



# THE GLORY OF GOD

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***“The glory of the LORD’S Spirit is hovering and ready to be imparted.”***

I am in a season where my attention has been deeply drawn to the *“The glory of God”*. This season was ignited when a friend gave me a Scripture referring to the *glory of God* in Exodus 33. Then through praying and meditating on this Scripture, I received a *word* in my heart which included this statement: ***“The glory of the LORD’S Spirit is hovering and ready to be imparted.”***

I was gripped by these life-giving words, as my family and I had recently left our homeland of New Zealand to relocate in Melbourne, Australia. This directive came from God several years after receiving a prophetic dream which visualized *the glory of God* flooding Melbourne, Australia, and a classic revival breaking out as a result.

If I am correct in this statement, *“The glory of the LORD’S Spirit is hovering and ready to be imparted”*, then:

- What is the *glory of God*?
- How do we transition from a place where His glory is *hovering*, to being found in a position to receive the impartation of His glory?
- What happens when the *glory of God* manifests?

Along with many others, I have been wrestling with these questions.

***“Please, show me Your glory.”***

(Exodus 33:18 - NKJV)

The *glory of God* is a common term referred to in Christian circles and one I have used many times. However, there have been times I have made the declaration *“The glory of God is here”* prematurely and also witnessed it being declared (by others) in Christian gatherings without any fruit of such a magnificent presence manifesting.

The *glory of God* is often referred to as the *Shekinah* glory. *Shekinah* is a Hebrew word meaning *“dwelling”*, *“one who dwells”*, or *“he caused to dwell”*. The word *Shekinah* does not appear through the Bible, it is an added expression referred to by Jewish rabbis.

God’s *Shekinah* glory first appeared to the Israelites after they were delivered from slavery in Egypt and was made manifest by way of a cloud during the day, and by fire through the night. This visual manifestation of glory was the *Shekinah* presence of God:

**EXODUS 13:20-22** ~ “So they took their journey from Succoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. <sup>22</sup>He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.”

The *glory of God* is also mentioned in Exodus Chapter 16. After receiving deliverance from slavery in Egypt, Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin. It was here Israel started complaining to Moses and Aaron because of their hunger (See Exodus 16:1-3).

The LORD responded: “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not” (Exodus 16:4).

When Moses relayed this promise to the children of Israel, he stated the provision they were going to receive would further reveal *the glory of God*:

**EXODUS 16:6-7** ~ “Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, ‘At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt. <sup>7</sup>**And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD...**”

As Israel rose in the morning, they saw the provision which came through the manifestation of the *glory of God*. This miraculous provision gave them meat to eat in the evening, and bread to eat in the morning (See Exodus 16:8).

Through this manifestation we see there is miraculous provision, answers to every need, and a revealing of God’s heart towards those who call on Him - even in their complaining. The goodness of God is made manifest in His glory.

### ***The glory reveals God:***

When Israel was ‘camped-out’ in Sinai, Moses received a command from the LORD to pack-up and continue their journey forward. The time had come for God to further lead Israel to the promised land. However, this command came not that long after Israel sinned against God in making a golden calf and offering their worship to it (See Exodus 32). Through this act, Israel was declaring this false idol was the *god* who brought them out of their slavery in Egypt.

Moses challenged God on this command to lead these idolatrous people forward. There was no way he was going to move unless God revealed Himself and confirm that he (Moses) had indeed found grace in the eyes of God.

Moses was a man who spoke with God face to face (see Exodus 33:11), but even under such privilege he was not going to lead Israel forward if God was not going to go with him.

*Let us look at the dialogue Moses had with the LORD:*

**EXODUS 33:12-18** ~ Then Moses said to the LORD, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.’ <sup>13</sup>Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.”

<sup>14</sup>And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

<sup>15</sup> Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."

<sup>17</sup> So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

<sup>18</sup> And he said, "**Please, show me Your glory.**"

There was a deep and desperate cry coming from Moses. He wanted more; an encounter with God where he could receive true revelation of who He is and a personal encounter in His presence that could not be denied. When Moses cried out "Show me Your glory" he was ultimately saying, "Reveal Yourself to me, I want to know you deeply, I want to experience everything of who You are, I want to know Your hand on my life."

**Through God's response we start to see the glory of God revealed:**

**EXODUS 33:19** ~ Then He said, "I will make **all My goodness** pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. **I will be gracious** to whom I will be gracious, and **I will have compassion** on whom I will have compassion."

- God is good, gracious, and compassionate.

The LORD commanded Moses to hide *in the cleft of the rock* the following morning because He was going to pass by and reveal Himself to Moses.

*The following morning...*

**EXODUS 34:5-7** ~ Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, <sup>7</sup> keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

As the LORD *passed by*, *proclaiming* His name over Moses, His glory and divine Majesty were revealed. But not in mere words; when the LORD spoke, the very presence and *glory of God* - His character, fullness, and substance (a tangible and solid presence) – were made manifest. All of these spoken attributes became readily available to Moses:

**Merciful:** Mercy is when one shows love, compassion, and forgiveness towards someone when they have the authority or power to chastise or cause them harm:

- "But God, who is **rich in mercy**, because of His great love with which He loved us" (Ephesians 2:4)
- "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain **mercy** and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16)

**Gracious:** To show favor and kindness to someone of lesser status. The grace of God is neither earned nor deserved; it is a *free* gift. God is *gracious* because of the great love He has for people:

- *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”* (John 1:14)
- *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast”* (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- *“Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”* (Romans 3:24).

**Longsuffering:** God is patient with His people, and with the sinner. He is slow to anger (See Psalm 103:8) and does not quickly retaliate or punish:

- *“So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm”* (Joel 2:13)
- *“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth”* (1 Corinthians 13:4-6).

**Abounding in goodness and truth:** God shows goodness (kindness, virtue, generosity) to all men, especially His chosen. The goodness and truth encompassed in His glory is shown through our salvation which can only be found in Jesus Christ. Gods abounding goodness and truth never fails:

- *“Then He said, ‘I will make all My goodness pass before you...’”* (Exodus 33:19)
- *“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me’”* (John 14:6)
- *“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever”* (Psalm 23:6).

**Forgiving iniquity:** God has a heart of forgiveness. All iniquity, transgression and sin are removed from the sinner through the blood of His Son Jesus Christ, who took *upon Himself* every punishment required. Because of His great love, when the *glory of God* is manifest, His forgiveness is available:

- *“For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You”* (Psalm 86:5)
- *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”* (Ephesians 1:7)
- *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:9).

As the *glory of God* passed before Moses every one of these qualities were released/manifested. There is no *partial* glory, there is only *fullness* in the presence and glory of the LORD.

## **The manifestation of the glory of God:**

***“So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.”***

(Exodus 34:8)

When the *glory of the LORD* passed by, Moses encountered the *True and Living* presence of God; God in His *fulness*. Moses was so deeply convicted by the power, holiness, and Majesty of the LORD, that he rapidly fell to his knees, bowing his head in worship. This was the only worthy response to Almighty God.

We cannot stand in God’s true glory and *not be convicted* by His holiness, purity, authority, and power, because our righteousness is like *filthy rags* before Him (See Isaiah 64:6).

Some other biblical *responses* when people encountered the *glory of God*:

- Jacob was *“afraid”* (See Genesis 28:10-17)
- Moses *“Hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God”* (See Exodus 3:2-6)
- Isaiah was *“Undone”* (See Isaiah 6:1-8)
- Ezekiel *“Fell on his face”* (See Ezekiel 1:28 & 3:23)
- Twenty-four elders in heaven *“Fall down before Him ... and cast their crowns before the throne”* (See Revelation 4)

When *“the glory of God”* is declared from pulpits today, do we see a similar response take place? Do we sense of a shift taking place in the atmosphere? Do we get a conviction within our conscience of His true holiness and authority manifesting in our presence?

If we had a true encounter with the *glory of God*, then I have no doubt we would make haste and respond in the same way as those mentioned above.

## **Let us take a further look how the glory of God manifests in the word of God:**

### **The glory on Mount Sinai:**

- *“Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel”* (Exodus 24:15-17).
- The *glory of the LORD* was an evident, consuming presence. And in this case the *glory of God* was made manifest through consuming fire. As we come into the presence of God’s glory, we will be consumed by Him, and changed by Him.

### **The glory covered and filled the tabernacle:**

- *“Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle”* (Exodus 40:34-35).
- The glory was too strong for Moses to enter. Moses was a man who would speak with God *“face to face”*, yet he could not stand, nor enter this presence of glory.

### **The Ark brought into the temple:**

- *“And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, <sup>11</sup> so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD” (1 KINGS 8:10-11).*
- *There was no partial release of glory, the glory of God filled the house*
- *The glory of God caused the priests to stop ministering.*

### **How has the glory been described?**

- **Kabod:** A Hebrew word which translates into glory. The root meaning of Kabod is “weight”, “heaviness”, and “abundance”. The *glory of God* has a weighty/heaviness to it.
- **A cloud:** *“Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle” (Exodus 40:34)*
- **Rainbow - Brightness:** *“Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD” (Ezekiel 1:28)*
- **Fire:** *“The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel” (Exodus 24:17).*
- **Like the sunrise:** *“His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden” (Habakkuk 3:4 – NIV)*
- **Greater than the sun and moon:** *“The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light” (Revelation 21:23)*
- **Smoke and Power:** *“The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power...” (Revelation 15:8)*
- **The heavens:** *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1)*
- **The earth:** *“...the whole earth is full of His glory!” (Isaiah 6:3)*

### **Jesus Christ; the glory of God:**

#### **The glory of Jesus is the image of God:**

- *“Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest **the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them**” (2 Corinthians 4:4)*
- *“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> **who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.**” (Hebrews 1:1-3)*

### **Jesus Christ is the Lord of glory:**

- *“Which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified **the Lord of glory**” (1 Corinthians 2:8)*
- *“My brethren, do not hold the faith of our **Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory**, with partiality” (James 2:1).*

### **Jesus Christ is the King of glory:**

- *“Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And **the King of glory** shall come in. <sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And **the King of glory** shall come in. <sup>10</sup> **Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory**” (Psalm 24:7-10).*

### **Jesus Christ is the ‘glory of God’ in the flesh:**

- *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1)*
- *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).*

**The Word** (Jesus Christ; the Son of God; the Lord/King of glory) **became flesh and dwelt among us.** And in doing so *the glory of God* – His Radiance, Holiness, Purity, Power, and Beauty – visited the earth for all to see:

- **The Word dwelt among us**, meaning He ‘tabernacled’ among us. And just as the people could see the cloud of *Gods glory* cover and fill the tabernacle (See Exodus 40:34-35), so too can the *glory of God* be seen in Jesus Christ.
- When Solomon’s temple (which is a type of Christ) was dedicated to the LORD, *“the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD”* (1 Kings 8:11). So too, Jesus Christ is *filled* with the *glory of the LORD*.
- *“The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”* (Isaiah 40:5)
- Jesus may have looked like man, but the fulness of the *glory of God* covered and filled Him.

**“And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father.”** The *glory of God* was revealed *in*, and *upon* Jesus Christ through:

- **Discernment:** *“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”* (John 1:29)
- **His omniscient (all knowing) ability:** *“Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”* (John 4:29)
- **Being omnipotent (all powerful/unlimited power):** *“And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”* (Mark 4:41)



- **The miracles He performed:** *“Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.’”* (Matthew 11:4-5)
- **Through transfiguration:** *“And He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light”* (Matthew 17:2)
- **His love:** *“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Romans 8:38-39)
- **The cross:** *“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God”* (1 Corinthians 1:18)
- **His death:** *“He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”* (Philippians 2:8-11)
- **Eternity:** *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last”* (Revelation 22:13).

### **Holy Spirit; the glory of God:**

#### **The ‘glory of the Father’ who raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit:**

- *“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead **by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should walk in newness of life”* (Romans 6:4).

#### **The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of glory:**

- *“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”* (1 Peter 4:14).

#### **Jesus was anointed with the glory of the Holy Spirit:**

- *“**The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me** to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; <sup>19</sup>To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD”* (Luke 4:18-19)
- *“**God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit** and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him”* (Acts 10:38).



### **The disciples were filled with the glory of Holy Spirit:**

- *“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:2-4).*

### **The glory of God; within you:**

#### **The glory of God the Holy Spirit dwells within you:**

- *“Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)*
- *“But if **the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies **through His Spirit who dwells in you**” (Romans 8:11).*

#### **The glory of God the Son (Jesus) dwells within you:**

- *“And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts**, crying out, “Abba, Father!” (Galatians 4:6)*

#### **You are transformed in the glory:**

- *“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” (2 Corinthians 3:18).*

#### **The glory of God will be seen upon you:**

- *“Arise, shine; for your light has come! And **the glory of the LORD is risen upon you**. <sup>2</sup>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**” (Isaiah 60:1-2).*

### **How do we encounter the glory of God?**

#### **Through Jesus:**

- ***“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”** (John 14:6)*
- *“And **the glory which You gave Me I have given them**, that they may be one just as We are one.” (John 17:22)*
- *“When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” (Colossians 3:4)*
- *“But may the God of all grace, **who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus**, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you” (1 Peter 5:10)*

### **Through Prayer:**

- Moses cried out to God to encounter His glory: *“And he said, ‘Please, show me Your glory’”* (Exodus 33:18) – God heard Him and answered Him.
- *“When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD’s house. <sup>3</sup> When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD...”* (2 Chronicles 7:1-3).

### **Through Belief:**

- Martha was told to believe: *“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?’”* (John 11:40)

### **Through Obedience:**

- *“Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him’”* (John 14:23).

### **Through Suffering:**

- *“But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy”* (1 Peter 4:14).

### **Through Reproach:**

- *“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”* (1 Peter 4:14).

### **What to expect when the glory of God manifests today?**

Earlier in this article we looked at what happens when the *glory of God* manifested through the Old testament.

- God’s glory would come down upon the tabernacle like a cloud, covering and filling it
- The *glory of God* filled the Temple so that the ministering priests could not continue to minister
- There was miraculous provision through the *glory of God*, by way of meat and bread.
- When God revealed His glory to Moses, He also made a powerful covenant: *“And He said: ‘Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.’”* (Exodus 34:11)

*But what would happen if the glory of God manifested today?*

Well, we should expect the same, and more!

- *“But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,<sup>8</sup> how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?<sup>9</sup> For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.<sup>10</sup> For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels.<sup>11</sup> For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious”* (2 Corinthians 3:7-11).

**The glory of God has not been watered down nor has it lost its power or radiance through the years. It has in fact become more glorious, more powerful, and more radiant through the blood of Jesus Christ.**

Too often we forget this and revert to carnal means, where we carelessly manipulate what is God’s true glory. In doing so we reduce the *glorious perfection of God* to our limited understanding or experience; recklessly devaluing the power and life-giving transformation available through the blood of Jesus Christ.

We cannot continue to do this! Through the blood of Jesus Christ, we should expect the *glory of God* to be much more glorious and powerful than the glory Moses, Solomon, Ezekiel, Isaiah, and Jacob experienced.

The world is full of counterfeit religions, false idols, new age therapies, darkness, and sin. And it is only through the truth of Christ and a legitimate manifestation of the *glory of God* that will draw people away from such deception. So as Christians, we must *“seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God”* (Colossians 3:1) and prepare ourselves for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit where the fullness of *God’s glory* will be manifested.

As the *glory of God* comes upon our lives, our meetings, and our world, we can expect extraordinary things to take place that will leave no room for denial of His Majesty. We should expect the presence of God to be so strong, convicting, miraculous, and holy, that we have no option but to stop what we are doing and *fall on our faces* before Him.

**When the glory is manifest will see:**

- The Gospel preached in power
- The blind will see, the lame will walk, lepers will be cleansed, the deaf will hear, the dead will be raised (See Luke 7:22; Acts 10:38)
- Demons will flee (See Luke 4:36)
- People will come under conviction of sins and will know their need for the Savior Jesus Christ (See John 16:8-11)
- People will be *undone* and cry out for mercy (See Isaiah 6)
- There will be a purging and refining in His fire (Malachi 3:1-3; Isaiah 6:6-7)
- There will be healing, redemption and liberty in the *glory of God* (See Hebrews 8:12; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Corinthians 3:17)
- People will be transformed; *“from glory to glory”* (See 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Jesus will receive *all the glory*, not man (See Isaiah 42:8)

Too easily the *glory of God* is referred to when in fact He has not revealed Himself in this way, nor has there been any fruit of such claims. Like many, I have been in meetings where there has been no mention of Jesus Christ (the King of glory) nor has there been any worship **towards Him**, but some lukewarm person will take the platform declaring to an ignorant (*someone lacking knowledge and*

awareness) crowd, *“the glory is here, I can feel it!”* But there has been no shift in the atmosphere, nor any repentance or reverence shown towards God by the people in attendance. If the *glory of God* were truly manifest in the meeting, there would be a significant shift and response taking place.

- When the fullness of the *glory of God* comes, He will take control and there will be no need to tell people He has arrived, His presence will be enough.
- When the *glory of God* is truly manifest, people will see the flashing lights and smoke machines on display today are only an entertainment sideshow, and in some cases a *faint expression* of powerless religion; trying to imitate *His glory* through carnal means.

Perhaps we are all guilty of these things, but we now must repent and seek after that which is true, *and available* through Jesus Christ - the awesome power, splendor, majesty, and *glory of God!*

### ***Jesus returning in great glory!***

The scene is being set; Jesus Christ is returning soon. And when He bursts forth the whole world will see the fulness of His Majesty, His authority, and His glory:

- *“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen”* (Revelation 1:7)
- *“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; <sup>26</sup>men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory”* (Luke 21:25-27)
- *“For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be”* (Matthew 24:27).

### ***We do not know the exact time He will return in power and glory:***

- *“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only”* (Matthew 24:36)
- *“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming”* (Matthew 25:13).

When Jesus spoke of the *End of the Age*, and *His Second Coming*, He forewarned what to expect in the days preceding His glorious return. Now when we read these passages of Scripture there could be a tendency to become fearful, but in fact Jesus was giving His people encouragement, guidance, and protection ahead of His glorious return:

- Jesus **warned us** of a coming deception (See Luke 21:8)
- When speaking of wars, and rumors of wars, Jesus urged His people **to not be terrified** (See Luke 21:9)
- When threatened with prison and persecution, **Jesus said He would give us words of wisdom that our enemies will not be able to contradict or resist** (See Luke 21:15)
- When we are betrayed and put to death, **Jesus promised that not one hair on our head will be lost** (See Luke 21:18)

- When speaking about days of desolation, vengeance, and great distress; days where men's hearts will fail them because of fear, Jesus said, ***"When these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your day of redemption draws near"*** (Luke 21:28).

This glorious day of redemption is something to look forward to - it is not a day of redemption from our sins or from Satan; we already have received redemption from such through the blood of Jesus – this is the day when the *glory of God* will be seen in Jesus Christ coming in power, and the believer will be delivered from every persecution and worldly abuse he/she has suffered for the name of Christ.

And when the final curtain is eventually drawn, all who have stood strong in their faith, obeyed the commands of Christ, denied themselves in the flesh, and followed after Him, will be rewarded, and will live in the *fullness of Christ Jesus* and the *glory of God the Father* forever and ever:

- ***"But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light"*** (Revelation 21:22-23)
- ***"And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him"*** (Revelation 22:3)
- ***"They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads"*** (Revelation 22:4).

### **Closing...**

***It is my deepest desire to see a true, authentic, move of the Holy Spirit in our generation. One of fire and glory; Almighty God being made manifest.***

God's heart is that no man should perish (See 2 Peter 3:9), and I strongly believe before His great and glorious return we will see a release of His glory through *Holy Spirit power and fire*, to bring in a mighty harvest.

What a blessed time it will be to see the unmistakable, confronting, radiant, Christ filled *glory of God* moving in power through the nations, breaking through walls of darkness and bringing liberty and healing to millions of souls.

So, with great expectation of what is possible through Christ, we must shake off our lethargy and seek after Him like it is a new day. We must *"lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us..."* (Hebrews 12:1), and we must *'set our sails'* in obedience to the Holy Spirit.

Just like Israel, we must pack-up camp and press forward, forward, forward; not looking back anymore. For in this season, at the set time God has prepared, a new path shall spring forth and ***the glory of the Lord's Spirit that is hovering, will be imparted.*** We will see the *glory of God* in our day.

There is a current shifting and sifting taking place in the world today where God is shaking the clumps and refining them like powder ready for baking. Through this shaking, the body of Christ needs to rise-up in new grace, new mercy, and the redemptive power that is available in Jesus Christ so we can see His glory come.

We can no longer seek to build the Kingdom of God through carnal means. We need Jesus Christ (the King of glory), to become manifest. For it is *"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," Says the LORD of hosts*" (Zechariah 4:6).

*Father God, with all I know, and with all I have, I cry out to you for mercy and grace. Father, please show me Your glory. Amen!*

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