Has it happened to you? It's coming, we need to be ready!

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BUT GOD IS GOD AND HE MUST BE REVERENCED!

God is about to pour out His Glory in our church, in our lives and in our country. Even though we are allowed to participate in His glory, it remains His glory!

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

We are to shine before men but the glory must all go to God. Both Jesus and the Holy Spirit have one main purpose – to glorify the Father.

If we take the glory for granted or treat it with irreverence, the consequences may be absolutely tragic! The new testament church was born into glory, but Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit and died.

When David was moving the ark and Uzzah moved to steady it – in other words, he tried to to “help” God, he fell down dead.

We must hunger and desire for God’s glory to be manifest in and through our lives, our church, our homes and everywhere we go.

- ***Are we willing to live the holy and separated lives we need to live so that God can manifest His glory through us?***
- ***Are we willing to be humble and respect that God’s glory is God’s glory when He moves – it’s not ours!***
- ***Are we willing to seek diligently the presence of the Lord through spending time with Him and in His Word?***

Then we can ask the Lord to reveal His glory in every area of our lives.

CONCLUSION

1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV) But he **who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.**

Colossians 2:7-10 (AMP) having been deeply rooted [in Him] and now being continually built up in Him and [becoming increasingly more] established in your faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing in it with gratitude. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception [pseudo-intellectual babble], according to the tradition [and musings] of mere men, following the elementary principles of this world, rather than following [the truth—the teachings of] Christ. 9 **For in Him all the fullness of Deity (the Godhead) dwells in bodily form** [completely expressing the divine essence of God]. 10 And **in Him you have been made complete** [achieving spiritual stature through Christ], and He is the head over all rule and authority [of every angelic and earthly power].

God is bringing in a fresh understanding of what His glory means to the New testament church. We can experience and see the fullness of God’s glory being manifest and we need to ask the Lord to help us understand it and witness it being manifest to change lives wherever we go!