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Foreword

The Last Days promise is that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will fill the Earth.

Today, more and more dedicated believers around the world are starting to experience this reality.

Another promise is that the latter house will be filled with greater glory than the former house.

Great expectations are building for the increase and the coming wave of the glory of God.

For the last 20 years, I have been growing in this glory revival and teaching this in the nations.

My prayer is that more and more believers will receive this knowledge and also start to experience this intimate glory for themselves.

Growing in the glory of God is the most beautiful road we can be on for we learn to know Him deeper and deeper.

Our Father in heaven wants to reveal His heart to anyone who is longing for it.

The kingdom of God is supernatural.

The kingdom's priesthood is built upon the order of Melchizedek.

Christ Jesus is our faithful high priest who came after this order and brought the kingdom of God into our lives.

Through Him, we can now boldly enter the glorious throne room of God and be changed from glory to glory.

He will give us heavenly glory encounters as we seek Him.

Therefore we, as disciples, are called to go and minister this glorious kingdom to a lost world.

Signs, wonders and miracles are part of the glory realm, and many will believe as we minister the gospel in this way.

Chapter 1: The Glory of God's Kingdom shall cover the Earth

The King of Glory

We have entered into the days the prophets of old spoke about. It is an exciting time to live in, for Bible prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes.

The Bible says that in the Last Days the Earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Hab 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

This can only happen if there is a great movement of the glory of the Lord on the Earth whereby the knowledge of the glory of the Lord has become common to many.

The song: "O Happy Days" became a hit on the radio when the Jesus movement was happening.

At once His name became common on the radio. This will also happen when the movement of the glory of God will pick up momentum.

Now as we come near the Last Days, the glory of God and His glorious kingdom is going to be seen by many.

We now need to know our Saviour as the King of glory.

Many beheld His Glory

In the days of the 12 Apostles, the knowledge of the glory of God was common.

The Apostle John said, 'We all beheld His glory'.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made 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.

It says that they saw the glory of the Son who came from Father God. If the Son is full of glory, the Father is also full of glory.

This is a fact.

Those who saw Him testify of this.

Mat 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Baptised with the Holy Spirit

When Jesus Christ was baptised by John the Baptist, glorious events took place. It says that the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus Christ like a dove. A voice came and said, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

This is how Jesus Christ was baptised with the Holy Spirit.

Luk 3:21,22 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased

Filled with the Glory

In 1935 there was a baptism service at the Ontario river.

Four thousand people came. At this service, those four thousand witnessed when William Branham was baptised, and a great glory fire ball came down from heaven and filled him.

This event was also reported in the newspaper.

Around 1948, Branham was one of the catalysts for the start of the great healing revival which spread across the earth.

This was the season where God showed His glory to the crowds through great healings and supernatural miracles.

The Full Gospel church movement was birthed out of this revival. In the Last Days, we will see this happen in an even greater way, for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

Hab 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

The King of Glory and the Kingdom of Glory

In Psalm 24 we read:

Psa 24:7-10 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. (8) Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. (9) Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. (10) Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

❖ We read here that the Lord is the King of glory.

This King came to bring the Kingdom of God to the earth. He said that we needed to be born of this glorious heavenly Kingdom. Therefore, we can now understand that the Kingdom of God is a glorious kingdom.

Even the glorious Kingdom throne of Jesus Christ is full of glory.

Mat 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

To understand the Kingdom of God, we need to understand the glory of God.

Only by understanding the glory of God can we make a clear distinction between an earthly kingdom and God's glorious kingdom.

For this is not naturally discerned but spiritually discerned.

Born of the Kingdom of Glory

In many ways, the things on Earth are opposite to how things are in heaven.

This is why Jesus Christ came from heaven to teach us about the Kingdom of heaven.

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

We need to be born again of the Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God leads us to be born again of the glorious Kingdom of God.

The Spirit of God will then teach us of the deep things of God.

1Co 2:10-11 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. (11) For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God will teach us spiritual things but for a natural man, this is hard to understand.

1Co 2:13-14 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (14) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

Therefore, we are born of the Holy Spirit into the glorious Kingdom of God.

❖ The King of Glory rules in this Kingdom.

So, we are not just called to be saved and go to heaven, we also have to make Jesus Christ King and Lord of our lives and rule with Him in this life. When we understand that the King of glory wants to demonstrate His kingdom authority and His glory on earth through us, we can take dominion on earth. Then we will see His kingdom and His glory in action.

Glory in the Solomon Islands

As a family, we went to minister in the Solomon Islands. We ministered the gospel of the cross and God's glory in some churches and on the street. In one church God's glory came down and people were healed, set free and experienced God's deep glory love that healed their hearts. One backslidden boy who had been on the television and had won the first prize of the Solomon Idol show came back to the Lord.

We also proclaimed the glory of God's kingdom over that area.

Ps 145:11-13 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations

Within a few weeks, fifty young people who were on drugs in the area were saved and then discipled by the local pastors and some of these people are now participating in outreach in other islands.

This is what happens when the believers are setting the authority of the kingdom of glory free in an area.

The King of Glory and His Angel Army

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the King of glory.

He has now been given authority by God the Father to be the King of glory of the Kingdom of God.

Psalm 24 gives us a deep insight into the spiritual world and its order. It says that the King of glory is the Lord of Host.

Psa 24:10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

What does this mean?

It means that the angel army obeys the voice of the Lord of Host who is the King of glory.

This gives us an insight into the glorious ministry of Jesus Christ while he ministered on earth.

While He ministered through the Spirit of might, the angels of the Lord came to strengthen Him.

Also, the holy angels of the Lord of Host helped Christ in working mighty wonders, miracles and signs.

Mat 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

The Angel of the Lord and William Branham

The ministry of William can give us some understanding about the angelic.

William was a forerunner for the Last Day ministry.

In the Last Days, just before the coming of Jesus Christ, the ministry of angels will become very common.

William's ministry was a ministry of great signs, wonders, miracles, healing and salvations.

He said that he could do nothing until the angel of the Lord would come. When this angel came, revelations came to him about the sickness and troubles of people.

As he called out what was shown him or made known to him, the healing and miracles would start to take place.

A Glorious Church and a Glorious Kingdom

In the Last Days, the church will become a glorious church!

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

This shows that in the days ahead, the body of Christ will have to understand much about the glory.

This means that God's divine life will transform the believers into Christlike saints and the glorious church will move in great power, signs, wonders and miracles.

This can only happen when the church understands the mystery of the glorious Kingdom of God.

Jesus Christ came to teach us about the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God.

He said to his 12 disciples, it is for you to understand the mysteries of the kingdom.

Mat 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Therefore, the mysteries are for the believers who learn to understand the spiritual things of God.

It says blessed are the humble or poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mat 5:3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore, the End Time Church needs to surrender itself to the glorious King and His kingdom.

This means that the church needs to be transformed into His glorious image.

A Temple For His Glory

We have to go through a great transformation if we want to be a part of this.

The Greek word for Church is Ecclesia; this means a coming together of believers or to assemble.

Therefore, Jesus Christ was teaching about the glorious Kingdom of God and how we should be formed after Kingdom life and values and then assemble together as believers.

In contrast, what has happened is that through the centuries, the church has brought in a lot of worldliness and pagan traditions.

In many ways, the church has put itself above the Kingdom of God. It should be the other way around.

The church should be run by the King of the Kingdom and by His representative the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, the church is called to be led by the Holy Spirit!

Today, God wants to bring a glory revival, reformation and transformation, so we become a place where God's glory abides!

Therefore, we are called to go from revival to reformation to transformation and then to habitation.

As believers, God wants us to be under the transformation glory and power of the Kingdom of heaven.

We are all called to become a habitation of the glorious holy presence of the Lord.

Psa 85:9 AMP Surely his salvation is near to those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him, (and is ready to be appropriated) that (the manifest presence of God, His) glory may tabernacle and abide in our land.

God wants to tabernacle (dwell or abide) with His glory in our lives. This is how the first century Church functioned. When the glory of God was on Peter, all that were sick were healed. This is how Iesus Christ ministered, and Peter became a true disciple.

We are called to be a temple filled with His glory.

His Voice

The Last Day church is called to live in personal and corporate revival.

* God wants the last day church to go from revival to reformation, to transformation, onto habitation where His holy glory dwells.

*Through this the church will become the glorious church.

Learning to hear the voice of God is a major key in this process!

The Lord had taught the disciples that they needed to learn the voice of their Lord and King.

Joh 10:27-28 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

The King of glory who is now the King of God's kingdom is also the head of the Church.

❖ The Church cannot move in the glory of the Kingdom until she listens to the head of the Church.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

Heb 1:3 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 on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

The Holy Spirit

When Jesus Christ was about to die on the cross, He taught about the Holy Spirit.

He said it is better for you that I go.

He knew He could only be at one place at a time.

The Holy Spirit could be in all places and millions of believers at the same time.

He said, 'I send you the Holy Spirit as your helper, comforter and teacher and He will empower you for ministry'.

Joh 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; (17) *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

The Lord said that the Holy Spirit will speak to you.

As He speaks to you, He shall teach you the truth and speak about all that lesus Christ wants you to know for He will not speak about Himself.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The Voice of the Holy Spirit in the First Church

The First Church experienced great victory, power and glory. They saw multitudes come to Christ.

Their effectiveness lay in that they obeyed the voice of the Holy Spirit. First, we see that the Holy Spirit gave their tongues utterance.

Act 2:3-4 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

They believed in Jesus Christ and were redeemed by His blood and then baptised with the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit made known what the glorious King of the kingdom, the Head of the Church, wanted.

Heb 12:24-25 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. (25) See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Today, you see Jesus Christ is talking to us out of heaven.

He is doing this through His Word and the Holy Spirit.

In a Vision

We see this principle of listening to the Holy Spirit in the life of Ananias. Saul had persecuted the Church.

Jesus Christ had appeared to him and made him blind.

Ananias did not know and was fearful of Saul.

Then the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him in a vision and spoke to him.

Act 9:10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.

The Lord tells Ananias exactly where he has to go and what he has to do.

Act 9:11-12 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, (12) And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

Saul then becomes the Apostle Paul and a great soul winner.

Apostle Paul was converted because he had an encounter with the Lord of glory.

The intensity of the brightness of the Lord's glory convicted him and made him blind for three days so he could repent.

Act 22:11 AMP And since I could not see because (of the dazzlingly glorious intensity) of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and (thus) I arrived in Damascus.

Then Ananias was sent, by the voice of the Holy Spirit, to baptise him. The Prophet Joel had said that in the Last Days, God was going to speak through visions as He poured out His Holy Spirit.

Apostle Peter quotes this verse as the Holy Spirit is poured out.

Act 2:16-18 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; (17) And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: (18) And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

The Apostle Paul and Barnabas were set apart to be sent on mission trips as the voice of the Holy Spirit told the Church so in Antioch.

Act 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

The Churches Function under the Voice of Glory

Many believers and churches are not moving in the glory.

In the 1990s, God started to pour out more of His glory around the world. In the year 2008, more miracles started to happen as again more of God's glory was being poured out.

It is time to step into the glory.

<u>Leaders or elders of a church should not move according to their functions but according to their anointings.</u>

The anointing will set them free to move in all that God has for them.

Then they will start to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Yes, the anointing breaks the yoke.

Then they can come into the river of the glory of God and its soul-saving and miraculous power.

Many leaders and elders go by their function, their denomination or earthly focus, this stops them from letting the kingdom of God rule their churches.

Therefore, they are not functioning under the leadership of the Head of the Church.

This is a form of rebellion and stops the move of God in their midst.

They have to go from function to function.

For it is the unction of the Holy Spirit that will lead and teach us.

1Jn 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

This will open them up to the glory of God as they hunger for more. For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God.

Hab 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Chapter 2: Thine is the Glory

In this Chapter, we are going to learn about the glory!

The more we press into God and His glory the more He will change us and instruct us.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said, for thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory.

All true blessings, therefore, come from God.

God of glory

Of most importance is that we see that $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$ is the $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$ of glory.

Our God is the God of glory.

It says that the God of glory thundereth:

Psa 29:3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

If we want to move in the glory of God, we have to grow in the revelation that God is the God of glory.

A deep understanding of this has to grow in our heart.

With our heart and spirit, we have to see, for God is spirit.

Stephen saw the glory of God just before they were going to kill him.

Act 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

This gave him the strength to be the first martyr of the church.

Glorious Light

When God is going to create a new heaven and a new earth, heavenly Jerusalem will come down to earth. Everything will be new.

He says that the city needs no sun or moon for the glory of God will be its light.

Rev 21:23 (AMP) And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the splendour and radiance (glory) of God illuminate it, and the Lamb is the lamp.

- Therefore, glory shines forth like light.
- ❖ It says in the Bible that God is light.

1Jn 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- ❖ Therefore, the light of God comes out of His glory.
- In other words, God's glory shines forth light.

The Gospel of the Glory of God

The Bible talks about the light penetrating the darkness.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Jesus Christ said that He is the light of the world, and we are called to be lights.

The source of the light is the glory of God.

Therefore, the Apostle Paul calls the gospel of the Kingdom the gospel of the glory of God.

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

<u>He said that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ would shine unto them.</u>

Therefore, the light comes out of the glory of God.

This is why Apostle Paul says to the Roman church that we have all fallen short of the glory of God.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

When we receive the glorious light in our heart, we receive life. For out of the life comes the light.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men

To get the full picture: Out of God's life comes His glory, and this glory is a glory that shines forth like light.

To Know Gods Glory

God's light is shining on the unbelievers and believers, that we will know the glory of God.

Out of His glory, this light shines.

• Jesus Christ said, 'I have living water' and they saw His glory and He said He was the light of the world.

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This light attracts us and pulls us like a magnet into His glory. This glorious light will convict and save the sinners.

Apostle Paul saved by a Glorious Light Encounter

Apostle Paul encountered the glory of God.

When Paul went to Damascus, God's glorious light shone into his face.

Act 22:11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

The glorious intensity of this light was so great that He became blind. In this glorious light, he saw Jesus Christ.

Our Lord revealed to Paul that He, Jesus, is the Messiah.

Ananias was then sent to Paul to explain the gospel to him.

Paul then believed and was baptised. He then became the greatest soul winner in his days.

Maria Woodworth-Etter

She was born again in Ohio in 1857.

The preacher who led her to the lord prayed that her life 'might be like a shining light'

Many people in her meetings went into Holy Spirit trances.

In these trances, they would see heaven and hell, repented and received saving grace as they were converted.

Once, in a meeting she led, a crowd rushed to the platform and cried out, "what shall we do?"

Maria finishes the story – 'they went down by the mighty wind power of the Holy Ghost. He (the Holy Ghost) sat upon the children of God until their faces shone like Stephen's when his enemies said he looked like an angel. Many received gifts, some for ministry, some as evangelists, some the gift of healing and hundreds of sinners received the gift of eternal life. (Liardon, 2003. p. 55)

My Encounters

I have had several strong encounters of the light of God shining on me in prayer and overwhelming me.

The effect of the glory of God that touched me through this light was that I experienced and grew deeper in His goodness, love and kindness that is found in His glory.

In my book "Glorious Holy, Doing Wonders", I teach more on God's light and that out of this light comes forth His power.

His power is revealed by signs, wonders, miracles and strong conversion experiences like the saving trance experiences in Maria's meetings.

The Glory of God and His Throne

Apostle John saw God seated in glorious bright light on His glorious throne.

His appearance was like the crystalline brightness of jasper.

Rev 4:2-3 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. (3) And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

The light of God was radiating like crystalline brightness of jasper whereby a rainbow of glorious light formed.

Further, it says that out of the presence of God and the throne of heaven comes a river of life.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Where does the glory come from?

A good question is where does the glory of God come from or stem out of? The answer is that the glory of God comes forth out of or is one with the holy presence of God.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

The angels see God's holy presence and say, 'Holy, holy, holy', then out of God's holy presence, the glory comes forth and floods the earth.

Holy means moral purity.

o <u>If love is not pure love or biblical love, it falls short of the glory of God.</u>

The Bible says, arise shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

Now has come the time for us to evangelise as we are filled with God's glory. As we shine with this glorious light, many will see it and get saved.

- When we truly learn to walk in this glory light, we will experience personal revival.
- The light will purify us and give us true discernment.
- The light will also help us to grow deeper into God's glory.

Moses had an experience in the glory of God, later in the book, we will talk about this glory encounter.

Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

What and who is the Glory?

The meaning of the word glory

- ❖ If we study the Hebrew word for glory (Kabod) it reveals that it is the heavy weighty presence of God.
- ❖ The Greek word for glory is <u>Doxa</u>, it means all that God is and all that He has.

This is all His attributes like love, grace, kindness, majesty, honour and power.

Doxa or glory is used of the nature and acts of God in self-manifestation. Therefore, the glory of God is the manifest presence of God.

We see God's glorious love revealed in the Song of Solomon and God's act of power by opening the Red Sea.

The Glory Realm and the Spirit of the Lord!

The realm of God's glory is the realm of the Holy Spirit or the Spirit of the Lord.

Everything in God and His Kingdom is spiritually discerned and spiritually learnt.

We need to learn God's glory with our spirit and not just with our natural knowledge.

So, we need to learn about the glory of God by spiritual revelation, from spirit to spirit.

2Co 3:17-18 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. (18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Here we are introduced to the Spirit of the Lord

❖ The Spirit of the Lord brings the glory of the Lord!

The Spirit of the Lord is the main spirit or central spirit of the 7 Spirits of God and the spirit of the government of God.

To enter this awesome place is by stillness, quietness and waiting on the Lord in reverential fear and worship.

It is quieting our soul and being still with our spirit.

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

The Bible says "with my soul have I desired thee"; our souls can long for God.

But with my spirit within me, I will seek thee.

Therefore, we seek God with our spirit.

Therefore, prayer and worship are spiritual exercises.

A question is why do we seek God with our spirit?

The answer is because God is spirit.

Joh 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Those who want to worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth. Later on, we will teach more about the 7 Spirits of God and the Spirit of the Lord.

Differences between Glory and Anointing

There is a difference between glory and anointing.

The glory is all He is (God's attributes) and all He has (His majesty, honour and power).

The anointing comes out of His glory.

The gifts are part of the anointing.

❖ You can move in the anointing and live in sin, for the gifts are given and you keep them. Some ministers choose to live in sin.

Rom 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

❖ You cannot live in sin and stay in the glory.

When you live in sin the glory will depart, the Bible uses the term "Ichabod".

1Sa 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

- ❖ As you grow in intimacy, revelation and purity increases
- The glory moves through you with love and power as you abide in Him.
- ❖ The glory stays as you grow in oneness and unity with Him.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

- ➤ The glory makes 2 into 1.
- The glory makes 120 into 1.

The Bible says that the 120 in the Upper Room after Jesus Christ ascended were in one accord and the place was shaken.

It is all in the Glory

Everything in God and His kingdom is and moves in the holy glory realm and comes out of the glory realm.

Everything has its being and beginning in the glory of God which comes out of the holy presence of God.

All that is in the Glory

1. The Father of glory.

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

<u>The "Father of glory"</u> describes the Father as the source from whom all divine splendour and perfection precede in their manifestations and to whom they belong.

2. The Son of glory.

Jesus Christ was full of glory as He walked on earth.

Heb 1:2-3 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (3) 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 on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

He laid down His majesty, honour and power as He came down to earth but Jesus Christ's nature was divine and full of the glorious attributes of God. He was Son of Man and Son of God.

3. The Spirit of glory.

The Holy Spirit is holy and shines forth the glory of God.

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye;* for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part, he is evil spoken of, but on your part, he is glorified.

<u>Therefore</u>, the Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of glory. The Spirit of glory or the Spirit of the Lord wants to reveal, by revelation, the great glorious heart of love that Abba Father has for us.

4. The kingdom of glory.

God's kingdom is glorious.

Psa 145:11-13 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; (12) To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. (13) Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.

A glorious kingdom means that the heart of God and His kingdom is not rules and regulations but glory. Love that comes out of the glory of God is true love which is the fulfilment of the law.

Rom 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Rom 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

When we reveal attributes of God's glory, we are part of the Kingdom.

Mat 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5. The throne of His glory

Not only is the Kingdom of heaven full of glory but so is the throne of the King of glory.

Mat 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

When we learn to be overcomers, God's glory will be shining out of us.

Overcomers who live out of the glorious heart of God are called to sit with the King of glory on the throne.

Out of this glorious heart, we will feed the hungry, clothe the naked and reach out.

6. The glorious gospel

The gospel is the gospel of the kingdom of God, and it is the glorious gospel.

The glorious gospel is here to restore us to the God of glory.

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

When we receive this glorious gospel, we will taste and see that the Lord is good.

7. A glorious church.

The End Time church <u>will be a glorious church</u>.

The Lord is coming to take back <u>His bride for Himself</u>.

The <u>bride will be holy and without blemish</u>.

<u>Eph 5:27</u> That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

The church is not a dead institution but a body of on-fire believers who want to grow in the glory of God.

8. Sons of Glory.

Jesus Christ went to the cross so we could be saved and become sons of glory.

<u>Heb 2:9-10</u> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of

God should taste death for every man. (10) For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in <u>bringing many sons unto glory</u>, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

The whole creation is waiting for the revelation of the <u>glorious</u> sons of God to arise and shine.

The glorious churches of the Last Days are going to be made up of sons of glory.

A vision in 2004

In 2004, I was in a worship service in Perth, Western Australia where I received a powerful vision.

The vision used picture language by which the Lord explained to me that many believers live their lives in a compromising way.

They have settled for less.

In the vision the Lord gave me, I saw 7 levels.

In the Bible, God has a standard set for us. His standard for us is to become holy.

The first level of the vision is God's standard for us, which is to live and minister out of God's holy presence, which releases us to minister out of His fullness, glory and anointing.

Our God, who is holy, is also the God of love

One of the Hebrew words for holy is completed, therefore, in God's completeness, He is radiant, burning love that is gentle.

God showed me that many have lowered their standard and camped around a lower level.

God's plan for the body of Christ is that they live in the standard of being holy, without compromise.

God gave Isaiah, Apostle John and Ezekiel a vision about who God is.

It says God is holy.

We see this in revelation 4:8

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him;* and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy,

holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

I put this vision above my bed and prayed about it for many years. God gave me understanding by the Spirit of wisdom and understanding so that now, in this book, we call you to come up to God's standard revealed in His holy word, so that we can stand in these Last Days.

A disclaimer:

These 7 levels are not a teaching but a vision to call you up to God's holy standard.

His standard is to be holy as He is holy.

1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

The vision of 7 Different Levels

1. God's holy fiery presence!

Christ ministered from this level.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.



Christ ministered downwards



the realm of

2. Fullness and

the Seven Spirits of God

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.





3. The glory realm

Heb 2:10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.





4. <u>In the anointing</u>

Isa 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.





5. In the blessing of God

Deu 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.





6. In Christian traditions

Mar 7:3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

Mar 7:9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.



We are called to come up higher



7. <u>In a cold or dead traditional church</u>

Rev 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

The Bride

Jesus Christ's bride is going to be full of glory.

In the Last Days, the bride will be victorious.

She will learn to move in the 7 Spirits of God and because of this will become victorious.

She will become holy in her lifestyle, without spot or wrinkle.

The lukewarm Church will not be part of the wedding.

The wedding is for the five wise virgins whose flasks are full of oil.

This oil is the bridegroom's love for the bride.

Let our hearts burn with love for Him in the holy glory realm of God.

Chapter 3: The Gospel of Glory

Good News

<u>Jesus Christ came preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God.</u> Gospel means good news or glad tidings.

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The gospel of the Kingdom and the gospel of the glory of Christ and the cross are one.

In this chapter I am going to explain this, and, with this understanding, it will be easier to go up to a higher level.

Then we will be more effective in all we do.

Seven Spirits of the Lord

The manifested glory of God comes out of God's holy presence.

Out of God's holy presence comes the Seven Spirits of God.

The manifestations of the Holy Spirit or the Seven Spirits of God are:

1. Spirit of the Lord

2. Spirit of wisdom

3. Spirit of understanding

4. Spirit of counsel

5. Spirit of might

6. Spirit of knowledge

7. Spirit of the fear of the Lord

Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD;

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

For us to break through in the greater levels of the manifest presence of God, which comes through glory, fullness and the holy presence of God, we need to see a glorious Christ.

The gospel is the glorious gospel of Christ the King of glory His glorious kingdom.

<u>Melchizedek's Heavenly Kingdom and Priesthood</u> Order

Our Lord Jesus Christ did not come by the Levitical priesthood but by the priesthood order of Melchizedek.

(Heb 5:5,6) So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Moses brought the Law under the Levitical priesthood, yet Christ brought grace and truth under the heavenly Melchizedek priesthood.

(Joh 1:17) For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Christ came to save or redeem us and to reveal the glorious love, kindness and goodness of God.

The Melchizedek kingly anointing and priesthood release this into our lives.

Christ is now seated on the throne of grace.

Christ, our High Priest, was able to extend grace to us through the Melchizedek priesthood, which means we can approach the throne boldly.

Melchizedek's order releases to us:

- 1. Grace
- 2. Truth
- 3. Holy glorious love, kindness and mercy
- 4. Righteousness
- 5. Shalom (peace)
- 6. Iov
- 7. Abundance of goodness

In the next chapter, we talk about God's love, goodness, grace, joy, and power which come to us from the Melchizedek priesthood. In chapters 10 and 11 we talk more about Melchizedek's kingly priesthood order.

Glorious mindset

Many people's mindset is built upon a traditional Christ and a traditional Church.

We need to have a glorious mindset.

A glorious mindset is a mindset freed by the glory of God.

- ❖ It says in the Bible that we have to seek the things that are above.
- What is above is a glorious Christ on a glorious throne next to the Father of glory.

Heb 1:2-3 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (3) 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 on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Around the King of glory and the Father of glory are the Seven Spirits of God burning and their light of glory shines like a rainbow.

Rev 4:3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

This glorious light is the full manifestation of the Holy Spirit. In this book of the glory, we will teach on a few of the 7 manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

The Glorious Messiah

The Lord Jesus Christ, our Messiah, moved in all the 7 manifestations of all the Seven Spirits or the fullness of the Holy Spirit when He was on Earth.

He is the glorious Messiah, even while He walked on the Earth.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made 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 said we all saw His glory.

How did they see His glory?

- 1. They saw it through the manifestation of the Seven Spirits of God on Jesus Christ as the glory manifested in signs and wonders.
- 2. They saw His glorious nature, character and virtues as He related to the disciples and sinners.
- 3. When He ministered, they saw the glory, through miracles.
- 4. John, James and Peter even saw His glory at the transfiguration of Christ.

The Mount of Transfiguration

The three apostles saw Christ's glory on the Mount of Transfiguration.

2Pe 1:16-17 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. (17) For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

The three apostles saw Him for who He was, yes, they saw His glorious majesty.

❖ We need a true revelation of the glorious Christ.

When we meditate on the scriptures about His glory, and through this receive revelations, our traditional mindset can become a glorious mindset.

Many believers have a traditional mindset in regard to Jesus Christ. They think about Jesus Christ as just one of us, as a mere human.

Yes, He was the Son of Man, but He is also the Son of God! The three Apostles saw His majesty on the holy mountain.

Therefore, we do not want seeker-friendly churches where they have a traditional mindset but churches moving in the glory that are God-friendly.

Glory and Transfiguration

Apostle Peter said that Christ was invested with honour and glory from God when Christ was transfigured.

Therefore, the transfiguration came out of the glory realm.

Out of the glory shines the light.

It says that Jesus' face shone like the sun.

Mat 17:1-5 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, (2) And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. (3) And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. (4) Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. (5) While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

The traditional mindset of the three apostles was transformed and they knew that Jesus was the promised Messiah.

They remembered that Moses asked to see God's (Elohim or Creator) glory and saw it.

The glorious light was so overwhelming that Moses cautiously bowed down.

Now they saw the Messiah in that kind of glory and heard God's voice, which said, 'This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased'.

Glory. Transformation and Power

As the glory intensified, two heavenly saints came to our Lord. It was Moses and Elijah.

Moses had been in the glory on Mount Sinai and represented that. Our Lord was in the region of Caesarea Philippi where strong idolatry was, Elijah represented the prophet that defeated those prophets of Baal and its idolatry.

<u>In this glorious light, there is transformation, and transformation gives</u> power.

In the rays of God's glorious light, lies God's power.

So, after Christ's transfiguration, He was filled with power and as they went down the mountain, He cast the demon out of the boy that was possessed.

The other nine apostles had not been able to cast that demon out, but Christ, filled with the glory, could.

This transfiguration demonstration would change their traditional mindset.

William Branham's Halo

Evangelist William Branham moved in the high levels of glory. In his meetings, he had a high level of revelation about people's conditions and lives.

The healings and miracles were phenomenal.

He moved in these glory realms where, at times when he ministered, the light of God was seen over him.

There is a picture of him where there is a halo of light over his head. Gordon Lindsay says, 'His surprise turned to amazement when he noticed that on this negative, immediately over the head of Rev. Branham, was apparently a supernatural halo of light'. (Lindsay, n.d. p.149)

See His Glory

• We are called to have a heavenly or a glorious mindset. When we have this, we can be channels or vessels to see the glory of heaven come down to Earth.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

Many people go to church once a year to see a baby in a manger, but Jesus is now the glorious risen Saviour.

We have to set our heart on the glorious risen Christ.

He is now seated in glory at the right hand of God the Father.

Rev 1:14-17 His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire; (15) And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. (16) And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength. (17) And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

John, who had closely lived, walked and touched Jesus Christ when He was on Earth, fell down before the glorious Christ.

The First Church in the book of Acts was victorious even when they suffered because they were in touch with the glorious, resurrected Jesus Christ.

They saw great signs, miracles and many salvations for their faith was in the glorious risen Lord and Saviour.

He was and is the head of the Church and they followed Him as they were led by the Holy Spirit.

At times, I have strong visions or encounters of his glory. This also helps me to grow and develop a glorious mindset.

Eph 1:17-18 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

The Father of glory wants to give us a Spirit of wisdom (one of the Seven Spirits) and revelation (another of the Seven Spirits).

These two manifestations are given to open our spiritual eyes.

Eyes are given to see.

Therefore, we need to pray that we will receive strong visions and encounters.

When we experience His glory, with visions, our mindset will become a glory mindset.

- ➤ I have seen God come to me as a glorious bright light of pure love and goodness.
- ➤ I received visions and visitations of His fiery presence and glory which transformed me.

These revelations have helped me to grow in love for God and helped my mindset to change from a traditional mindset to a glorious mindset.

The Gospel of Glory

The gospel is glorious.

It is a glorious gospel because it is all about the glory of Jesus Christ and the glory of God.

The gospel is all about how, through the glorious Jesus Christ, we can know the glorious Father.

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Apostle Paul thanked God that he was a minister of this glorious gospel that came from God to us.

1Ti 1:11-12 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. (12) And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

After that, He gives honour and glory to God.

1Ti 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For it is all about the glory of God and giving honour, majesty and glory to Him.

Psa 96:6-7 Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary. (7) Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

The Kingdom

Jesus Christ came preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God and the Kingdom of heaven, which is a glorious kingdom.

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

He preached the gospel to the poor, needy and sinful people.

Mat 11:5 The blind receive their sight, 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.

He answered John the Baptist's question as to whether He was the Christ or not by saying that He preached the gospel of the Kingdom to the poor and that the signs, wonders and miracles of the Kingdom of God were occurring.

The Glorious Cross

Now I am going to explain how the gospel of the glorious Christ and the gospel of the kingdom is one gospel.

The message or the preaching of the cross is the power of God for those who are saved.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God.

This message of the blood sacrifices of Jesus Christ on the cross is the gospel of Christ.

1Co 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

This message of faith in the blood sacrifices of the glorious Christ on the cross is the gospel of glory.

2Co 4:4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God

We can enter into and experience the Lord's glory because of our faith in the crucified and resurrected Lord of glory.

1Co 2:7,8 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written

- The glorious gospel of faith, through what the glorious Christ did on the cross at Calvary, brings us into the kingdom of God.
- The glorious gospel of Christ is the gospel of the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross and is therefore the gospel of the kingdom of God.

The highest level of the glory is His holy presence. Out of the holy glory of God, Jesus preached the kingdom of God.

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Jesus Christ went preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God.

He said He was the way to be saved and reconciled to the God of the glorious kingdom.

His death, burial and resurrection made the way for this.

We get what we preach.

We have to preach the gospel of the glorious Christ, the cross and the glorious kingdom of God. Then we will see God move in glorious kingdom power. This also helps us to grow into a glorious mindset.

The Greatest Manifestation of the Glory is at the Cross

The greatest manifestation of the glory of God is Jesus Christ being crucified on the cross.

❖ This is the glory of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Father

❖ Out of His love, grace and mercy, God the Father gave His Son.

The Son

❖ In His great love, kindness and goodness, He died on the cross for our sin.

The Holy Spirit

❖ In His self-control and patience, He allowed it to happen.

Jesus Christ said the hour was coming for Him to be glorified.

Joh 12:23-24 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. (24) Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He also said if He would be lifted up, or die on the cross, men would be drawn to Him.

Joh 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

Jesus Christ displayed His glorious sinless nature on the cross.

By His glorification or redemption sacrifices, we can come to God. He displayed His glorious nature as he forgave the people who were cursing Him as he hung on the cross.

He could have asked 12 legions of angels to come to fight for Him but He, in His self-control, chose to die for our sin.

After Judas left to betray Him, He said, now is the Son of Man glorified.

Joh 13:31-32 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. (32) If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

The betrayal was part of Jesus Christ's suffering and glorification. He said that we have to love one another, for He was going to show what real love is. He then gave this new commandment.

Joh 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. (35) By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

By His death on the cross, He showed that love is the true nature of God.

The Bible says, "Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us that we are called children of God."

God's love and glory were manifested through the great sacrifice at the cross; this love is the hallmark of Christianity.

Jesus Christ glorified in Heaven

As Jesus Christ was glorified on the cross and rose from the dead, He entered into His full glory.

Eph 1:19-20 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

It was the great and mighty power of God that raised Him from the dead. This is the power of God's glory.

He was placed on the right-hand side of God the Father in heaven.

He had prayed that the Father restore Him into the glory that He used to have in heaven.

Joh 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

After the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven, He was fully glorified.

Act 3:13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *him* go.

Now, therefore, Jesus Christ is seated in an awesome glory at the right hand of God.

Heb 1:3 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 on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

He is now glorified:

A. As the Son of God.

This is as He had before.

Joh 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

B. As the Son of Man.
Therefore, He can now bring many sons into glory.

Heb 2:10-11 For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. (11) For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Glory and True Discipleship

<u>It is this awesome glory of God which is the manifested presence of</u> God that will make us one.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Jesus Christ said I give them the glory You gave Me.

Now, as we see Jesus Christ glorified in His majesty and honour, we need to receive that glory from Him so we can grow in His character.

Only by walking in the glory of God can we truly become disciples. Love is in the glory and out of God's glory is the way to walk in love.

Joh 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

We have to learn to walk in the new commandment of love.

The glory flows down from the head of the church, the glorified Jesus Christ, to us.

Therefore, we need to learn to walk in the revelation of the glory of God.

Walk as Jesus Walked

Through seeing the glorified Jesus Christ on the throne, now we can grow up loving and caring as Jesus Christ does.

He was and is victorious over sin, Satan and death.

Now we can learn to live and walk in this.

The Bible says that we need to set our mind on the author and finisher of our faith.

Heb 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 shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Therefore, we can learn to walk as Jesus Christ walked, love as Jesus Christ loved and fight sin as Jesus Christ fought.

The glory is ours.

It is the glory of the Spirit of the Lord whereby we can succeed.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

The glory that the Father had given Jesus Christ, He has now given to us. The glory of the Spirit of God is here for us.

The glory will enable us to:

- a. Love
- b. Be victorious
- c. Be healed of past hurts
- d. Walk in God's divine nature
- e. Walk in signs, wonders and miracles
- f. Walk in mighty power, to do exploits
- g. Be one, even as He is one.

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Growing in Heavenly Glory

One day, the Son of God is coming back.

He is going to come in the glory of His Father.

All eyes shall see Him coming in glory.

The way for us to grow in the glory of God is loving the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and picking up our cross.

If we love our lives in this world, we will lose it.

We are to deny ourselves and follow the example of the glorious Messiah.

Mar 8:34-38 And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (35) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. (36) For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (37) Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (38) Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Chapter 4: The Golden Glory and The Bridegroom

Shekinah Glory

The Shekinah glory was the manifest presence of God that came as a pillar of fire by day when the children of Israel were leaving Egypt and going to the Promised Land.

According to Jewish historians, the pillar of fire was a yellowish golden colour.

The golden glory realm is the Shekinah glory.

When the glory cloud of God manifested at the dedication of Solomon's temple, the Shekinah glory was seen.

2Ch 5:13-14 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD; (14) So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

The golden glory

In the days ahead, we will hear of more and more places where God's manifest presence is seen without natural eyes.

The glory of God is His manifest presence.

Two years ago, at the Bethel Church in Redding California, a golden cloud of golden glory was above the people.

As the golden glory of God manifested above them, people in the seats were touched and changed.

Brian Simmons has written a "Passion Translation" of the Song of Solomon, and he translates this:

Song of Solomon 3:9,10 (TPT) The King made this mercy seat for Himself out of the finest wood that will not decay. (10) Pillars of smoke, like silver mist. <u>A canopy of golden glory dwells above it.</u> The place where they sit is sprinkled with crimson, <u>yes; love and mercy cover this carriage</u>, blanketing this tabernacle throne.

o In this golden glory realm of God, the first attributes of God that come our way are love, mercy and goodness.

His Banner

Today we can come and drink fully from God's river at the throne of mercy.

Mercy and grace are waiting for us.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

King Solomon had seen the golden glory of God manifested in front of Him.

What King Solomon saw:

- When the temple was filled with the glory cloud, he saw the Shekinah glory of God with his own eyes.
- He understood that the golden glory cloud came to sit upon the mercy seat.
- He saw and experienced the power of God, for no priest could stand on their feet anymore.

In the Song of Solomon, Solomon writes about the brides love and reveals that the King is seated in the golden glory canopy or cloud.

This is where Jesus Christ is calling us today, to sit as the bride, with Christ, on the throne.

His banner over us is love, for God is love and wants us to live with Him in His love.

Son 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me *was* love.

It is time for us to come up into these realms of glory.

Come up Higher

The prophetic word "come up higher" has been spoken in many meetings.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Now we not only need to know that we must come up higher, but we must also know how to come up higher.

As believers, we can all, by grace, come up to His throne. This is the higher place.

To manifest the presence of glory on earth can only happen as we abide in that glorious presence. This we call: Come up higher.

<u>Firstly, coming up higher means learning to live and stay in our first love.</u>

Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

The bride of Christ has to be in love with the bridegroom.

Why Come Up Higher

1. So, we will see what Moses saw when he saw the glory of God on Mount Sinai.

Exo 33:22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

Exo 34:6-7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, (7) Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Moses saw the glory of God while he was here on earth and lived. It made him follow God forever.

For Moses saw on earth, how it is in heaven.

2. So, we will experience the glory of God as Moses did.

We will receive deliverance, inner healing and transformation as we experience God's glory.

King David's Psalm 103 is all about what Moses saw and experienced about the glory of God and God's attributes and His loving Father heart.

Psa 103:8,13 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. (13) Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

3. So, we will feel the glory as Moses did.

When we feel His glory on our whole being, our emotions are healed and there will be power upon us, and we will radiate His light.

2Co 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

4. <u>So, we will come in a deep communion</u> just as Solomon walked at first and as King David wrote about in the Psalms.

5. So, we know God as Moses did

Moses prayed, 'That I may know Thee'. He knew that by understanding the ways of God he would also come to know God in a deeply intimate way.

Psa 103:7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

As he came up higher in the holy glory, Moses learnt God's ways and knew God as a friend.

Exo 33:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Now the Lord wants us to come up higher so He can come in and dine with us as a friend.

We have to open the door first.

He is knocking and is calling us to open up so He can open the higher door for us in heaven.

Rev 3:20 AMP Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he (will eat) with Me.

- 6. <u>So, we will behold God in His glory</u> on His glorious throne as we can learn how to do throne room intimate worship and prayer.
- 7. <u>To enter the golden glory realm of the Spirit of the Lord God and the 7 Spirits of God realm.</u>

Buying gold is buying glory.

This is entering into the Father of glory.

The Father of glory reveals His loving heart to us as we come up higher by the Spirit of wisdom and revelation.

Eph 1:17-18 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

The Father of glory is the Spirit of the Lord God's manifest presence revealed to us.

He is Knocking on Your Heart

Just before He said, come up higher, the Lord Jesus Christ reveals the place the Laodicea church is in.

This is a picture of much of the church today.

He says to the church at Laodicea they are:

a. Wretched d. Blind b. Miserable e. Naked

c. Poor

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Jesus Christ is personally calling the bride to awaken. He does this by knocking on the bride's door to awaken her.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

He wants to have a deep and intimate fellowship with her as they dine together.

Come, Buy Gold

The Song of Solomon is the bride and bridegroom's love story. In it, the bridegroom knocks on the door of his beloved.

Son 5:2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

The bride is in love, yet she does not move quickly enough and misses out on her first chance to see her beloved.

Then she presses in to find her beloved.

In the revelation to the Laodicean church, the bridegroom says that we can buy gold, white raiment and eye salve.

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

❖ By letting God's purifying fire work in us, our faith will become as precious gold and we will start to come up higher.

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Our first love will motivate us to go into these fires.

In this passage, Christ is knocking on the heart of believers as this is written to believers.

When we let Him come into us more deeply and buy this gold from Him, then we are preparing ourselves to come up higher. As priests, we are also called to be purified.

Mal 3:3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

The Lord wants our prayers to come out of this purified glorious gold. Then our prayers will come out of a relationship mentality, not a duty mentality.

Prayer becomes intense and intimate prayer.

Worship becomes intense and intimate worship.

When we put on new white robes and receive eye salve we will be able to see as we go up higher into the glory of God.

Then we will stand in that place, unashamed, and grow in union with our bridegroom.

Open our Eyes Lord

The Lord wants to open our eyes so we will see the state we are in. Many believers who have been saved for many years are still living like spiritual babies.

They have learnt who they are in Christ but do not have a revelation of who Christ wants to be in them.

Only by surrendering and the brokenness of self, can Christ grow in us.

The more He grows in us, the more we will experience His abiding presence and the Holy Spirit in us.

Our eyes need to be opened so we can see the state and place we are in.

This was His message to the church in Laodicea.

You do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

We have to ask God to open our eyes so we can see.

Today's church is focused on material goods, and they think they are rich, yet many have lost the joy of their salvation and are spiritually poor.

The Lord wants a pure bride who is in love with him.

The Lord is knocking on the door of our heart. We are called to break free of the Laodicean church mentality.

Road of Discipleship

When I was 26 years old, I was working with Youth With A Mission in Ghana.

We were leading a group of students in the Discipleship training school. Many of the students were pastors from Ghana.

At the start of the outreach that would last three months, the Immigration Department did not want to give us a visa.

They told the Dutch leaders to leave the country, which meant the leaders could not go with the team.

Now the students had to go on outreach by themselves.

The national Ghanaian leader chose a leader, and the student team were sent out.

I had to go to the French-speaking nation of Togo for three months and I did not know a word of French.

God allowed this to happen for he wanted to work in my heart more deeply.

He wanted to open my eyes so I could grow spiritually and let Him come into me in a greater way.

The Togo Experience

Once I was in Togo, I found out that I had to wait there for three months before I could go back to Ghana.

I stayed on the Togo YWAM base, and it was difficult from the beginning because almost no one could speak English.

In this time, I grew much closer to God.

I asked him why He did this to me.

One day the Lord spoke and said, do you see that Papaya tree at the beginning of the property?

He told me to go and examine it.

This papaya tree had many small fruits on it, however, too many and the roots of the tree were not yet very extensive.

The Lord said it was a picture of my life.

God said, if I would have stayed in Ghana, big miracles would have happened through me, and I would not have been strong enough to stand. The Discipleship training school team in Ghana was used powerfully and a whole village, including the chief, got saved.

I left for a few weeks to go to the capital of Togo.

When I came back, I saw trees had fallen because a small storm had come through.

I went to look at the papaya tree.

The tree was fallen, and the papayas were crushed and destroyed.

The tree had fallen because the roots had snapped.

This touched my heart.

I started to weep. God had protected me.

This experience and teaching of God's Spirit led to a season of brokenness.

Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

If we want to grow in God and His glory, we need to become broken ourselves.

Brokenness opens our eyes to see the state we are in and to grow in the glory.

Buy Gold of Me

Due to the fall of the fruitful papaya tree, I paid full attention to what God wanted to teach me.

He spoke to me out of the Bible, that I was wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.

He said He wanted me to grow in deep intimacy with Him. He said to me: buy gold of Me.

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

- ❖ Gold is a spiritual picture of the glory of God.
- ❖ We see this all through the scriptures, such as the streets in heaven being made of gold.
- The Ark of the Covenant was made of gold.

He was calling me to come up higher.

To come there, I needed to let the cross of Christ work in me.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Less of me and More of Him

The Apostle Paul says when I am weak, He is strong.

God wants us to come in this place where He can be strong in us, to bring us in a place of a deep brokenness of me, myself and I at the cross of Christ

Then the Holy Spirit said to look up James 4:9,10

Jas 4:9-10 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness. (10) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

It says that we need to humble ourselves by turning our laughter into mourning, which means this where we still live in the flesh and its passions. This is where we need to further die to self.

God was saying, let Me bring you into a place of brokenness so you become one of heart, then I can lift you up.

The more broken I became, the more the Holy Spirit filled me with God's glorious love.

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

We need to know who we are in Christ but today, God also wants to teach the coming glory generation who God wants to be in them.

- One of the ways to get there is to surrender self at the cross of Christ in a deeper way.
- ❖ The next step is to be broken of self and then to be filled with more of God's intimate love, growing in fellowship.

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Repentance and brokenness at the cross make room for the presence of Jesus Christ so He can work and manifest Himself in a greater way.

Union

The Lord did not only say, abide in me, but He also said, I want to abide in you.

Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

When we know who we are in Christ, we put our faith in Him. When we are abiding, we are learning to be sensitive to His Spirit with our spirit.

When we grieve the Holy Spirit through sinning, some of the manifest abiding presence of the Lord will leave, yet we are still a believer. Today, our bridegroom, Jesus Christ, wants a deep union with His bride.

We grow in union by seeking Him with our spirit.

For we are called to seek Him with our spirit, yet our desires are in our soul.

Is a 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

The Word of God says, 'with my spirit within me, will I seek thee early'. To be seeking Him with our spirit and becoming sensitive to His Spirit we will learn how to abide in Him.

By learning to abide in His presence, His presence will abide in us and grows in union with Him.

o Growing in union with Him is growing in the glory of God! His glory helps us to grow even deeper in this union.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Deeper Union

When we grow in this union, we are ready to go up higher and see our beloved in the throne room or the throne room realm.

Rev 4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.

When I was broken deeply in Togo, I learnt to commune with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit from Spirit to spirit.

God would speak to my spirit and commune with my spirit.

This is a biblical principle for <u>the spirit of man is the candlestick of the</u> Lord.

Much of my prayer life then became focused on the love relationship with Him.

It was all about growing in His love.

Praying for things and anointing was less important.

• Our love relationship is in the glory and out of it comes the anointing.

The Laodicean church prayed for material things but did not press into a deeper relationship with God.

In Song of Solomon, we see the bridegroom calling and wooing the bride to open up her heart in a greater way.

The Bridegroom wants a deeper union.

He wants a deep intimate relationship with her.

A Locked Garden

Our hearts can be a locked garden.

The bride's heart in the book Song of Solomon was a locked garden.

Son 4:12 A garden locked is my sister, my bride, a spring locked, a fountain sealed

Many believers confess they are a new creation, which they are, yet do not experience God's great love.

Why is that so?

<u>During spiritual growth, we have positional sanctification, this is</u> who you are in Christ and what belongs to you, and then we have progressive sanctification.

In progressive sanctification, we let the work of the cross, the blood of Christ and the resurrection power work where we are failing or wounded to grow into His character.

Through the process of progressive sanctification, our closed garden goes open!

Where we had not blossomed before, we blossom.

This is where the glory of God takes over in a greater way and becomes more visible because we are surrendering in a greater way and are growing in union with Christ and God.

The bride of Christ or the church is called to experience and grow in God's glory.

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Apostle Paul wrote here about the glorious bride whom Christ is calling to Himself in this hour.

Living from Within; the Spirit man

God is calling His End Time Bride or glorious church inward. Yes, inward in the Spirit, this is where we are called to live out off. Out of our innermost being is where the rivers of life flow and where Christ the King of glory is seated on the throne.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

In Ghana, during the Discipleship Training School, a teacher from the USA had taught us about learning to stay in the presence of God. She called it prayer that practised the presence of God.

She talked about an old saint, St Teresa of Avila (1515 - 1582).

Daily, Teresa would spend many hours in intimacy with God. This would include intimate prayer and prayer in the Spirit.

She would be swept away by the Holy Spirit's love and receive Godly encounters as she practised the presence of God in prayer.

I also learnt about a saint called Madam Jeanne Guyon.

She taught that we have to grow in union with Christ our bridegroom by growing inwardly.

It is with our spirit that we are called to seek God.

Yes, we are also called to worship God in spirit and truth.

The Slow Flowing Waters

King David and King Solomon had a beautiful garden near their palace in Jerusalem.

The garden had a beautiful pool and a little stream that refreshed the water.

In the days of our Lord Jesus Christ, this pool was called the pool of Siloam.

Joh 9:6-7 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, (7) And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

The Lord Jesus Christ opened the eyes of a blind man and said go and wash thyself in the pool of Siloam.

King Solomon had written parts of the Song of Solomon in this garden and this garden is the garden of the bride and the bridegroom. Yet the garden of Solomon and the pool Siloam are a shadow of the glory of Gods paradise in heaven. Today God wants to let us experience these realities in the glory realm.

Son 4:16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, *that* the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

The Lord opened the man's eyes to symbolise and say to us, open our eyes. This is so we can live in our first love in the garden of love where the lilies of the valley grow.

The bridegroom feeds upon the lilies love.

Son 6:3 I *am* my beloved's, and my beloved *is* mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

We are called to be His lily.

His higher calling is that we minister out of this love relationship which is out of the glory and holy presence of God level.

Many want quick work and only work in the supernatural through faith and anointing.

God calls for the End Time church to minister out of the level of holy presence, fullness and glory.

Out of this flows the anointing.

❖ The pool of Siloam was a slow-flowing pool or fountain.

Isa 8:6 AMP Because this people (Israel and Judah) have refused and despised the waters of Shiloah (Siloam, the only perennial fountain of Jerusalem, and symbolic of God's protection and sustaining power) that go gently, and rejoice in and with Rezin (the King of Syria) and Remaliah's son (Pekah the King of Israel),

There are a lot of people running with the anointing yet their lives are not transformed.

This is possible with the anointing, yet true glory brings transformation, and this can only come through being transformed from glory to glory. The glory which is His abiding presence will only stay if we are being transformed.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

We see the glory depart the temple because idols were worshipped.

Eze 10:18-19 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims. (19) And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD'S house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

However, the priest was still anointed.

Truly, we have to decide between moving in the glory and its anointing or just the anointing.

We are called to let the slow or gentle waters of Siloam or the Holy Spirit work in and through us, so we live and minister out of our first love and our inner anointing.

Restoration

The golden glory of God brings restoration to our heart and heals our brokenness.

To experience the golden glory realm and to come up higher, the blockages need to go.

Son 4:12 A garden inclosed *is* my sister, *my* spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

Our garden or heart needs to become open for the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Every religious mindset that stops the flow of the river of the Holy Spirit needs to be renewed with the word of God.

In Nehemiah's day, they restored the walls of the City of David, where the pool of Siloam and its garden was situated.

Neh 3:15 But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallun the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.

The waters of the stream of the pool of Siloam starts at the spring of Gihon, then goes underground until it comes by the pool.

The pool was a hanging basin just outside the walls.

In heaven, the river of God also starts from the throne of God and flows into the city of God, then unto paradise.

Rev 22:1-2 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. (2) In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

We have to receive this restoration in our heart and say, come southern wind, and blow through my garden as the river of God flows through us.

How to Come Up Higher

- 1. Acknowledging the Laodicean or lukewarm state we are in.
- 2. Humble ourselves.
- 3. Respond to His knocking by opening our heart and grow in deep intimate fellowship.
- 4. Surrender to His heart cry.
- 5. Buy gold or glory by being purified as we press into our first love.
- 6. Let Him and the river of life come into the garden of our heart where there is pain and hurts to receive the freedom of bondage.
- 7. Grow in union so we can live in the throne room realm of His glory.

The Glorious Bride

We are called to be part of the glorious bride by making ourselves ready. By buying this gold, we are filling our flasks with the oil of the five wise virgins.

When the ark of Noah closed its doors, no one could enter.

So, it will be when the rapture comes.

We are called to prepare.

Chapter 5: The Bride and the Mountain of Spice

Passion for the Bridegroom King

The bride is called to live in the first love.

When we live in the first love, we can let go of all that would stop us in our spiritual growth.

❖ The bride is called to live in passion for Jesus Christ. As she lives in passion for Jesus, she buys gold refined in the fire.

The gold is the glory of God.

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

- ❖ A love relationship is from within.
- ❖ The centre of this love relationship is the heart.
- * Therefore, God plans to fill our heart with His golden glory presence for glory is the essence of God's heart.

The issues of life come from our heart.

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

We have to keep on watching that our heart is still in the first love with our bridegroom and soon coming King.

When we live like this then our heart can ravish the heart of the bridegroom King.

Son 4:9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, *my* spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

When we ravish His heart, the Lord is overcome by our love. We need to live in passion for Jesus Christ.

The Mountain of Myrrh

We are called to go with our beloved to the mountain of Myrrh and the hill of Frankincense.

Son 4:4 Thy neck *is* like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

This place where Jesus Christ wants us to learn to come is a real place in heaven's paradise.

Jesus Christ said I am from above and Apostle Paul said that we as believers have to see the things above.

Col 3:1-2 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. (2) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

The things above are spiritually discerned.

Therefore, we have to worship God with our spirit, and this flows over into our heart.

In the glory realm, there are visions and dreams and prophetic experiences which open our eyes to see into God's heaven.

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

King Solomon shows us that there is a secret stairway of the sky.

Son 2:14(TPT) For you are My dove, hidden in the split open Rock. It was I who took you — and hid you up high in the secret stairway of the sky. Let Me see your radiant face and hear your sweet voice. How beautiful your eyes of worship, how sweet and enchanting your voice in prayer, for you are ravishing to Me.

This secret stairway is there for the passionate bride to meet the bridegroom in the mountains of spices of heavenly paradise.

This is there so the bride can grow in her passion and first love for her bridegroom.

Growing in Worship

We are called to come up higher and we are called to seek the things above where Christ is.

As lovers of the bridegroom, we are called to spend much time with Him on the mountains of spice or the mountain of separation unto Him.

Son 4:6 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

These mountains are a place of

- a) Deep intimacy
- b) Deep union
- c) Praise
- d) Worship
- e) Prayer

Moses used Frankincense in the making of the holy incense used in the tent of meeting and tabernacle.

Exo 30:34-35 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight: (35) And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy:

It was used on the golden altar of incense which is a symbol of praise, worship and prayer in the holy place.

The altar of incense was right in front of the Ark where the Shekinah glory was on.

Exo 39:38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,

This is what we are called to experience, the Shekinah glory on the mountain of spices.

As we press into our intimacy, union, communion, praise and worship in the spirit, we will experience or know His glory from spirit to spirit and heart to heart.

A Heart of Glorious Spices

What the bridegroom wants to form in the heart of his bride is a glorious heart full of spices.

These spices will only grow if we meet with him on the mountain of spices.

Then the heart of the bride will be a heart full of spikenard, cinnamon, frankincense and all the chief spices.

Son 4:13-14 Thy plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard, (14) Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

The three wise men understood and knew the significance of what they gave to Jesus Christ at His birth.

They came to worship Him, pay their respect and bring an offering to Him as the King of glory.

Mat 2:11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

This incense is also used in heaven as a representation of prayer or worship.

Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Also, prayer and union.

Rev 8:3-4 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. (4) And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

Worship in Spirit and Truth

We are called to worship God the Father in spirit and truth for God wants to know us from spirit to spirit.

Joh 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God the Father and Jesus Christ, the bridegroom, long for the sweetness of our intimate worship.

When we worship Him with all our heart, His love flows back to us.

This is a two-way street.

Yet we have to worship Him in awe for He is majestic.

When all these spices are formed in our heart then deep sweet worship will flow from our heart to His heart.

For the sweetness of worship is in these spices.

Difference between Glory and Anointing

In Chapter 2 we talk about the seven different levels. On that list, glory is higher than the anointing, why?

This is because, out of God's holiness, fullness and glory flow the anointing.

The coming glory generation main focus and lifestyle are from the heart.

Intimacy is from the heart of the believer to God's heart.

❖ We are called to live from God's glory nature; we are also called to minister from this.

From His glorious heart flows the anointing.

God is Spirit and His Spirit, and our heart are one.

2 Kings

By studying the lives of King Saul and King David we can understand the differences between the anointing and the glory.

The obvious difference is that King Saul was after power, anointing and position.

- King David was after the heart of God and His glory.
- God called David a man after His own heart for King David wanted to live in God's presence or glory and was always seeking to be changed by it.

Psa 27:4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

The glorious presence is experienced or known from spirit to spirit; heart to heart and is, in the first place, relational.

We know His glorious presence.

This is why we need to be known by God and we need to know God. Therefore, the glory increases as we spend time in knowing God's heart. This is why we see King David in the Bible always worshipping God and loving God for who He is.

Psa 42:1 To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Seek His Face

In many places, the Bible says that we are called to seek God's face.

1Ch 16:11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

The word 'face' in Hebrew is also the word for His presence. When we seek His face, we touch His heart and move His hand.

Psa 24:6 This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

We need all three of these aspects of Him, yet our priorities need to be right.

Some preachers only seek His hand or anointing.
All they want is the anointing so they will have a powerful ministry.

This was the problem with King Saul.

He even moved in prophesy, yet he lost the kingdom because he only wanted to look good on the outside and in the eyes of the people.

1Sa 15:30 Then he said, I have sinned: *yet* honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

God did not lift the kingdom or anointing off Saul, he lost it when he died.

The glory is known and experienced with our spirit, yet the anointing is felt by our body as it comes upon us.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Therefore, we have to stay in a close relationship with God, so we don't lose His glory to only have the anointing, power or fire.

When you start to live in sin you lose the glory and the closeness with God.

Yet many preachers who live in sin still move in the anointing for it is a gift that is given by God and stays in operation.

Rom 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

This is why it is so important to understand the message of the cross, which says, when I am weak, He is strong.

We can be powerful in the flesh but lacking in a deep relationship with God and therefore there will be no real glory in our lives.

Now the anointing is good, and we need the anointing, gifts, fire and power, yet our motivation and priorities also need to be right.

First, seek His face and His heart, and then His hand will bring the anointing.

Stillness and growing from Glory to Glory

My passion is to know God deeply and have a deep relationship with Him.

To know him deeply and intimately is to grow in the glory and to be changed from glory to glory.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

When I was a young believer, I put a lot of emphasis on exterior ways to please God and this brought the anointing. Later I became hungrier to know Him more deeply. I then started to pray for the glory to come in my life, which released God's intimacy. He also put me on a path to learn to worship God from the inside and to worship Him from a position of stillness. This happened after He brought brokenness into my life, which I shared earlier in the book.

Zep 1:7 (AMP) [Hush!] Be silent before the Lord God, for the day [of the vengeance] of the Lord is near; for the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, and He has set apart [for His use] those who have accepted His invitation.

If we want to live and move in the great manifest glorious presence of God, we need to learn to become still on the inside as we worship and pray.

Zec 2:13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

True Worship

Today we are called to worship the Father in spirit and truth.

Joh 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

When we deeply worship with our spirit, our spirit grows in the glory. In the Old Covenant, a priest had two mantles.

One was an outside mantle, or the priestly mantle called an ephod, and the other was the inside one which was a linen garment.

The outside one is the symbol of the anointing, the inside one is a symbol of living in a pure love relationship with the Lord.

King David knew who he was and what his heart cry was.

When the Ark was brought into Zion, King David put on a priestly garment.

Why did he do this?

He wanted to follow the right protocol before the Ark as he wanted to worship the Lord with his whole heart.

2Sa 6:14 And David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* girded with a linen ephod.

He understood that Jesus Christ was King, and Priest after the Order of Melchizedek and that David was a shadow type of this.

Ps 110:4 The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

His wife, Michal, daughter of Saul, still thought like her father. In her eyes David made himself look like a fool.

Yet David knew it is all about worshipping God with our inside and loving Him with all that is within us. He knew that this was the reason God choose him as King.

2Sa 6:21 And David said unto Michal, *It was* before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore, will I play before the LORD.

King David worshipped the Lord of glory and majesty who deserves all the glory.

1Ch 16:27-29 Glory and honour *are* in his presence; strength and gladness *are* in his place. (28) Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. (29) Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Glory and honour are in God's holy presence.

This is where King David wanted to be and worship Him with all his heart. On his harp, in worship, he drew near to God's heart.

Mary's Worship

Mary, the sister of Lazarus, worshipped the Lord with all her heart. She poured out a pound of ointment of spikenard.

We saw that in the garden of the bride of the Song of Solomon there grew spikenard and many other spices.

Son 4:12-13 A garden inclosed *is* my sister, *my* spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. (13) Thy plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,

Nard means light.

Therefore, Mary is a picture of the glorious End Time worshipping bride who has her lamp full of this passionate love.

She poured her all her love out to the Lord Jesus Christ and was a shining light.

This is a true picture of being a part of the five wise virgins.

Joh 12:3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

The house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

This was just like the incense or worship on the golden altar which filled the Holy Place near the Ark of the Covenant where the Shekinah glory dwelt.

King David had 3000 worshipers, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, before the Ark worshipping. The Ark took the place of the golden altar.

Therefore, worship is one of the ways to come close to the heart of God and experience His glory.

A Metamorphism

The transformation of a caterpillar into pupae and then into a butterfly is called metamorphism.

This word metamorphism is also used in the scriptures and is connected to the renewal of our mind.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We are called to be renewed or transformed.

Once I had a beautiful vision of a butterfly flying into the golden light of God.

Many believers are wounded of heart and hurting inside.

God wants a glorious church or glorious bride to arise.

Only by Father God's transforming love in the glory realm can we be healed of a broken heart.

We need to go through metamorphism so that where we could not fly, we can be healed and fly like a butterfly into the glorious loving heart of God the Father.

In the next chapter, we are going to reveal how to go up to these higher places in the loving heart of God.

Chapter 6 The Glory of God's Goodness and Grace

Jesus Full of Grace and Truth

Our Lord Jesus was full of grace and goodness. He called Himself the Good shepherd.

Everywhere our Lord was doing good, healing all who were sick and oppressed of the devil.

Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Our Lord Jesus Christ ministered out of the fullness and its glory and grace upon grace came out of the glory realm.

Joh 1:16 AMP For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favour upon favour and gift (heaped) upon gift.

Christ, as the High Priest of the order of Melchizedek, came to establish grace so we all would get to know the goodness of God.

The Priesthood of Grace

Out of the Father's heart of His loving-kindness, He sent His beloved Son to save us.

His Son came to save us through God's grace.

Christ came to us from the Davidic line of Judah as a priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Heb 5:9-10 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; (10) Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Melchizedek's priesthood is the priesthood of grace. This grace leads us to the glorious throne of grace.

Heb 4:15-16 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. (16) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that

we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

It is the goodness of God that leads us to repentance.

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

This goodness of God is in the glory of God and comes to us out of the glory of God, yes, through His glorious grace.

Grace is part of the glory of God.

Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

In this chapter, we want to understand how we can grow deeper into the goodness of God.

To get there we first need to be growing in grace and be rooted in love.

Grace, not Law

Out of God's great mercy and loving-kindness, He has given us grace whereby we are saved.

It is by grace that we are saved.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Grace is the way into the new covenant that God has given us in Jesus Christ.

The New Covenant of Grace

The new covenant of grace comes to us by believing in the finished work of our Saviour on the cross of Calvary.

Luk 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

Christ's priesthood is built upon the priesthood of the grace of Melchizedek that comes through the tribe of Judah for salvation comes through the Jews.

Jesus came to bring grace and truth.

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Moses brought the Mosaic Law, which included the 10 Commandments. Christ fulfilled this through redemption at the cross. Now, through grace, we can have a relationship with God as we believe, which leads us into the throne of grace.

Full of Grace and Truth

Our Lord and Saviour came out of the glory of the Father to us, He was shining the radiant glory of God throughout His ministry and the nation of Israel. He did the signs, wonders and miracles out of the glory realm of God. He did this for He was full of grace and truth.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made 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.

Out of God's glorious grace, He completed the signs, wonders miracles. Out of this grace, the people were called to repent and believe.

Grace versus Law

Grace brings us the supply of God's mercy and sets us free. The Law puts a demand on us and binds us.

Moses brought God's law to us under the Old Covenant. The Law demands.

Eph 2:8,9 (AMP) For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favour) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through (your) faith. And this (salvation) is not of yourselves (of your own doing, it came not through your own striving), but it is the gift of God. Not because of works (not the fulfilment of the Law's demands), lest any man should boast. (It is not the result of what anyone could possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.)

The Law demands that a sinner must die and eternally be separated from God as the Law demands judgment.

Heb 10:28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to bring us grace and save us through grace. This is the New Covenant.

Grace supplies.

Joh 1:16 AMP For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favour upon favour and gift (heaped) upon gift.

The supply of God's grace is grace upon grace.

Grace sets us free of sin, death and punishment, grace gives us eternal life.

Two Different Streams of Grace

1. Grace for salvation.

Grace is God's gift whereby we are saved.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Out of God's mercy, love and goodness, God gives us grace whereby we can be saved. Grace is God's gift to us. We can receive grace for salvation if we choose for it and receive faith in Christ so we can be saved. This is called grace for salvation.

2. Grace for daily living

Grace for daily living is grace upon grace.

Out of the fullness of God, which is God's holy presence, we who are in Christ receive grace upon grace, out of His supply.

Joh 1:16 (AMP) For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favour upon favour and gift (heaped) upon gift.

We are Supplied With

- 1. Grace upon grace
- 2. Spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing
- 3. Favour upon favour
- 4. Gift of the Holy Spirit upon gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Grace makes you

Apostle Paul said that it was the grace of God that had made him so powerful in the ministry as an apostle.

1Co 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

It is by grace we are saved. Through grace, we grow in sonship, yes, in our relationship with our heavenly Father as His sons and daughters. To know the goodness of God more deeply, from the heart to the heart, we need to grow in grace. Out of God's grace, through His Holy Spirit, He pours out His love in our hearts.

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

As we learn, through God's grace, about the Father's love in a deeper way, then we can know with our hearts that God is good.

God's grace helps us to grow in an intimate relationship with God. If your heart is wounded because of situations when you were young, then it is often hard to know God's goodness. Dead tradition or religion and legalism also stops you from knowing that God is a good God.

This is why grace helps us to know the love and the goodness of God. By grace, we receive power to minister, blossom and bring forth fruit. Through grace, we grow on the pathway of sanctification unto perfection.

Humility and Growing in Grace

If we want to grow in grace, we need to grow in humility. Humility looks at the cross of Christ, sees His example of humility, and daily thanks to God for Christ's sacrifice. It says in the Bible that God gives more grace to the humble.

Jas 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

In the grace you receive, you will also receive power to overcome sin and its evil ways.

The Glory of Grace

❖ Grace is part of the glory of God.

Apostle John says that they saw Christ's glory, fullness, honour and majesty as they saw His grace and God's grace upon Christ's life.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made 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.

This grace is in the glory and name of God. We first see this in the book of Exodus, where Moses encounters the glory of God.

Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

One of God's attributes here is the glorious grace of God. In these attributes, God reveals His glory. Christ displayed this in His ministry on Earth, as He was full of the fullness of the Holy Spirit and grace.

The Glory of Goodness

❖ There is great glory in God's goodness!

A lot of God's glory comes out of His goodness!

We are going to see this in the story and encounter Moses had with the glory of God.

Moses first asks God, 'please God, show me Your glory'.

Exo 33:18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

God's answer is amazing.

He says, 'I will make all My goodness pass before you'.

Exo 33:19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

❖ Here we see that a big part of God's glory is His goodness.

Why didn't God say, 'Yes Moses, I will show you my glory'? Instead, He said, 'I will let all My goodness pass before you'. Why is this so? Because the word goodness has a greater meaning in the Hebrew language. In Hebrew is a word called *Chesed*, which is goodness.

Moses encountered God's goodness or *Chesed*. This word has different meanings; it means loving-kindness, goodness, merciful, compassion, love, holy. God said, 'I will show My goodness (*Chesed*) and will be merciful and compassionate though it. Therefore, out of this goodness or *Chesed*, God showed his glorious attributes that were connected to His name.

Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

Therefore, God's glory is:

- Merciful
- Compassionate
- Gracious
- Patient
- Abundant in goodness
- Truth
- Loving
- Kind
- Faithful

God's power also comes forth out of His glory. Signs, wonders and miracles also happen when His glory is moving amongst us.

Moses and the Law

Moses was chosen by God to establish the Old Covenant. This covenant started with the 10 Commandments that were given to Moses on Mount Sinai in Arabia. The Mosaic laws and 10 Commandments were given to show the people how to live righteously, yet it was impossible to fulfil it.

The law is here to convert the soul.

In our strength, we cannot keep the law, therefore we are converted and saved by grace.

Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Therefore, God established the Old Covenant for the Hebrews, by the Law and by letting Moses build the tabernacle where animals were sacrificed. As all have sinned, for the Hebrews to come near to God, Moses ministered the blood of the atonement of the Old Covenant for them.

Exo 24:8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

The Law and the Consuming Fire

Before God gave the Law and Old Covenant to Israel, He showed them His consuming fire.

He said, 'I will come down on Mount Sinai'.

When God came down on Mount Sinai, the mountain was on fire.

Exo 19:18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

Then Moses went up and received the Mosaic Law, 10 Commandments and the instructions for the tabernacle and its blood sacrifices for the Old Covenant.

Moses and the Glory

Moses encountered God in spectacular ways. He was taught about the Laws by God. He saw the fire and entered the fiery cloud.

Yet Moses understood that there was something more.

He knew we needed a blood sacrifice to see God. This was God's way of grace. This led to his desire to see God's glory.

Moses had understood that we could not fulfil the law perfectly. <u>He was instructed about the blood sacrifices and in this, he understood the heart of God that is found in His holy glory.</u>

Out of love, God would give His beloved Son to establish the New Covenant and Moses understood this. <u>He understood that the Messiah would be found in the glory of God, and he wanted to meet the heart of God.</u>

In the heart of God is the Son of God, for they are One.

Joh 1:14,18 And the Word was made 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. (18) No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Moses' Crv

Moses' cry was, 'Show me Your glory'.

Moses' cry to God was, 'Take me beyond heaven's veil'.

He wanted to know God beyond the Ark of the Covenant. He wanted to know God intimately as those who would become part of the New Covenant.

Exo 33:13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

Therefore, he asked God to favour him and to show him God's glory where His redeeming plan and heart are found.

Exo 33:18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

Therefore, God says, 'I will make all My goodness pass before you and proclaim My name'.

Exo 33:19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

The Glory and the Name

Now let us look at a puzzling scripture. In this verse, it says that the Lord descended in the cloud.

Exo 34:5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

The name for the word "Lord" here is "Yahweh"

<u>Yahweh (Lord) is where His redemptive names are, like my Healer, Shepherd, provider and peace (Shalom).</u>

The second observation here is that God's cloud, which reveals God's heart, was on the mountain, yet God was not in it.

So now God's heart descended into the fiery manifestation of the cloud.

Then He made known His names and His glorious goodness.

Exo 34:6,7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

First, he says Lord, which is Yahweh in Hebrew, then Lord God, which is Yahweh EL. The meaning of the word "God" ("EL") is the strong one, more powerful than all false gods.

Glory, Goodness, Grace and Love

In this encounter that Moses has, he meets the heart of God and a revelation of the Messiah in it.

In this glorious goodness encounter, the Lord (Yahweh) reveals His mercy or loving-kindness, grace, longsuffering and abundance of

goodness and truth.

This is a revelation to Moses, who brought the Law, about the Messiah who brought grace and truth. The Messiah was in the bosom of the Father.

Joh 1:14,18 And the Word was made 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. (18) No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Through meditating on these scriptures, we can be set free from guilt, shame, condemnation and legalism. We can encounter His goodness, grace, loving-kindness etc. in these scriptures through the fullness of the Holy Spirit, divine revelation and impartation.

Moses' heart was fulfilled by this encounter. He saw God's goodness and grace in the manifestation of God's glory. In that realm of glory is where the Messiah was and out of it, He was sent to redeem us. Moses may have met Him in that encounter.

Goodness and Abundant Goodness

There are two different types of goodness.

1. Goodness for repentance and salvation.

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

- ➤ It is God's goodness that leads us to repentance and out of this goodness comes the gift of grace whereby we can be saved.
- 2. Abundant goodness.

An abundance of goodness is found in the glory realm.

- ➤ This abundance of goodness is here to reveal God's heart for us.
- ➤ It is here so that we can be healed of hurts, traumas, pain, stress or broken hearts, through the glory of the abundance of goodness.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

The abundance of goodness is here to bring breakthrough in us so we can experience abundant life.

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Grace upon Grace Leads to God's Heart of Goodness

It is out of the fullness that grace comes.

Joh 1:14 (AMP) And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we (actually) saw His glory (His honour, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favour, loving-kindness) and truth.

It is through daily grace that we receive grace upon grace. Therefore, we have to open our hearts to receive it as wave upon wave of the sea. This goodness of grace leads us into the goodness of God's Father heart. Our Lord Jesus came to make known to us the good heart of God, as in heaven, He was intimate on the bosom of the Father.

Joh 1:18 (AMP) No man has ever seen God at any time, the only unique Son or the only begotten God, who is in the bosom (in the intimate presence) of the Father, He has declared Him (He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can be seen; He has interpreted Him, and He has made Him known.

To Know His Goodness

To know the goodness of God in my life was the hardest attribute of God to assimilate. I had suffered a lot of hurt, trauma and abuse in my young life, which led to a broken heart. A broken heart does not understand

goodness. This is because they have been shown betrayal instead of goodness. Out of betrayal grows mistrust.

The way of healing this broken heart is to experience the glory of God's grace upon grace. Then the grace that comes through the Holy Spirit will pour out God's love in our hearts. God's plan is for our heart to become established in grace as we daily experience grace upon grace whereby His love is daily poured out in our heart.

Heb 13:9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

The love in the glory realm will start to heal our mistrust. When this happens daily, as we press into our first love, we will start to get a revelation of God's goodness in our heart. Then an abundance of goodness will start to flow in us, and we are starting to be filled with life more abundantly.

My Encounter with God's Goodness

I had a question.

Do I want to serve God as King forever?

There was fear in my heart for I had been hurt, beaten and abused.

Then, one day, I had an encounter with the goodness of God. He showed me that He is a good God and does not abuse or misuse His power as eternal God and King. He has all these beautiful blessings for his faithful children, now and in heaven. As He is good, in His fullness and holy presence, He has to protect His good children and lead them to glorious heaven. In His holy goodness, God cannot let the unrepentant, sinful people into heaven for He is just and has to protect heaven from evil entering in.

This settled my heart and I started to pray for more of God's goodness to enter my heart.

Glory Encounter in the Bible

We can receive encounters with God in the Bible as we read, meditate and wait upon the Lord.

I received the revelation about Moses' cry for the glory of God in his life in the Bible in the book of Exodus on January 8, 2018, at the Blue Mountains outside of Sydney. It was in the town of Katoomba, in a small motel 500m from the Three Sisters (a rock formation). This revelation broke my heart further open in the goodness of God.

When we breakthrough in the goodness of God, we will also start to break through in the joy of the Lord. The next chapter is to help us to know the love of the Father so that we can grow in His good and loving heart, which releases joy. Chapter 12 deals with the joy of the Lord.

Chapter 7: The Golden Glory Heart of the Father

Come Up Higher

These days we are called to come up higher.
This is God's End Time word and calling for the Bride.
Buy godly oil, new linen and come up higher.

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

The bride is being prepared to bring in a harvest of souls.

Only by buying gold, oil to open her spiritual eyes and new linen can she be truly prepared.

The gold is the glory, the oil is the first love and to see the heavenly realms.

The white clothes are the wedding garments.

A Dream: A House of Gold

We are called to buy gold which is the glory of God and love is an important essence of this!

I once had a dream. This dream is about the realm of glory we are to enter as we buy gold or glory and come up higher.

In the dream was a beautiful house.

The house was totally made out of 100% pure gold.

It had a golden throne and a river of gold.

Coming up higher is entering and seeing in the throne room realm. The interpretation of the dream is that God wants us to live in the golden glory realm.

For us to live in this realm of the glory of God is the heart cry of Abba Father.

We are called to dwell in His love and to become one with His love and grow in a deep union.

The result will be that the fruit of love will grow in our lives, and we will learn to dwell in His love.

For the last 30 years, I have pressed into this golden glory river. I asked God, "why does it seem like I progress so slowly". The Lord spoke and said this is because He was building His character in me.

2Pe 1:3-7 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (5) And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; (6) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; (7) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

He has called us to glory and virtue and given His divine power to grow up into becoming godly or having a godly character.

The result of this process is that we will have grown in His glorious loving Father heart to help us develop brotherly love and love for all people.

A Golden Wedding Ring

Around the world, couples wear a golden wedding ring.

Why do they do this? It is a symbol of their marriage covenant of love for one another.

Therefore, gold is a symbol of love, covenant and purity.

A House or Temple of Gold

Moses built the tabernacle according to the pattern God showed him. King Solomon built the temple as a replacement for the tabernacle which was the house of God.

He made the inside from gold.

1 Kin 6:21 (ASV) So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold.

The Ark of Gold

Moses made the Ark of the Covenant according to the heavenly pattern.

The Ark was overlaid with gold.

The Ark was where the glorious presence of God dwelt.

It was a throne of priestly grace and majesty.

Exo 37:1,2,6 And Bezaleel made the ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it: (2) And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about. (6) And he made the mercy seat

of pure gold: two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

Golden Altar

In the temple, which was overlaid with gold, there stood a golden altar.

Exo 39:38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,

On this altar, the sweet incense was burning all day and all night. All the beautiful spices which we find in the Song of Solomon are used in the preparation of the sweet incense and the anointing oil.

Streets of Gold

In heaven, the streets are made of pure transparent gold. Even Heavenly Jerusalem, the city of God is made out of pure gold.

Rev 21:18 And the building of the wall of it was *of* jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like unto clear glass.

Golden Angels of Glory

In Exodus 37:7, <u>Moses made two Cherubim of gold.</u> These golden cherubim were placed on the mercy seat.

Exo 37:7 And he made two cherubims *of* gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat;

Why were they made of gold?

It is because these angels move in the glory realm of God.

Psa 99:1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

These angels are at the throne of God and even move the throne of God on command.

They are higher in rank than most angels.

For these angels symbolise God's glory and can bring the glory down.

Heb 9:5 (AMP) Above [the ark] and overshadowing the mercy seat were the representations of the cherubim [winged creatures which were the symbols] of glory. We cannot now go into detail about these things.

Where the throne of God moves to, there the glory of God is revealed and invades that place.

Father's Heart of Gold

The greatest love of God's Father Heart is found in the glory of God. Above the great glorious light of His presence was seen the golden ark of the covenant which we call the Shekinah glory.

The colour of the light of the Shekinah glory is like a golden yellow colour. We see this best described in Brian Simmons translation of the Song of Solomon (The Passion Translation).

Son 3:9,10 (TPT) The King made this mercy seat for Himself out of the finest wood that will not decay Pillars of smoke, like silver mist – a canopy of golden glory dwells above it. The place where they sit is sprinkled with crimson. Yes, love and mercy cover this carriage blanketing this tabernacle-throne.

It says that a canopy of golden glory dwells above it; this is a description of the Shekinah glory of God above the Ark of the Covenant.

This golden glory light comes out of the loving heart of Father God.

God the Father wants us to know Him from heart to heart and from spirit to spirit.

❖ We will experience and see this in our lives as we buy gold and come up higher.

A Love Encounter

<u>God the Father, who is the Father of glory, is calling us into His glorious</u> heart of love today.

I had an encounter with His burning heart of love and experienced Him calling His sons to all come into His burning heart of love.

We are all called and have to learn to dwell in His love.

1Jn 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

His victorious banner over us is His love.

Son 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

His Love Above the Wine

Today, there are a lot of oppressed people, people who are bound by all types of addictions.

The Bible shows that the Father's love is greater and stronger than all those bondages, struggles and heartaches.

❖ In the Song of Solomon, it says that we will remember your love more than the wine.

Son 1:4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

He is talking here about baptism with the spirit of glory.

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye;* for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

In the baptism with the spirit of glory, God's great fire of love is released resulting in drunkenness in the spirit.

This is the power to set the oppressed and addicted people free.

This is why Solomon, through the Holy Spirit, said we will remember thy love more than the wine because this glory love baptism will set us free. Therefore, Apostle Paul said, 'do not be drunk with wine but be filled with the Holy Spirit'.

The effect can be drunkenness in the Holy Spirit and singing new songs.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Iack Coe

Jack Coe grew up in a very dysfunctional home.

When Jack was a little boy, his father was drunk most of the time. This meant that there was hardly any food in the home.

The tragedies that Jack had to endure caused him to become an alcoholic himself.

Then he became sick.

God healed him as he prayed, and he became a believer.

When he got filled with the power of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, he was set free from his alcohol addiction.

As a believer, he learnt that God loved him and then he became a powerful evangelist.

He held tent meetings where thousands of people received Christ.

He also started a home for abandoned children; yes, this is what the love of God can do with a man that comes to know the love of God the Father for himself.

Opened Eyes for Intimacy

We are in the days that God is pouring out more and more of His glory. In the higher realms of glory or fullness, there are the Seven Spirits. God wants us to press into His loving Father heart by pressing into the Spirit of wisdom and the Spirit of revelation, that by the Spirit of knowledge (revelational knowledge) we may know Him more intimately. God the Father wants to open the eyes of our understanding about how to deepen our love relationship with Him through the Seven Spirits of God.

Eph 1: 17,18 AMP (For I always pray to) the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation (of insight into mysteries and secrets) in the (deep and intimate) knowledge of Him. By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones)

A big part of the glorious inheritance for us is to experience this deep love relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit which is the golden glory realm.

This is where His love is better than wine.

Son 1:4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

- This is where the power of the Father's glorious love breaks drug, alcohol and perverted sexual addictions.
- ❖ In the glory is where His love heals the broken hearted and sets the captive free.
- ❖ This glory and power are part of the Spirit of the Lord God which is also one of the Seven Spirits of God.

Rooted and Grounded

We just touched on four of the Seven Spirits of God (or manifestation of the Holy Spirit) who are here to help us to grow in a deep love relationship with Father God.

They are the Spirit of Wisdom, Understanding (revelation), Knowledge and the Spirit of the Lord God.

Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

The Lord Jesus Christ's ministry on earth was not only to save us but to also bring us to the Father.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

In all of this, the Father of glory wants us to be rooted and grounded in love.

Eph 3:17-19 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; (19) And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Prophetic words and Bible studies are not enough to become rooted and grounded in the loving heart of God.

God wants us to experience Him and heal us and set us free through His glory and power as we encounter his love in supernatural ways. We are body, soul and spirit.

God wants to touch us and overwhelm us in our spirit in a way that will also touch and calm our soul and heal our body.

Through this process, our emotions will be healed, and our soul stilled. For in the stillness, we experience and know His glorious presence. The mission of our heart and spirit is to become rooted and grounded in His golden glory life, light and love.

Coming Up Higher and the Spirit of the Lord

When we come up higher, we enter the realm of heaven. One of the first encounters is the 7 Spirits of the Lord.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

The most important spirit is the Spirit of the Lord; in Him we get to know the manifest presence of the Father of glory.

This is the place of the manifestation of the glory.

The Father Heart of God is in the Glory Realm

- 1. The Father heart of God comes to us through the glory.
- 2. In the manifestation of the glory is the Father heart of God revealed

Eph 1:17-18 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know

what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

The manifest presence (glory) of God is the revelation of God's love, goodness, mercy and kindness to us, which is God's Father Heart.

Exo 34:6-7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, (7) Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty;* visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.

We are called to be filled with this awesome glory.

The Spirit of Glory and the Father Heart of God

Therefore, we are called to be baptised with the Spirit of glory.

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye;* for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

The spirit of glory is the Spirit of the Lord God.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Encountering the Spirit of the Lord

Once, I had an encounter with the Spirit of the Lord God.

I saw Him; He is full of love and compassion.

I saw in Him the Father heart of God.

I saw that He is the revelation and the power of God's love to us.

The Spirit of the Lord God is:

- ❖ The manifest presence and the manifestation of the Father Heart of God.
- ❖ The Father's manifest love that heals the brokenhearted.
- ❖ The Father's manifest love sets the prisoner free.
- The Father's manifest love allows adoption as sons of God.

By this love of the Spirit of the Lord God, which is the revelation of God's Father Heart, we cry out Abba Father.

Gal 4:5-6 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. (6) And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Everything comes to us through Jesus Christ. We are not talking about the traditional way, but that the knowledge of the glory of God comes to us in the face of Christ.

2 Cor 4:6 (AMP) For God who said, Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts so as (to beam forth) the Light for the illumination of the knowledge of the majesty and glory of God (as it is manifest in the Person and is revealed) in the face of Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

The Spirit of the Lord

When Apostle Paul taught about the glory, he did not talk about the Holy Spirit but about the Spirit of the Lord.

2Co 3:17-18 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. (18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The Spirit of the Lord is the first spirit of the Seven Spirits of God.

Therefore, Apostle Paul was referring to the manifest presence of God or glory of God which comes through the Spirit of the Lord God.

Jesus Christ did not say the Holy Spirit is upon me, but the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me.

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

When the Spirit of the Lord is made manifest in a meeting, the lordship or kingdom dominion of the kingdom of God is moving.

Jesus Christ walked in and manifested the glory of God on the Earth through the Spirit of the Lord God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made 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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to teach us about the Father for He came out of the bosom of the Father.

Joh 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

This is what Apostle Paul was teaching: if we surrender to Christ's Lordship, we can learn to walk in the golden glory or Shekinah glory realm and grow in a deep union with God the Father.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

It says here that we are changed from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord which is one of the Seven Spirits.

Therefore, this is then the manifest presence of the Father of glory. This Spirit imparts the love of the Father heart of God to us.

We are called to go from and grow from glory to glory.

We do this by His manifest presence which comes from the Spirit of the Lord God.

The Spirit of the Lord God brings great freedom.

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

The Spirit of the Lord God is also the spirit of the government of God which is upon Christ's shoulder.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

The bride is to learn to be seated in the canopy of the golden glory which is on the throne of God.

In this divine romance, we are called to rule and reign with Christ on Earth today.

The bride is also called to rule with Christ. This is why she has to buy gold or glory.

Therefore, we now need to learn how to grow and function in the Spirit of the Lord.

The bride has to learn to overcome so she will be granted to sit with Him on the throne.

Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

The Father heart of God

"For the Father Himself loves you," is what Jesus said.

These statements are to be spiritually understood.

The Father heart of God comes to us by the Spirit of glory.

The Spirit of glory reveals and imparts to us the heart of Abba Father.

We need to learn to live and minister out of the glory of God which is the Father heart of God.

Jack Winter was a minister who taught a lot about the Father heart of God. I was personally blessed by his ministry.

He said we can minister from the gifts and anointing yet finish our walk wrongly.

He said he had seen many ministers of the charismatic movement become charismatic lost sons.

He said, in order not to fall into the same traps, we need to minister the Father heart of God, which is the glory.

He said, in the end, the other ways will leave us empty.

Today, many of those ministers have gone back to their drugs, rock and roll and all the other sins.

They gave themselves until they were empty.

If we live in the Father's glorious presence and give out of the overflow of our relationship, we will not fall as they did.

We need to learn that the Father himself loves us.

Joh 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

<u>John Arnott, another Christian minister around today, has said, on</u>
<u>Christian television, that we need to build on the right foundation, which is that God our Father loves us.</u>

We need to let go of the foundation of "works" for we are saved by grace. In our hearts, we need to know that He loves us.

If we do not know this in our heart, we need to cry out for the Father's love.

When we do God's work, we need to work out of abiding in the Father's compassionate heart.

We experience this compassionate Father heart through the Lord who brings us into the manifest presence of the Father of glory.

Baptised with Glory Fire

God wants to baptise us with glory fire.

Many people are baptised with the Holy Spirit but are not on fire for God. Why is this?

This is because many are not hungry or thirsty for His righteousness and are not totally surrendered.

They are baptised with the Holy Spirit power or the anointing which can bring forth the gifts.

There is a difference.

John the Baptist said when Christ comes, He shall baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with <u>fire</u>.

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

The baptism of glory fire will bring you into the Lordship of Jesus Christ for it will cleanse you.

Mat 3:12 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

You cannot receive this without total surrender.

Through this baptism, God's love will be poured out into your heart. Many surrender first up to their ankles, then knee-deep, then waist-deep until they can let go of all.

Some encounter the glory strongly and dynamically such as Heidi Baker. Heidi lay under the baptism of glory fire for seven days; she was unable to function physically.

Now she minsters the love of God in a powerful way with signs and wonders following.

Jackie Pullinger also walks in this fire of love; because of this, drug addicts are supernaturally set free and start to speak in tongues as they are supernaturally baptised with the Holy Spirit.

Higher Realms of Glory

In many Pentecost, Full Gospel or Charismatic churches, they preach about the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

They help the believers to receive it and to speak in tongues, which is great.

However, they think that once they have received it that they have arrived and become complacent.

When John G. Lake was baptised with the Holy Spirit, he spoke in tongues and was used for healings. He said that he still wanted to be baptised with the Holy Spirit in a greater way.

He did receive more and more and was used in greater and greater ways.

In the book of Acts

1. First, they were baptised in the Holy Spirit.

In Acts Two they were all filled and baptised, then in Acts Four, they were filled again but now with boldness.

2. The second baptism of the Holy Spirit was when the building was shaken, and they received boldness.

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

3. Entering into the Shekinah glory and the Seven Spirits of God as we are baptised into the fire of His glory and His love.

Apostle Peter pressed in even more until the people were healed in his shadow as God's glory was healing the sick.

Act 5:15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

- When this happened Apostle Peter had moved into the glory realm.
- He started to minister out of the Seven Spirits of God and the fullness of God.

Being Baptised in Glory Fire

We can be baptised in the glory of God. It comes through being hungry and thirsty for the heart of God. Then Spirit of glory will fill us.

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

❖ The manifest presence of God is the glory of God.

* The Spirit of the Lord God manifests His presence.

Therefore, it is in the realm of the Seven Spirits of God that we get baptised with the glory of God and His love.

Why?

This is because the Seven Spirits are burning before or at the throne of God.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

They are working to bring us into the throne room of God.

God is holy and only by being cleansed by His glorious holy fire can we learn to live in His consuming presence.

God is Spirit, life, light and love and He is perfect or holy in all His attributes.

His holy glory fire can then make us one with Him in a deeper way. The bride is being prepared to be a glorious bride and a pure or holy bride.

The baptism in this glorious love is the pure agape love whereby we can walk a more excellent way.

Then it will be easier to love the unlovable so to speak.

Only Love Can

Many people today are broken-hearted.

This can have happened in many ways.

Mentally, we need to operate in a new wine skin.

Many people who are deeply wounded and hurt need to receive a lot of love and attention.

We need to learn to love one another the way Jesus Christ loves us.

1Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

If there is hate in our life and we hate people, the light of God is not in us, not in the part of us that hates.

1Jn 2:9-10 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. (10) He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

We need to learn to abide in God's love and light.

If we do not, we lose His glorious presence and live on a lower level.

A More Excellent Way

Apostle Paul said there was a more excellent way.

In 1 Corinthians 12, he taught about the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The next chapter in the Bible is about love or agape (godly) love.

This is the perfect love.

Perfect love casts out all fear and is love that comes out of the holy glory of God.

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

If we want to learn to walk in the more excellent way of love, we have to let the Spirit of glory work in us.

The Spirit of God is also the Spirit of the Lord God.

2Co 3:17-18 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. (18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The way we do this is to surrender to His love.

Many people want to work for God, but few want to let God work through them.

All the walls between our heart and God's love stop the Spirit of glory or the Spirit of the Lord God to work in us.

Receiving His Love

For many years, I have been brought to tears when God comes with His glorious love as He is healing the many emotional wounds I carried from when I was young.

As a young child, I have received a lot of abuse; sexual, physical and verbal which had damaged my heart.

The spirit cry of the Father of glory's heart is love which comes to us by the Spirit of the Lord God has healed me and added much love in my life.

We need to surrender to Him.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

We have to let our guard down and let the spirit of adoption break the hardened walls of our heart down.

The spirit of adoption takes all our rejection and abandonment away. He heals all our inner wounds and turmoil.

❖ The Spirit of the Lord God is the Spirit of glory and the Spirit of adoption.

In my life, there was a lot of buried anger.

I believe I was baptised with some of God's holy glory fire 30 years ago.

This fire has never diminished, only grown more and more.

As God heals me on the inside, I weep again and again.

Every time, I surrender myself more deeply to the work of the cross I see greater spiritual growth.

The walls of hardness in my heart start to disappear because I have surrendered.

God has taken me through many old traumas, this has not always been easy.

Every time explosive emotions come up; they can be damaging for your loved ones.

However, His glorious love has healed my heart more and more.

The spirit of adoption also worked in the deep-seated hate, bitterness and anger in my heart.

I had to do a lot of forgiving and asking for forgiveness.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I am now more able to effectively minister to hurting people because of what I have gone through.

I am also involved in discipling people who come out of deep darkness. The spirit of adoption or the spirit of glory is also their answer.

In the Cloud of Glory

In the cloud of glory, there is peace, love and joy.

We will experience these in a greater way when we come into the glory cloud.

When we feel dead, down or depressed we come alive through the cloud. For out of the cloud flows the river of life.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

When we see the One on the throne, we see the rainbow around Him. This rainbow is part of the holy glory cloud which comes out of the presence of God.

Thunder and lightning also come from the glory cloud of His presence.

The Spirit of the Lord God is the manifest river of life in our midst when the glory cloud moves!

It says rivers of life will flow out of your belly.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

It does not say one river, it says rivers.

❖ The Spirit of the Lord God manifests rivers of life.

They all come from the throne of God.

This is all the work of the Holy Spirit's full manifestation.

1Co 12:6-7 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. (7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

In some meetings you can see different flows of the river, they could be:

- 1. Love
- 2. Peace
- 3. Joy
- 4. Healing
- 5. Salvation

Time to Buy

Now it is time to buy gold.

God wants to help you to see, through the oil and the glory, how to come up higher.

What is stopping you?

Ask the Lord what is stopping you to come up higher.

Listen or see and repent.

Then buy gold refined in the fire.

Chapter 8: The God of Glory Thunders

The Voice of God

The voice of God is very powerful. Sometimes the voice of the God of glory thunders.

Psa 29:3-4 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters. (4) The voice of the LORD *is* powerful; the voice of the LORD *is* full of majesty.

Psa 29:9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of *his* glory.

A lot of preachers teach on the still, small voice of the Lord and this is important.

Yes, God wants to lead us to still waters and restore our soul.

❖ However, as we are coming into the Last Days, we need to understand that the God of glory also thunders.

The voice of God came through John the Baptist.

The Bible calls the words of John, the voice of one crying in the wilderness.

Mat 3:1-3 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, (2) And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (3) For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

He called the people to repentance as God's voice came through him, the effect was that many were confessing their sin.

Today, around the Earth, we see plagues, earthquakes, storms and floods and, if we listen, we can hear the voice of God saying, "The end is near."

As the glory storms of the Holy Spirit come to the Earth, we will hear His voice thundering again.

On the day of Pentecost, they heard a mighty rushing wind.

The voice of God was in the wind.

Flames are the hottest when the wind blows.

Act 2:2-3 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

On that day, the voice of the wind of the Holy Spirit came through Apostle Peter and three thousand were saved.

The Bible says that a mighty wind filled the houses.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

When the God of glory thunders, He makes His voice known in a mighty way.

It says there came a sound from heaven.

In the sound was the voice of God!

The release of the Holy Spirit wind and fire was the outworking of the voice of God in the sound!

The Bible also says that the voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

<u>Psa 29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.</u>

Just before I was baptised with the Holy Spirit, which transformed my life until today, a believer read to me an extract from a book.

The book was called "Like a Mighty Wind". It was about the revival in Timor.

In this revival, great supernatural signs and wonders were occurring. Things like, during the night a bright light would go in front of them to lead them through the dark to where they needed to preach.

They walked on the water, healed the sick, and raised the dead.

This was God's voice to me that this is for today and part of this is the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I also heard Loren Cunningham give his testimony of how we can hear the voice of God and believe for the impossible to happen.

Two days later, I was baptised with the Holy Spirit and soon after it, I was called to missions and witnessing on the streets of Hawaii where I was living.

His Voice

As believers, we are called sheep.

Sheep follow their shepherd.

They know the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow him to green pastures.

Joh 10:3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

As sheep or believers, we have to learn to hear His voice.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

A few months ago, I was on a small sheep farm.

The owner went to feed the sheep some extra wheat.

She called the sheep, and the sheep followed the shepherd for they knew she would take care of them.

I grew up with cattle, cows do not like to listen to you, you have to go behind them and tell them to move for they are stubborn.

A sheep is not stubborn; they will follow the voice of the good shepherd. A good shepherd or pastor leads believers by example and helps them to

grow in hearing the voice of God.

Believers need to learn to hear the voice of God so that they can be led by the Holy Spirit.

Also, they need to learn to follow the Lord Jesus Christ for themselves.

A bad pastor drives the sheep as cows or cattle and uses them for his gain.

Learning Process

As a young believer, I learnt to hear the voice of God.

In Youth with a Mission School in Singapore, we learnt to hear the voice of God, in a time of intercession. We first would bind any bad voice. Then we would still our hearts and ask God for what nation we should pray.

Psa 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

God would give one of us a vision, another a Bible verse and another would hear about a situation which we had to pray for as the Holy Spirit spoke.

Little by little, I learnt to hear the still small voice of God.

I also learnt to ask God for a Bible verse or scripture to confirm if something was from Him.

As I grew in hearing the voice of God, it became easier and clearer. A great testimony is that when I was on the mission field, God spoke that I would marry an Australian lady for He wanted me to live there to minister in Asia.

I have been married to Amy for 23 years, she grew up in Australia.

A Still Small Voice

Every believer has to learn to hear the voice of God.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Every true believer has to learn to follow the voice of God especially in the Last Days that are upon us.

Daily, God wants to lead us by His still small voice. As we learn this, He will lead us to quiet waters. He will still our souls and heal our hearts.

Psa 23:1-3 The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. (2) He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. (3) He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

He will then lead us into the secret place.

The secret place is a place in the spirit where the striving of man cannot pull you down.

Psa 31:20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

This place also protects us from fear and worry and brings peace to our heart.

Like a Mighty Wind

When the rushing might wind came on the day of Pentecost, there appeared tongues of fire on the 12 apostles.

They spoke as with tongues of fire, bringing forth the voice of God in different languages to the Jews who lived in other nations.

Apostle Peter said that the Prophet Joel had already spoken of this day.

Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Therefore, the voice of God can come to us by:

- Prophecy
- Visions
- Dreams

As the glory of God increases in our lives and our gatherings, so will prophesy, visions and dreams.

In Perth, Western Australia, I helped set up the first glory camp for the church we were going to.

In the first year, there were just a few prophecies, visions and dreams. The second year there were many more as the glory increased and believers had learnt how to open up to the glory of God and move in the voice of God.

The Bible says that all the people in God's tabernacle were speaking of His glory.

Psa 29:9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of *his* glory.

- ❖ To live and move in God's glory is God's plan and purpose for all believers in the End Time glorious church.
- * Revelation is one of the ways to grow in the power of God. Therefore, the voice of God comes to us by revelation.

The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation leads to the Mighty Power of God

Eph1:17 -19 (AMP) (For I always pray to) the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation (of insight into mysteries and secrets) in the (deep and intimate) knowledge of Him. (18) By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), (19) And (so that you can know and understand) what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength.

• It says that through revelation we will understand the glorious inheritance we have in Christ.

Eph 1: 18 (AMP) By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),

• Then it says that through revelation, the eyes or our hearts will be flooded with light so we can understand the unlimited mighty power that is available for those who believe.

The Seven Spirits

The Seven Spirits, or manifestations, lead us to the power of God. The Spirit of Revelation speaks to us as He reveals to us how we are to release and move into the glory and power of God.

Eph 1:19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Through faith and revelation, we have to understand the great power that is available to us.

Then we have to act upon it.

God the Father raised Jesus Christ out of the grave with this power and calls us now to go and pray for the sick.

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

One of the Seven Spirits is the Spirit of Might.

He is the Holy Spirit working out miracles.

We have to act as we are led by the Holy Spirit to see miracles happen for the glory of God.

In a revival meeting in India, I was led by the Holy Spirit to walk to the back of the room.

There was a pastor who could not lift his right hand or move his right leg. I prayed for him and did not know his condition, the Holy Spirit healed him.

- ❖ When we obey the voice of God, we will see his power move.
- ❖ For the voice of God is powerful.
- ❖ The voice of God is the voice of breakthrough.
- The voice of God will lead us to miracles, signs, wonders and healings.

A Door

- A door is a gateway.
- A door is a portal.

Jesus Christ is the door to heaven.

He is the one who sits on the throne of glory.

Rev 4:1-2 After this I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. (2) And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.

The voice of Jesus Christ can come to us through the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ's testimony is also the spirit of prophecy.

Rev 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

To discern if a word, revelation or prophecy is from God, we need to test it with the Word of God.

Ancient of Days

In the Last Day, glory and holiness revivals will break forth and God will move powerfully.

He is going to move in miracles from the Old and New Testament.

This is because it is going to be the move of the early and latter-day rain at the same time.

In the Old Testament, there were many visible manifestations of God's presence.

God's voice was also heard in powerful ways in these ancient times. God is also called the Ancient of Days.

Dan 7:9-10 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire. (10) A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

We see here the great throne of God on fire and a stream of fire flowing out of there.

We will see some of this fire come to earth in these Last Days.

Ancient Doors

God wants to change our life through His glory.

He wants to become so much a part of us so that our heart can be a door for the voice of God.

God wants to set us free of generational sin and curses.

If we lift our heads and open up our troubled heart, the King of glory will come in.

Psa 24:7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Then He can use our spirit as an ancient door to bring forth His voice to us and through us.

Pro 20:27 The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

The spirit of man is where the Lord speaks to and shines through. When we press, by faith, into visions, we can see the Ancient of Days seated on the throne.

Therefore, our heart or spirit is a door for the Holy Spirit to use.

Faith

It all starts with faith.
Our salvation comes by faith.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

It also says that these revelations come to those who believe or who have faith.

Eph 1:19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

We have to press into and grow in our faith, so we grow in revelation. In Romans, it says we receive prophesy according to our faith.

Rom 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;

The hearing of the voice of the Lord in its different aspects grows as we grow in faith.

The glory of God moves through us in greater ways as our faith gets stronger.

Door of Revelation

Today, there is a door standing open. This door is the <u>door of revelation</u>.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

As we have talked about in the last chapter, coming up higher goes hand in hand with the voice of God and the realms of revelation in the glory realm.

It says in the book of Revelations, that Apostle John saw a door open in heaven.

- This door is the door of revelation.
- In this door, the voice of God speaks to us.

The first voice that spoke to him, sounded like a trumpet.

Therefore, the voice of God was in the trumpet.

The Open Door

The Lord Jesus Christ is the open door. In the gospel of John, Jesus said He is the door.

Joh 10:7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

In a vision I once had, I saw the Lord Jesus Christ standing between heaven and Earth.

He said to me, "I am the door to heaven."

The Open Door

The Holy Spirit wants us to receive the higher realms of the voice of God. These supernatural visitations where God's voice comes to us are:

1. Trances

4. Angelic visitations

2. Visions

5. Throne room visitations

3. Revelation

All of these places in the Spirit, open up as we surrender to go up higher.

The Voice of Breakthrough

One of the names of God is Jehovah Nissi

This name means He is our Banner.

When He goes to war, His banner breaks through and brings victory.

Psa 20:5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

Therefore, He is the God of the breakthrough. When we wave praise and worship flags in a time of worship, we are releasing the breaker anointing in a meeting. God's angels also go into battle as we, by faith, wave our flags. We can also use banners with the names of God on them to break through as we sing and dance as we stand in faith in victory.

Mic 2:13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

His Voice is Powerful

God's voice is powerful.

Psa 29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Many believers are called today to blow shofars. A shofar is a ram's horn, which was blown by the Levitical priesthood in the Old Testament days. God

also brought victory to Jericho; the walls fell down as Joshua's warriors blew the shofars. Gideon and his army of three hundred received victory when they blew the shofar. The voice of God therefore can come through the blowing of a shofar.

- ❖ The God of glory is the God of the breakthrough.
- For the God of glory thunders and the voice of His thunder is upon many waters.

Psa 29:3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

If the Bible talks about waters, it is often talking about people and religions of the world.

Today, in many places, like Africa, India and China, people are coming to the Lord in large numbers.

For God's voice makes known to them that Jesus Christ is the way of salvation.

The voice of the Lord breaks strong trees.

Psa 29:5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

A strong tree can represent a strong influential leader or king. The Lord can just change them at once.

The voice of Thunder

When I was living in the north of The Netherlands, the Lord said we had to do territorial warfare.

This was specifically around a small city.

We did as the Lord said.

A few days later, in a small town in that territory, tremendous thunder broke out.

It was very frightening; warfare was happening in the heavenlies.

The next day the brothel burnt down, it was the only brothel in the territory.

God's voice had come through the thunder and brought judgment as we had stood with Him in prayer for the territory.

Working with the Voice of God

God wants us to respond to His voice.

He wants us to get into action.

So, He can tell us where to go and we go.

We also need to learn to proclaim what He has said in prayer.

We need to declare it and speak it forth.

Psa 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

The Voice from the Tree and William Branham

We can see that the voice of God is full of power especially when we look at the life and ministry of William Branham.

When he was 7 years old, a young boy in the town of Jeffersonville, Indiana, he wanted to rest under an old poplar tree.

He said, 'I suddenly heard a sound as of a wind blowing the leaves. I knew that it was not blowing any other place.

There came a voice saying, "Never drink, smoke or defile your body in any way, for I have a work for you to do when you get older".

When William was older, he said, 'I believe that the angel of the Lord God was in that tree, and in later years, I was to meet him face to face and talk with Him. (Lindsay, n.d. p.30,31)

Later, the angel of the Lord came to him and told William how to minister. As he ministered, he had to wait on the Lord to come and listen to God's voice. Hundreds and thousands were healed, delivered and set free.

Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation leads to Intimacy

As we grow in the voice of the Holy Spirit, the Lord will open many doors of revelation to us.

- We are called to know God deeply and intimately.
- We are called to live deep in the love of God.

The way to grow into this is by revelation.

Eph1:17(AMP) (For I always pray to) the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation (of insight into mysteries and secrets) in the (deep and intimate) knowledge of Him.

It says that He may grant unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation into the secrets and mysteries so you will get to know Him deeply and intimately.

It says the same thing in Psalm 25.

The secret that is shown here is that we need to get a deep revelation about the love of God, and this is received by fearing Him.

Psa 25:14 (AMP) The secret (of sweet, satisfying companionship) of the Lord have they who fear (revere and worship) Him, and He will show them His covenant and reveal to them its (deep, inner) meaning.

Therefore, this is also the way for the glorious End Time church to grow into the prophetic realm and how to come up higher.

Chapter 9: Open Heavens and the Tabernacle of David

Heaven's Open

In the last chapter, we learnt about the powerful voice of God and how to hear His voice.

In this chapter, we are going to encourage you to live under an open heaven.

Sometimes believers have a sense of the presence of the Lord or a vision, but God is calling us to live under an open heaven daily.

Everyday Jesus Christ lived under an open heaven.

Joh 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

The Lord said to Nathaniel that he would see the heavens open and angels of God ascending and descending upon Jesus Christ.

The Lord was revealing here that, as the Son of Man, He was living under an open heaven.

Angels of God were ascending and descending upon Jesus Christ just as He had said.

Why is this important?

This is important because the angels of God were involved in Jesus Christ's earthly ministry and were part of the open heaven.

Beth-el

Jacob once had a powerful dream.

He was dreaming that there was a ladder set up on the earth.

It reached into heaven.

Angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

These angels came from the throne of God for at the top of the ladder stood God.

He spoke to Jacob and gave him mighty promises.

Gen 28:12-13 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. (13) And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

Jacob's response to this dream or encounter was that it was more than a dream; this was the gate of Heaven.

He called the place Beth-el which means houses of God.

Jacob made a vow to God at this place.

God was with him and brought great blessings into Jacob's life as He said He would.

We can learn from this that when the heavens open and God speaks that there will be provision for the vision, God will provide.

God set Jacob on a path to learn to be faithful so that he would become a father of nations when he passed the test.

Then a nation could learn how to live under an open heaven and receive God's blessings and favour.

A House of His Presence

A few chapters back we talked about a golden house.

A golden house represents a house where God's presence and glory dwells.

In this house, God wants to take us beyond an encounter or an open portal experience, to teach us how to live under an open heaven.

In this open heaven, God wants us to live in His abiding presence where He is, lives and has His habitation.

<u>Today we are called to go from personal revival to reformation and transformation into habitation.</u>

Psa 85:9 (AMP) Surely His salvation is near to those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him, (and is ready to be appropriated) that (the manifest presence of God, His) glory may tabernacle and abide in our land.

Rock Layers of Darkness Melt like Wax

An evangelist who used to be a Satanist knows how we can live under an open heaven.

He was used by Satan to destroy Christian churches.

He also helped to stop believers from breaking through in prayer.

He said that through working deeds of darkness, a layer is made in heaven that is like a rock. It stops the Christian's prayers from going through.

On top and under the layer of rock are demon spirits.

Prayer from believers in the spirit world goes up into the sky as smoke or incense.

Some believer's prayers smoke and incense just disappear.

This happens because they live in sin and do not want to deal with it. Other believer's prayers are like smoke or incense that goes up to the rock in the sky, yet it does not go through.

This could happen because they do not pray with faith and understanding, or they do not grow in purity.

Then there are others whose prayer's smoke and incense are filled with hot fire and because of this fire, it ascends to the rock and starts to melt it like wax.

Psa 97:5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

In this fire breakthrough prayer ascends and the evil spirits on both sides of the rock flee and the rock melts, an open heaven is created.

Then a pillar of fire descends on the believer because now they live under an open heaven as they minister and reach out to others, they come under the influence of the breakthrough fire on their lives.

The enemy will try to lead them into sin so the open heaven will close. When a ministry or a church has an open heaven, it will start to affect the neighbourhood.

This is why when a truly high-level revival breaks out; many will be touched by God.

The presence of God will stay or dwell in a place as long as the heavens are open.

This is what we see in the ministry of King David at the Ark while it was in Zion.

Pure Worship

The people of Israel wanted a king and were looking at exterior things. King Saul was a large man who had the anointing on his life, yet he did not seek God's presence or how he could give glory and honour to God. God is looking for people who are longing with all their heart for the deep things of God and to know God's heart.

The Last Day glorious church is going to be a bride who is looking for the glorious heart of the bridegroom.

God called and anointed King David in the place of King Saul for David was a man after God's own heart.

1Sa 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So, Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Therefore, King David is a prototype for the End Time worshipping War bride.

King David, as a young, anointed king, was with the sheep worshipping God on his harp.

1Sa 16:18-19 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD *is* with him. (19) Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which *is* with the sheep.

David wanted to be in the presence of God. All the days of his life he wanted to behold the beauty of the Lord.

Psa 27:4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

 David came to know God's glory and holy presence and he knew that God was merciful. He worshipped God with reverential fear and awe.

Because he was in God's glory, the anointing was upon him and God's anointing on him brought comfort to King Saul when he became oppressed with an evil spirit.

1Sa 16:23 And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took a harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

In the life of David, he sets us a pathway upon which we can learn to follow. King David learnt to live under an open heaven. In his praise and worship was the voice of the breaker anointing, God's glory and power. We are also called to seek God's face and heart just as David did.

Zion and the Tabernacle of David

King David longed for the presence and glory of God, for remember, it was said, "he was a man after God's own heart."

He was used to establishing the tabernacle of David on Mount Zion where God's presence dwelt or staved.

Israel, as a nation, dwelt under an open heaven once Zion was established.

- The effect was that Israel won all the battles that they participated in, and peace and prosperity were on the nation.
- The voice of God was heard in Zion as all the Psalms were created every day in the presence of God as the golden Ark.

This was the true type of a house of prayer.

Davidic Worship and the Oder of Melchizedek

When David became king, God used him to teach the nation of Israel how to worship God.

In the days of Moses, there was a veil between the Ark of the Covenant and the Holy Place.

- King David was used to bringing forth the new order.
- The new order was worshipping God in front of the Ark, which is a picture of the worship in heaven.
- This order can only come through the blood of Jesus Christ and therefore King David's order of the tabernacle of David was built upon the Melchizedek priesthood.

Psa 110:2-4 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. (3) Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. (4) The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

King David had learnt to touch God's heart and seek God's face and heart. He learnt to live under an open heaven as He worshipped God on his harp.

Now he was called to put three thousand worshipers in front of the Ark so they could learn to love God and live under an open heaven.

1Ch 16:4 And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

This would open the heavens above the nation of Israel. It became the job of the priest to daily worship before the Ark.

1Ch 16:37 So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required:

The heavens were opened and now not only King David made new Psalms, but also the priest, who came under the inspiration of the Spirit of the Lord, made new Psalms. This all happened because the glory of the Lord was on the Ark of the Covenant where they were worshipping in front of. The order of Melchizedek takes us right to the throne of God. This is where the worship at Zion, in the tabernacle of David, was built on.

Azusa Street and David's Tabernacle

At times during the Azusa Street revival, flames of fire were seen above the building.

They were under an open heaven and part of this can be attributed to their worshipping in the spirit.

Seymour was unpredictable, however, when he took the box off his head, everyone knew that something was about to happen.

At times he would instruct them to sing a song, after that he told them to sing in the spirit.

Whenever that happened, heaven itself came down and filled the room. The music was beyond description, pure yet powerful.

This heavenly music became known as a 'new song' as the crowd began to sing in a heavenly language, sometimes in tongues, sometimes without words.

Then later, piano and violin were used, the music would rise to a new level, and the sound that came from Azusa was like a heavenly choir singing. (Morris, 2006 p. 53-55)

The Hut of David

In these days, the Lord is restoring the fallen hut of David which we can also call the tabernacle of David.

Act 15:16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

In the tabernacle of David, they sang the song of the Lord, which they also called the high praises of God.

This song was a mighty song when doing spiritual warfare.

Psa 149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

In Azusa Street and the later movements like the Charismatic revival, it was used a lot and heaven would come down. Now God is preparing us in this way for the Last Day Outpourings.

Heavenly Furniture

The Ark of the Covenant is a symbol of the throne of God. In the tabernacle of Moses, we see the Ark of the Covenant Yet there is also an Ark in the heavenly temple.

Rev 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

We also see the Menorah or seven-armed candlestick in the tabernacle of Moses. The blueprint of all the furniture in the tabernacle of Moses comes

out of heaven. The seven-armed candlestick or Menorah, in the earthly temple, is a symbol of the Seven Spirits of God before the throne.

The golden altar of incense is also in heaven.

Rev 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

What does this all mean?

In the Last Days, the bible says that God will restore the tabernacle of David. Therefore, this means that, on earth, our worship and prayer go to the throne of God. Our worship and prayer can move God's heart in heaven so that he sends forth the answer to our prayers back to earth.

Act 15:16-17 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: (17) That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Why is God restoring the tabernacle of David in the Last Days? The answer is that worship and praise in spirit and truth will bring an open heaven in our lives and then people will come to Christ. We are now, in these Last Days, called to engage with the worship of heaven.

This is what King David did and he lived under an open heaven. Jesus Christ came as a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek. Therefore, the tabernacle of David is a prototype of worshipping the Father in spirit and truth.

As we learn to press in during worship, we will have an open heaven and the glory will come down on us.

I experience this daily in my own life.

I worship the Lord on the guitar and keyboard and press in by singing in tongues, which often leads to a new song in the spirit, and then the glory comes down.

When I do meetings, I worship and see His glory come down and then I minister out of this, I then see God touching people's lives.

Signs and miracles will happen through it. Souls will get saved as a result of this.

Therefore, faith, worship and prayer are the way to live under an open heaven.

Our Lord Jesus Christ came from the tribe of Judah, which means praise. This was part of the order of Melchizedek. Praising God in Christ takes us to the throne room in heaven. We are called to enter with boldness. This kind of praise and worship will set us free from all of earths limitations.

In Spirit and Truth and Open Heavens

The Lord Jesus Christ lived under constant open heaven.

He said to Nathaniel, you will see the heavens open above the Son of Man with angels ascending and descending.

Jesus Christ said now is the time to worship the Father in spirit and truth.

Joh 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

❖ It is the Spirit of God that gives us an open heaven and walking in the truth keeps it open.

Worship in spirit and truth is the Father's desire for us and releases heavens fire for open heavens and habitation.

Our Lord was always worshipping, praying and in deep communion with God the Father as His habitation was in God the Father's love.

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Jesus Christ walked in the truth, glory and God's holy presence. Therefore, He was a habitation of the presence and power of God on Earth.

His life of worship, intimacy and prayer was a fulfilment of the tabernacle of David and the temple of King Solomon.

He said about the temple, that His body was the temple, and they would tear it down and three days later, it would be rebuilt.

The Spirit of the Lord and Open Heavens

When Jesus Christ moved from town-to-town great miracles, signs and wonders happened.

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Then in Nazareth, His hometown, He made a great statement.

He said the Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me!

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Why did Jesus Christ walk in constant open heaven; because He said the Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me.

The key is to live in the abiding presence of the Spirit of the Lord God.

- The Spirit of the Lord God is the ruling and reigning Spirit of the Lord God.
- ❖ He is the Spirit of glory and Abba Father.

The Spirit of the Lord is the manifest presence or glory of God and is the main spirit of the Seven Spirits of God who are burning before the throne.

Different Measures

Many will say we all have that, but that is not true.

Why is this not true?

In the first place, God is everywhere at the same time, yet God's manifest presence does not manifest everywhere.

Therefore, there are different measures, for instance, Baptists who do not believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit and are believers still have a measure of the Holy Spirit in their life.

Some people who are filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues do not move in healing, signs, wonders and miracles.

Why is this?

This is because there are greater measures of the Holy Spirit to be filled with. We need to press in for these greater measures.

Psa 42:7 Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

Jesus Christ was not only baptised with the Holy Spirit, but He was also abiding and moving in the Spirit of the Lord God and had the Holy Spirit without measure.

As a Dove and the Heavens were Opened

When Jesus was baptised by John it says that the heavens were opened.

Luk 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

This was the moment Jesus started to walk under an open heaven.

In the Old Testament, we see the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, which indicate an open heaven.

Israel lived under an open heaven when they obeyed and moved with God and God demonstrated His authority and power from the Ark of the Covenant.

This is what happened with Jesus Christ, the heavens opened.

The Holy Spirit came as a dove which was the Spirit of the Lord God upon Jesus Christ that gave that open heaven.

Remember the Seven Spirits of God are the seven manifestations of the Holy Spirit, and our Lord received the Holy Spirit without measure at this event. The realm of the Seven Spirit of God was opened, and the Holy Spirit came as a dove upon Jesus Christ.

Luk 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

The heavens were opened, and God the Father's voice spoke, "this is My beloved son in whom I am well pleased."

The heavens above Jesus' life were now opened.

In the order of God and His Kingdom, angels are ministering servants who come to minister to God's servants.

Luk 22:43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

The Holy Spirit guides us, and angels serve and minister to us. From that moment, angels would serve and minister to Christ as the Father willed.

Joh 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Angels are also involved in bringing messages, break through, and bring aid in the healing, deliverance and miracles ministry.

The dove that came into Jesus was the Spirit of the lord.

This is why Jesus Christ said the Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me.

This then opened up the Holy Spirit working without measure, which meant that great signs, wonders and miracles happened.

In the coming days, God is calling many of us who will walk in these great realms of God.

We are to press in for more. We are to press into the fullness. The fullness is in the realm of glorious love and growing in purity.

The Heart of God

The Lord Jesus revealed the Heart of God the Father to us. He came forth from the heart of the Father to us.

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

In Jerusalem in 2014 I received an encounter, the Lord showed me that the higher realms, or fullness of God, work through love. The fullness was in the loving heart of the Spirit of the Lord in heaven.

The Spirit of the Lord told me that if we want to see great healing, deliverances and miracles happen in gospel meetings we have to be changed from glory to glory and be moved by love.

Then the Spirit of the Lord God will release the Spirit of Might which brings signs, wonders and deliverance.

The Menorah has seven candles.

This is a picture of the seven spirits of God.

The middle one is the Spirit of the Lord God.

Through Him, all the other six can function.

We see this principle working in Isaiah 61.

<u>Isaiah</u> is the first one to state, that the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me. Then after that, healing, deliverance and freedom are worked by the other manifestations of the Holy Spirit or Spirits of the Lord.

Isa 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; (2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; (3) To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

This is why Jesus Christ quoted these scriptures in Nazareth.

William Branham was filled with God's great power; he became one of the great healing evangelists in the 1950's.

He was a forerunner for soon many will move upon the Earth just like him.

He moved in these higher realms of the Seven Spirits of God.

Therefore, he knew everything about people by revelation, including their sickness and disease.

As the revelations were revealed, God's power healed them.

Jesus Lived Under an Open Heaven

Jesus constantly lived under an open heaven.

The Spirit of the Lord was upon Him, this is the full manifestation of the Holy Spirit, which made way for all other aspects of the kingdom and God's power.

The Holy Spirit was speaking to Him, and the angels were ascending and descending with information and victorious power of God's kingdom. Therefore, the Lord Jesus Christ was hearing and seeing what the Father wanted to do.

He was always obedient to the Father's will as it was revealed to Him.

Having an open heaven also meant that He was able to hear the will of the Father.

Joh 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

The spirit of the Lord God was upon Him and therefore He had great revelations and heard and saw the will of the Father and obeyed it.

Joh 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

When we have revelation, we sometimes see the will of God in a vision like when Apostle Paul saw a man from Macedonia calling him. This is how the Lord Jesus saw the will of the Father.

The open heavens are activated by praise, worship, intimacy and prayer. I sing in tongues, but I go beyond that, I worship until the realm of the Spirit of the Lord, or the glory is upon me and then I experience His love and peace and receive revelation.

We are called to live like this daily.

Keeping the Heavens Open

- The way to live with an open heaven is being on fire and filled with the Holy Spirit to break through to the manifest presence or glory or Spirit of the Lord God.
- To activate the open heavens you need to praise, worship, have intimate fellowship, fasting, prayer and waiting on God.
- We also need to humble ourselves and see we need less of self and more of Him.

The ways to close the heavens is by grieving the Holy Spirit and quenching the Holy Spirit.

• Grieving the Holy Spirit is starting to live in sin.

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

• Quenching the Holy Spirit is not listening or moving with Him when He is moving.

1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

When we do this, we are ministering in the flesh. Therefore, we have to be as King David and say, as a deer pants for the water, so I long for You O Spirit of the Lord God.

Chapter 10: The Kingdom of Power and the Glory

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Today there are many different churches.

Many of them are well established.

However, are they following the way and model that Jesus Christ laid out in the Bible for us?

Many churches are run differently than the Bible show us, and many are dying or going the way of religion without the power.

Therefore, we have to come back and learn the biblical model.

❖ Jesus Christ's first mission on Earth was to preach and demonstrate the gospel of the Kingdom.

Mat 4:23-24 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

- Everywhere He went He preached and taught about the kingdom of God and its glory.
- Out of the glory of the kingdom of God, He healed the sick and did miracles, signs and wonders.

<u>He called the people to repent to receive this kingdom</u>. We are called to do the same. <u>The kingdom of God comes in our lives by repentance</u>, <u>faith and spiritual birth</u>.

Repentance, the Right Protocol

When you go to a king or a president at their palace, you have to go through the right protocol.

The first step of the protocol that Jesus talked about was repentance.

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Repentance in Hebrew says 'turn around' for we are called from the kingdom of darkness to God's kingdom of holy light.

Repentance is to let go of our evil ways and be born again of God's divine nature.

In Greek, repentance means to become renewed in our mind and ways, so it is also an ongoing process so that we grow up in the ways of the kingdom of heaven.

John the Baptist was a herald for the Messiah and His kingdom, John's message was built upon repentance.

Mat 3:1-3 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, (2) And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (3) For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

John the Baptist came and preached repentance in the way of righteousness, for God is righteous and His kingdom is righteous. There was a great move of repentance under John's ministry. This is still the right protocol today, to repent and change our ways to God's righteousness.

If we only preach healing and the supernatural and do not preach real repentance, we miss the mark.

At Capernaum, Jesus said that if these signs and miracles had been done in Sodom then they had long repented. <u>Signs, wonders and miracles are given by God so people are healed and will repent.</u>

Mat 11:23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

God wants to use the supernatural and the mighty glory for a move of true repentance.

When we move with God's healing power, our motive should be to see people repent unto our holy God.

Salvation is the greatest miracles, and the spirit of repentance has to break their hearts so we will see lasting fruit.

The Kingdom, Power and Glory

When Jesus taught the disciples about prayer His emphasis was the kingdom of God.

He said that we have to pray that the kingdom of Heaven will come down to Earth.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

God's will for us is to walk as Jesus Christ did and be a heavenly portal on Earth to release the kingdom of God.

Jesus did the will of the Father by being this heavenly portal and therefore the kingdom of God touched many lives as He ministered.

As He ministered the glory of God, the Holy Spirit manifested the glory by healing the sick and setting the oppressed free.

The Lord put the Father first, He said about the Father, "You are holy, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory."

Therefore, everything comes from the Father.

Mat 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

<u>Jesus put it all in the correct order for us:</u>

- 1. The Father
- 2. The kingdom
- 3. The power
- 4. The glory
- 5. Out of this, the church is born

We see this order in Jesus' life:

- He always did the will of the Father for this is a kingdom principle
- He preached, taught and demonstrated the kingdom
- He did the signs and miracles with the anointing or power of God.
- He revealed the Father's glory and His glory as believers came in a closer relationship with Him, for example at the transfiguration.
- Then He gathered the believers to form the church.

One Head

Our Lord did not come to bring the church to the earth, He came to bring the kingdom to Earth, and He wants to take the church to heaven.

Many pastors and believers have it the wrong way around.

Many think or have a mindset that the church is above the kingdom.

No; the kingdom of God is above the church.

The kingdom, power and glory are the Father's and is now given to the Son as He is the Head of the church.

Christ's mission was and is to establish the kingdom of God in the heart of the believers and through this, the church is built.

Our Lord Jesus is now the head of the kingdom and church.

Jesus Christ is the King of glory and is building a glorious End Time church.

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

The Last Day church will preach the kingdom of God and its dominion and glory. It will be a glorious church.

The Peace and Joy of the Kingdom of Glory

Jesus preached about the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom of heaven and God are full of glory.

Psa 145:11-12 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; (12) To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Peace and joy are the umpires of the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

This all comes from the Father of the kingdom, for in the presence of God is fullness of joy.

Psa 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

When the kingdom of God breaks forth on the Earth, we see a lot of joy in the meetings often manifesting as holy laughter.

This joy breaks the strongholds of dead religion and sets the prisoner free.

The Sermon on the Mount reveals deep secrets and characteristics of the kingdom of God.

The word blessed means joyful. Those who are poor in spirit means, those whose trust is totally in God and remain humble.

This trust and humility are the hallmarks of the kingdom of heaven!

Mat 5:3 (AMP)Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous – with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favour and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the poor in spirit (the humble, who rate themselves insignificant), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It also says blessed or joyful are the believers who are persecuted for righteousness, theirs is the kingdom.

Mat 5:10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The righteousness of God's Kingdom

Righteousness and joy work together, they are both umpires of the kingdom and their result is peace and rest.

The foundations of the throne of God's kingdom are righteousness and justice for these are His attributes and therefore God's kingdom stands on whom He is.

Psa 97:2 Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: righteousness and judgment *are* the habitation of his throne.

The Kingdom of Heaven

The kingdom of heaven is in heaven! When the Lord taught on prayer, He said to pray like this: "Our Father who is in heaven"

Mat 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Why pray to the Father in heaven?

• This is because this is where the kingdom of heaven is.

It is in the kingdom of heaven that the Father is seated on His heavenly throne!

Our priority is to live in our first love with our Father in heaven. Heaven and its kingdom are all about our Father of glory who we are called to seek.

The kingdom of heaven reveals who the Father of glory is.

It also reveals God's divine nature and attributes as well as how all of the heaven's citizens grow in all of these attributes such as love, peace, joy, grace, humility etc.

The kingdom of heaven reveals the divine nature and attributes of the glory of God.

The kingdom of heaven is the mirror of what heaven is all about.

❖ The kingdom of God is its government and has come down to earth.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

On earth, we are born into the kingdom of God, yet are called to grow up into a holy life to enter the kingdom of heaven as we pass from this life into eternity.

A Kingdom of Glory

Our Father is the Father of glory and the Father of the kingdom of heaven.

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Therefore, we have to understand that the kingdom of God is a glorious kingdom, which displays its glory.

The King of Glory

❖ The Lord Jesus Christ is the King of glory.

He is the Son or image of the Father of glory who opens up the glory realm for us.

Psa 24:8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

❖ If we want to live in the glory, we need to live in the revelation that the Lord Jesus Christ is the King of glory of the kingdom of heaven.

The disciples were in awe of the glory Jesus revealed and displayed.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made 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.

The glory was pure for it came out of God's holy nature and the throne of His holiness.

Psa 47:8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

This is why Jesus said that the pure in heart are blessed or joyful and they shall see God. Being holy and pure brings us close to God and opens our eyes to see him in His glorious holiness. Many times, I have not been able to stay very long in deep encounters but as God is purifying me more, I can stay longer in the deep glory of God.

God's purpose is to bring heaven's kingdom life and its ways into our hearts.

Heaven has a different value system than Earth. The Sermon on the Mount reveals this to us. We need revelation in our heart about this sermon so we can be transformed and change our ways to His kingdom ways. The deeper essence of the Sermon on the Mount is God's divine life

revealed in this message. Apostle Peter says that now, as believers who are filled with the Holy Spirit, we have received God's divine life, His glory and nature.

The Glorious Day Star

In his second epistle, Apostle Peter warns about false teachers and false prophets.

This means that even today we have to beware of the New Age and Antichrist spirit.

Apostle Peter calls us to let the daystar arise in our hearts.
The daystar is the true prophetic word and is built upon the glorious
Saviour and Lord who was transformed into pure light before Peter's
eves.

2Pe 1:17-19 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (18) And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. (19) We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Apostle Peter understood that Christ was the glorious Saviour of the world, and that the kingdom of God is also full of majestic glory. He calls us to let this divine glorious nature grow in us, which is the daystar in our lives that does not allow the corruption of the world in. To grow in this, we need to repent daily and let go of the false, old nature to put on the new life.

The Sermon on the Mount and its lifestyle are also revealed in what Peter says.

He says that we have received God's divine power to grow in His divine nature.

This divine power will help us to grow in eternal life and godliness.

2Pe 1:3-4 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

By pressing into this glorious kingdom divine life, we now have promises that mean that we can grow into His divine nature.

Not only promises but we have to let the Holy Spirit flow in us and help us to grow in it.

Now we have to grow up into these divine qualities and their fruits.

2Pe 2:5-6 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; (6) And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

Some of these qualities are:

- 1. Faith
- 2. Virtue or Christian energy
- 3. An intimate relationship with God, knowing Him and His word
- 4. Self-control
- 5. Patience
- 6. Christlikeness or having a godly character
- 7. Love

The Kingdom of God

Why did Jesus talk a lot about the kingdom and not just about God? He did this so we can understand how we can cooperate with God and His kingdom and its order.

Kevin L. Zadai says that the kingdom of God is the government of heaven.

A kingdom has a king, a throne, its rules and regulations, an entourage, heralds, messengers, soldiers and the police force.

❖ Above all things, we are first to seek God's kingdom and His righteousness.

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

The Order of the Kingdom of God

We need to understand the order of God's kingdom so we can learn to cooperate with the kingdom of God.

- In the order of God, the Father is in heaven on the throne.
- ❖ In the order of God, Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God as the King of glory.

The Father has given Jesus Christ the rule of the kingdom and to be the head of the church until the end of the one-thousand-year reign.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

❖ In the order of God, the Holy Spirit is called to administrate the kingdom of God on earth.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit manifests the government of heaven on earth. The Holy Spirit is wonderful.

Now in prayer, we ask the Father for more of the Holy Spirit, but it is Christ who releases it.

Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Jesus had said, "It is better for me to go to heaven so you can receive the Holy Spirit."

- ❖ In the order of God, the Holy Spirit is the one who brings the kingdom down to earth.
- * The Holy Spirit manifests the government of heaven, its authority and power here on earth.

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

If we stop the moving of the Holy Spirit in the church, we stop the government of the kingdom of heaven in the church. Then man rules the church.

So do not quench the Holy Spirit in a church meeting.

- The Holy Spirit brings God's government down to Earth.
- God's kingdom is a spiritual kingdom and the ruling force on earth is the Holy Spirit.

This is God's government manifesting here on earth through the Holy Spirit.

This is why Jesus said that if He, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come.

Mat 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

We can say that the Lord Jesus Christ is the King in heaven and the Holy Spirit is manifesting the King down here on earth.

Everywhere we move with the Holy Spirit, miracles, healings, deliverance and salvations will happen.

The government rest upon Christ's shoulders, For He is the King of the kingdom and the Holy Spirit manifest here on earth.

The Angelic Kingdom Army

Kevin L. Zadai says that angels are part of the government of God. Angels are the military branch of the kingdom of God. I agree with this. The Bible says that God has created all things including thrones, dominions, principalities and powers.

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Therefore, God has put different angels in different ranks. Some angels are on thrones, some have dominion over a region, and some are princes while others have great power.

It is important to understand that there are Cherubim angels on the Ark.

Psa 99:1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

At times, God flies on the back of the Cherubim angels.

Psa 18:10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

Therefore, angels are playing a part in the open heavens above your life or a church or region.

We worship only God and receive the ministry of God's angels among us. Angels work under the authority of God and His kingdom.

Angels are God's agents and serve us as our ministering spirits.

Heb 1:6-7 And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. (7) And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

Firstly, we have to learn to be sensitive to the ministry of the Holy Spirit as well as that of the angels.

The Holy Spirit is our teacher and guides us, but the angels are our servants.

When we press into prayer and do not stop, the King of the kingdom sends angels. They are sent because of answered prayer e.g., like Gabriel was sent to Daniel as he was fasting

They also empower us as we pray, for they are also sent from before the face of God to strengthen us, for they are ministering spirits.

You say how can this be? Well, some angels are powerful, and their ministry is to empower us just as Elijah ate angel's bread.

Other angels are messengers and bring dreams or bring a message. In the Bible, we even see an angel involved in healing at the pool of Bethesda.

A Warrior Angel

Prophet Selvaraj was in a spiritual battle for a family under a strong curse. As he was praying, he saw a big spiritual battle going on in the heavens.

At once a strong warrior angel was sent to him by the Lord of hosts.

The Holy Spirit said, 'Tell him to go and fight', so he did.

Then the strong angel won the victory.

That night, as he ministered to the family, the curse was broken, and the family also received healing and victory in their lives.

The Lord of Hosts

God is revealed to us in many different ways in the Bible. One of His names is the Lord of Host.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

<u>In the Hebrew Bible, it says here: Yahweh Tseboath.</u> This means the Lord of Hosts.

Therefore, our Lord is the Lord of the angel army.

The King of glory is also the Lord of Host.

Psa 24:8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

This means that there are angels involved to help to bring the glory of God to earth.

We see the Lord of Host or Captain of the angel's army talk with Joshua.

Therefore, the angels were helping Joshua to receive the victory.

King David understood this and saw great victories because of it.

King David had three thousand priests worshipping before the unveiled Ark. As a result of these praises, God released the angels. They also helped David in his battle against the Philistines.

➤ The fullness of God is the manifestation of the 7 Spirits of God which are the full manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit releases the fullness of the government of the kingdom of God on the earth.

Out of the 7 Spirits of God, the Spirit of might is the Spirit of the Lord of Host, which is where the angel armies' function under. This is the realm whereby mighty miracles were worked through in the ministry of Jesus Christ on the earth.

Therefore, the King of glory is the Lord of Hosts.

Many miracles in the glory are caused by the Lord of Hosts and His angelic host.

This is part of the order of God and His kingdom ways.

Angelic Army

A king has soldiers.

Our God is a King and rules the universe, His spiritual soldiers are His angels.

Therefore, the angels are the military branch of the kingdom of God.

As we said earlier, the kingdom of God is the government of heaven.

The angels are the soldiers of the kingdom of heaven.

For the angels are the military branch of the kingdom of God.

On the Earth, the church is called to be His police force.

The church is called to push back the darkness and to bind and loose and to release the kingdom of heaven on Earth.

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

According to God's word, much of the binding and loosing is what we pray in the spirit world and is worked out by the angels which are heaven's army.

Psa 103:20-21 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. (21) Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Even when we speak God's Rhema word by the leading of the Holy Spirit, this angelic force gets into action. Our prayers are to God, and He commands the angels what to do.

❖ Through scripture, we have to learn how the order of God works in God's kingdom.

We learn about God's order as we ask God to reveal this through revelation, so we understand how this works.

The religious spirits will fight this for they want to stop these greater realms of breakthrough.

We have to be hungry if we want to understand the order of the kingdom of God and to receive revelation from the Bible about it.

Visitations and Encounters

At times, angels play a large part in visitations.

One time God told me to fast for three days.

It was a time of deep cleansing and breaking free from deep bondage.

On the third day, I wanted to stop fasting.

The Holy Spirit spoke and said, tonight at midnight an angel will be released to your ministry.

At midnight, a great glory came in the house.

In the morning, a friend came to our house and as he entered, he fell under the power of the Holy Spirit.

From then on, I saw a greater power moving when I prayed for deliverance for people.

When we move for God and do His word, angels harken to His word and are put to work for the kingdom of God, which is the government of the kingdom of heaven, to serve us.

We see many visitations in the Bible where angels are involved like with Mary, Zachariah and Daniel.

Dan 9:21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

Chapter 11: The Anointing, The Glory and Melchizedek

Christ's Priesthood

In this chapter, we will learn about the anointing and the glory.

In the Old Testament, we see the glory revealed to and through Moses most spectacularly.

In the New Testament, we see Jesus Christ minister especially in and through the glory of God.

Jesus Christ's priesthood is built on the order of Melchizedek. All the anointing, glory, blessings and power come to us through this order.

Thine is the Power

Everything starts with God.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus said that the kingdom, the power and the glory come from the Father.

Mat 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

We now know that God the Father is also the Father of glory.

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Therefore, the kingdom and the power come out of the glorious Godhead. When we study the word power, which in Greek is Dunamis, it reveals ten different forms of power. One of these forms is anointing. All the power of God that is available to us comes from His glory and His holy presence.

Yours is the Glory

All the glory comes from God.

In chapter 2, we talked about the seven different levels.

Out of the three higher levels of Gods holiness, fullness and glory come the anointing or power.

It is therefore of most importance that we learn to live in these three higher levels first.

Why is this important?

This is so because in these three levels we learn to live in our first love and the secret place.

This is where we first seek His face and His heart and then He moves with His hand of power on our behalf.

Changed from Glory to Glory

We love the anointing and God's power, and we need to work with it, yet we need to understand the different levels as well.

The anointing can have a good effect on us, but the true transformation comes through glory, fullness and holiness.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Let us look first at the anointing on King Saul's life and then at Moses' cry for the glory.

The anointing came upon Saul, and he was turned into another man. Under the anointing, he was prophesying.

1Sa 10:6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.
1Sa 10:11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What *is* this *that* is come unto the son of Kish? *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

It seemed Soul was a changed man, but his ways were not changed. At the end of his life, he went to a witch and committed suicide because of his rebellion.

1Sa 28:7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

Whereas Moses' cry was "show me your glory".

Exo 33:18 And he said, I be seech thee, shew me thy glory.

Through this, Moses was changed by the glory and God also moved in great power and anointing through him.

Moses knew God's ways because he walked in God's glory, holy presence and King Saul only knew God's acts or anointing.

Psa 103:7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

Glorious Power

There is great power in the glory of God to change us and also the power to do signs, wonders and miracles.

It says that God's glorious power and might which flow out of His glory will make us grow in patience, longsuffering and joyfulness.

Col 1:10-12 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; (11) Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; (12) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

This all comes to us out of the riches of His glory, which is our inheritance.

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

When we encounter God's glory, His mighty power in the glory sets us free of fleshly anger, bitterness and impatience.

Also, in the glory of God, we are rooted and grounded in the love of God!

Eph 3:16-17 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; (17) That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

It is God's power in the glory realm that lets us encounter His great love. Therefore, we can say that in the glory, there are higher levels of power available for us to encounter, be transformed by and receive its impartation.

The Veil is Open

Moses walked in the glory and was shining.

2Co 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written *and* engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away:

We, as believers, are called to walk in the glorious presence of God as Moses did.

We are now called to behold the Lord with an open face.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Shining One's Revival in Ruanda

We are called to be the shining ones.

There was once a revival from Ruanda to Kenya and its believers were called the shining ones.

When it is dark, they were shining forth light, you could say they were glowing in the dark.

As soon as non-believers came near them, they would repent of their sins. I talked to a man who had been among them, he said they knew that the key was to behold the Lord.

The way to live in and grow in this glory is not to go back to the veil of dead tradition and the flesh but to stay in the freedom of the Spirit of the Lord God.

2Co 3:16-17 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. (17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

Moses put a veil on his face because they were not born again, but Christ ripped the veil when He died on the cross and now, we are called to behold His glory.

2Co 3:16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

Therefore, it is time to arise and shine with God's glorious light.

How to Keep it Open

We are called to keep the veil open so the glory can grow in us and move through us.

How do we keep it open?

- 1. The first way is to live the crucified life.
 Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but
 Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by
 the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
- 2. The second is that we need to learn to walk by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Then we want to learn to let the power of the Spirit of glory flow through us and walk in the life of the Holy Spirit.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through

the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

3. Thirdly, learn to pray a lot in tongues and the Spirit as this empowers us to walk in the glory and it destroys the works of the flesh.

Jud 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Praying in tongues also brings revelations to us.

A Kingdom of Power

<u>God's kingdom is a kingdom of power, and the anointing breaks every bondage.</u>

Psa 145:11-12 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; (12) To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Everywhere Jesus Christ went, He did good and healed and delivered the people. He also trained the disciples to do the works of the kingdom of God. He sent them out two by two and gave them kingdom authority and kingdom power. Great signs and wonders happened as they went out. Today, God wants us to do the same kingdom works through His kingdom power and authority.

New Priesthood

- The old priesthood is Aaron's Levitical priesthood. The old priesthood is based on the old covenant of the law.
 - The new priesthood is the Melchizedek priesthood.

It is:

- A heavenly priesthood
- The priesthood of the kingdom of heaven
- Based on the new covenant of high priest Jesus Christ and grace

The Melchizedek Kingdom and Priesthood

For many, it is hard to pray, evangelise or believe in miracles because their faith is based upon a wrong priesthood.

This wrong priesthood makes them think they are never good enough. Therefore, the Good news is that the New Testament ministry of Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God is built upon the priesthood and kingdom of Melchizedek and grace.

Heb 5:5-6 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. (6) As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

- Therefore, we do not look to the Levitical or Aaronic priesthood and the Law but to the grace of God based on the Melchizedek priesthood for salvation.
- We have to totally step out of Aaron priesthood and into the heavenly high priesthood of Jesus Christ who is High Priest and King in the order of Melchizedek!
- Melchizedek priesthood and kingdom is a picture of God's heavenly priesthood and the kingdom of God.
- It is the priesthood and kingdom of grace.

This grace makes us 100% accepted as we believe in His Son's redeeming sacrifice and therefore, we can boldly come unto the throne of grace in heaven.

Heb 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession. (15) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, *yet* without sin. (16) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

The law is here only to show us that we sinned and need a Saviour; and that is why Christ came.

In the Bible

There are two covenants:

- 1. The Old Testament Covenant between God and Israel
- 2. The New Testament Covenant between Jesus Christ and believers.

A New Covenant

We are a kingdom covenant priesthood. Our covenant is in the new covenant. God, through Jesus Christ, gave us this New Testament covenant.

Luk 22:15,20 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: (20) Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

This covenant comes to us by grace.

This covenant is also built upon grace and faith.

Jesus Christ celebrates Passover with the apostles and exchanges the Old Covenant with the New Covenant.

We are believers in the New Covenant and its promises and blessings. Through this covenant, we are also children of Abraham and his promises.

Two Different Priesthoods

Both of these Covenants have their priesthood.

- ❖ The Old Covenant has the high priest Aaron and the Levitical Priesthood.
- ❖ The New Covenant has the high priest Jesus Christ in the order of the Melchizedek priesthood.

The bible says that the old priesthood of Aaron has been changed into the new order of Melchizedek whereby Jesus Christ has become its high priest.

- ❖ The Old Covenant is built upon the Law of Moses.
- ❖ The New Covenant is built upon grace and truth which has come to us by Jesus Christ.

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The grace and truth that Jesus Christ has brought come to us by the order and priesthood of Melchizedek.

- This heavenly priesthood and kingdom come from the throne of grace, out of heaven, so that we can receive our salvation.
- * This heavenly priesthood and kingdom released the glory realm through the Spirit of glory to us as believers of Christ.

Traditional Believers Mistake

Many traditional believers do not see their prayers answered and God's miraculous power work because they have their feet in both camps. Why?

They believe they are Christians because of the cross but they still measure their life by their works of the Law.

Therefore, these believers build their faith on the wrong priesthood.

The priesthood of Aaron and Levi today condemn us.

Aaron's priesthood says the veil is closed.

It also says you are always a sinner, and you are not good enough to come into the presence of God.

Christ is the fulfilment of the Melchizedek Priesthood and by faith in Him, we are saved, forgiven and justified. Christ also fulfilled the Law for us. Christ opened heaven's glory for daily living in the glory.

Deep-Fried

The chips that come with a meal of fish and chips have been fried in a deep fryer. A deep fryer is filled with hot oil. As a young boy, I was deepfried in religion in the Dutch Reformed Church in the Netherlands. Every Sunday, they read out the Ten Commandments, but they hardly ever preached about grace for salvation. Many others, just like me, could not find God in the church because the way to access salvation was closed. It made me feel I was a bad boy and there was no help for me. I left the church until I heard the message of saving grace.

As a believer, God is still changing me from glory to glory in His grace. To let go of the deep-seated religion is not an easy thing to do when you have been deep-fried in it as a child. A religious heart and mindset stop us from finding grace, faith and God's glory. This is why we need to be renewed in our mind: to receive a holy glory mindset and a new heart.

<u>Jesus Christ and the Melchizedek Priesthood and Kingdom</u>

Our Lord preached Good News.

The Good News is that He is the King of glory and gave us His righteousness, the outworking of which is peace, shalom and eternal life. Through this priesthood of Melchizedek, which Christ fulfilled, we are once and for all forgiven of past sin.

We are now made righteous and there is no condemnation.

Rom 8:1-2 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (2) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

In Christ, we, who are living through the Spirit of life, are beholding the glorious face of God.

We, so to speak, are now living in front of the Ark of the Covenant on earth and heaven at the same time.

In this realm of supernatural glory, the realms of signs, wonders, miracles and answered prayer are ours.

We have to break with the old Aaronic priesthood mindset of condemnation.

In the Melchizedek order, we are a royal priesthood called to rule and reign with Christ in heaven and on earth as we are called to be overcomers.

The Believers

Once we understand the kingdom and priesthood of Melchizedek and its grace whereon Christ's ministry is built, we can start to minister much more effectively. Melchizedek was a priest and a king of a kingdom.

Heb 7:1-2 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; (2) To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

A king of Salem.

This shows us that Jesus Christ is the High Priest of the kingdom of God. We are called to demonstrate the authority and power of God's kingdom. The bible says that all believers are called to be a witness and pray for the sick.

Mar 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

When we understand this kingdom, its priesthood and its grace it all becomes much easier.

We are all called to move in the supernatural power of the kingdom of heaven

The Lord did not send the twelve disciples to a five-year theological Bible school.

He demonstrated for them for a few months how the kingdom worked and then sent them out.

After that, He sent the seventy out to do the same.

The seventy were very excited when they saw God's supernatural power work through them.

Luk 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

Brother Singh

At the beginning of the twentieth century, Sadhu Singh was called into the palaces of the Oueen of the Netherlands.

She was a Queen without offspring.

There was an old curse that stopped her from becoming pregnant.

Sadhu Singh knew he came as a representative of the higher kingdom, the kingdom of God, he prayed for her and broke the curse.

In due time, she gave birth to a baby girl who later became the new Oueen.

Grace and Glory!

As the High Priest of the order of Melchizedek, Christ brought grace and truth as grace is in the glory realm.

Father God revealed the glory realm to Moses.

Exo 34:6-7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, (7) Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Father God said to Moses, "I am glorious, and grace, mercy and goodness are part of my glorious nature.

By grace, we are saved.

Salvation opens the glory realm for us.

Therefore, we need to soak in the glorious grace, mercy, love and goodness of God.

This will set us free of our religious and legalistic mindsets and hardness of heart.

The Anointing Breaks the Yoke

It is God's anointing that breaks the power of sickness, darkness and bondage.

Isa 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

We receive this anointing based upon grace.

God's gifts are also based on grace and are therefore often called the gifts of grace.

Through faith, we can move in the anointing or power of God.

Deliverance, healing and miracles all happen as the anointing is upon our lives.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Anointed One and the anointing was upon Him as He ministered.

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

The Holy Spirit is the Source of the Anointing

The anointing of the Holy Spirit can come as fire, power, electricity or might.

God is the one who anointed and called us.

We also see this in the life of Jesus Christ.

Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

We love the anointing and its gifts.

In the past, there has been a lot of teaching about the anointing and that is good, yet today, God is calling us higher.

From Glory to God's Shalom to God's Rest

Today God is calling us to move with Him to minister from the higher levels of glory and holiness.

The anointing comes forth as we press into the glory and God's holy presence.

The Priesthood of Melchizedek gives us Shalom!

He was the King of Salem, the city of peace (Shalom)

Heb 7:2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

He is also the king of heavenly Jerusalem.

This is heavenly peace.

For the kingdom of heaven is built on Shalom (peace)

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Shalom means peace through salvation, healing, being blessed and wholeness.

Shalom brings us into the promise of entering God's rest through faith. When we move deeper into the glory and it is shalom, we enter into a place of rest.

When we enter the place of rest, we cease striving. In this place of rest, we become still in the presence of God and are refreshed.

Psa 46:10 Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

When we are still in the presence of God, we give God room to work. Jesus Christ was sleeping while there was a great storm raging. He was able to rest and sleep because His heart was still in the presence of God. We also call this living in the secret place! When we are living there, we are not striving to minister but we are living in God's rest and God will call us and send us to places.

Entering God's Rest

The Bible says there is a place of rest for the people of God.

Heb 4:9-10 There remainesh therefore a rest to the people of God. (10) For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.

- The order of the kingdom priesthood of Melchizedek is a priesthood that brings this rest, peace and glory.
- The order opens up the holy, glorious realms of the kingdom of God to us and its supernatural power.
- This is the order or realm of the transfiguration, the realm of the resurrection power and the greater works.

Chapter 12: Fullness of Joy

Great Joy

The gospel is the good news of the kingdom of God.

Another word for the gospel is the glad tiding (news).

The glad tiding is the good news in which we can live in an intimate relationship with the God of glory.

When the Saviour was born, angels in the sky were radiating with the glory of God and spoke about this great joy to the shepherds.

Luk 2:9-11 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. (10) And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. (11) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

The Glory of God shone around the Angels

It says that Jesus was born in the 'city of David', why was it David's city? It was because King David was a prototype of our Lord Jesus. King David also had a revelation about joy, great Joy.

A Kingdom of Joy

<u>King David understood that our Lord Jesus Christ was going to be a priest according to the order of Melchizedek.</u>

He had a revelation about this and wrote about it in a psalm.

Psa 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

He said that the Messiah was going to rule with His sceptre out of Zion. Zion is Jerusalem but it is also where the tabernacle of David was situated (near Zion's gate in Jerusalem.)

Psa 110:2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Zion is a place of praise and worship and there is a great joy. The Messiah's priesthood and the kingdom are built upon the order of Melchizedek.

Melchizedek's Kingdom is a Kingdom of:

- 1. Grace
- 2. Holy glory
- 3. Righteousness
- 4. Peace (shalom)
- 5. Joy
- 6. Endless (eternal) life
- 7. Eternal intimate praise and worship
- 8. A supernatural kingdom age

1.Grace and the Kingdom of God

The way into the kingdom of God is built on grace! The priesthood of the kingdom of God is Melchizedek's priesthood and it is a priesthood based on grace. To follow the laws of Aaron's Levitical priesthood is following a priesthood based on works. No one is without sin and therefore has failed the law to be eternally judged. Jesus Christ is the High Priest of the Melchizedek royal priesthood. He came unto this priesthood by grace, so we can receive forgiveness by grace, through faith in Christ's finished work on Calvary.

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Grace and truth belong to the heavenly priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek.

The throne in heaven is called the throne of grace.

It is because of this throne of grace and the heavenly High Priest Jesus Christ, that we can enter heaven's throne with boldness, through grace.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

For us to understand this heavenly priesthood of Melchizedek which Christ's ministry was based upon, we go to the Word where the Hebrew writer explains this from Hebrews 4:16 to Hebrews 12:28. He starts, in Chapter 4, by talking about heaven's throne of grace and finishes in Hebrews 12 by saying let us, therefore, have grace. He says we are receiving a kingdom and its priesthood that cannot be moved.

This is the kingdom of heaven.

Heb 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

2&3.Holy Glory and Righteousness

Jesus Christ preached that <u>the kingdom of God is full of holy glory and righteousness.</u>

He calls us to repent to enter the kingdom of God and, through grace, be saved.

For He says that he is coming back in His glory.

Mat 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

His throne is the throne of grace and the throne of glory based upon righteousness and justice.

Psa 89:14 AMP Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and loving-kindness and truth go before Your face.

This is why Melchizedek is a king and priest of righteousness and peace for his order is heavenly and based upon who God is and what God's throne stands for.

Heb 7:1-3 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; (2) To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; (3) Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

4.Shalom or Peace

In the last chapter, you can read about this topic.

Heb 7:2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

5.Joy

King David and Moses were always looking for something more. The Spirit of the Lord rested upon King David and God taught him about the eternal priesthood to come. Therefore, he prophesied about the coming Messiah would be coming in the order of Melchizedek.

Psa 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Due to this revelation, God called King David to build the tabernacle of David.

This is because the order of Melchizedek opens up for us in Christ Jesus to worship the Father in spirit and truth before the throne in heaven.

Then great joy is released into our lives. This is why it says that when we enter into heaven one day, we will enter the joy of the Father.

Mat 25:21,23 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. (23) His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

The tabernacle of David is where the 3000 Levite priests were openly worshipping the Lord God before the Ark of the Covenant. This brought great joy.

Psa 98:6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

Later on, I will explain the great revelation King David had about joy.

6&7. Judah, the Throne and an Endless Eternal Life

Now we want to show you how Christ came from the tribe of Judah according to the Melchizedek priesthood order to give you endless life. Also, that this order is an order to praise and worship the Lord God in an intimate way before His heavenly throne.

Our Lord and Saviour was born from the tribe of Judah. Judah means praise.

The Lord was born of a different priestly order than the Old Covenant Levitical Priesthood.

<u>Jesus Christ is born of a priesthood that can give eternal life, which is endless life.</u>

This is the New Testament priesthood of the order of Melchizedek.

Heb 7:15-16 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, (16) Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

This is why Jesus Christ said that if you believe in Me, you will have eternal life.

Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Jesus was a descendent of the tribe of Judah. Jesus Christ is the King and High Priest of the line of Judah and of King David, who was a shadow type of Christ.

Heb 7:14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests

Christ did not come through the earthly priesthood of Levi. The Levitical priesthood of Aaron worked with the Law of Moses. They sacrificed animals for the sins of the people. In Aarons order, you had to be of the tribe of Levi to take part.

Heb 7:11,12,13 &14 Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one

has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests

Jesus Christ came through the tribe of Judah. Judah means praise. King David built the Tabernacle of David. This is the earthly ministry of worship before the throne. In Christ, we are worshipping before the throne in heaven. The tabernacle of David is a prototype of this. Through Christ, we are part of the heavenly priesthood in the order of Melchizedek.

David understood this truth and proclaimed that Jesus Christ was a priest of the order of Melchizedek.

Psa 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

The promise made to King David was that from His seed there would always be one on the throne.

Psa 89:35-37 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. (36) His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. (37) It shall be established for ever as the moon, and *as* a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

8.A Supernatural Kingdom Age

Melchizedek was not only a priest but also a king.

He was the king of Salem.

Salem means the city of Shalom or peace.

He established this heavenly kingdom order on Earth.

Therefore, this kingdom is a kingdom of peace, righteousness and joy.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Jesus Christ came preaching repentance into the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God.

Heaven, through Christ, brought upon us the supernatural kingdom age. Therefore, wherever Jesus Christ went, great signs, wonders and miracles were the norms of the day.

Why? This is the kingdom of God's age at hand.

Mat 4:17,23-25 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (23) And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the

people. (24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. (25) And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

Jesus Christ wants this to happen in our lives, ministries and churches. This is why He prays, 'Father, let Your kingdom come in Earth as it is in heaven'.

Mat 6:9-10 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. (10) Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

If, in our hearts, we can change priesthood from Aaron to Melchizedek; from law to grace; we will encounter the King of glory in a new way. We will grow in intimacy, glory and miracles in a mighty way.

Last Day Glory

In these Last Days, before and in the 7 days of tribulations, we will taste from the age to come. Based on this kingdom order, God will pour out the early and latter-day rain together. Many will be saved, as the greater glory will be poured out. The greater miracles will happen, and millions will be saved. It will be a foretaste of the supernatural of the millennium reign. It will also prepare us for the 7 years of great tribulation.

The Veil and the Throne of Grace

King David put three thousand worshipers before the Ark for He understood the grace of God. When he repented of his sin, he did not start with how bad he was, but he prayed according to God's glorious loving-kindness and mercy.

Psa 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

He understood that true forgiveness did not come through the Law and the Levitical priesthood but through the mercy of God and the coming sacrificial atonement of the Messiah.

He was living in the days of the Law when stoning was the punishment for the sin of adultery and other rebellious sins.

He looked beyond his day and into our day. He prayed, believed and received.

The priestly sacrifice of Jesus our Messiah takes us past the veil straight into the throne of grace.

Heb 6:19-20 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; (20) Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Melchizedek was king and priest of Salem, he had met Abraham. Abraham gave a tenth part to Melchizedek; this is where the idea of tithing also starts. Melchizedek was the king of righteousness and peace.

Heb 7:2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

Christ came through the Melchizedek priestly order, and we become righteous and receive eternal peace through faith in Him. This is also a picture of the coming Millennium: The righteous reigning of Christ on Earth.

One of the most effective ways of living beyond the veil is praise and worship.

When we praise, worship and live in intimacy with God we are building upon the priesthood of Melchizedek which comes to us by the Messiah of the tribe of Judah.

The Feast of Israel

Every year, Israel holds three feasts.

In these three feasts are seven different celebrations.

Three times a year, all the men had to appear before the Lord God.

Exo 23:17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

The last feast is a feast of great joy.

This feast is called the feast of tabernacles.

Lev 23:34,40 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD. (40) And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

They celebrated in little huts made of palm branches. They were also called to rejoice before the Lord in Jerusalem where the tabernacle of David was, waving palm branches. In that feast, they remembered with joy, how God had led them through the wilderness and the Red Sea. Also, at this time, they celebrated the fall harvest that had come in. This is the first place where we see this great joy in the festival being celebrated. King David had to build on this joy in the tabernacle of David.

The Dedication of the Tabernacle of King David

In 1 Chronicles 16 we see how King David dedicated the tabernacle of David to the Lord. This became worship without a veil.

1Ch 16:1, 4-6 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God. (4) And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel: (5) Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obededom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals; (6) Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

The Levitical priests were to play instruments and sing before the Ark of God's presence. They used harps, cymbals, trumpets and other instruments.

David's Revelation of Joy in God's Presence

In those days, King David received a kingdom revelation about joy. Moses received a revelation about God's goodness in the glory.

The Lion of Judah and Breakthrough

Jesus Christ is the Lion of Judah.

Judah means praise.

The Lion of Judah is the spirit of breakthrough.

Jehovah Nissi is another name for this Lion.

When we move in this breakthrough anointing of praise, we will see the Holy Spirit poured out in great joy and boldness.

This is how we are going to overcome in these Last Days.

King David about Joy in the Glory

As they were worshipping the Lord at the Ark of His presence with 3000 priests, great revelations and joy were released.

King David had a revelation, an encounter, about God's joy in this place of worship.

At the same time, it was a revelation about the Messiah.

Psa 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

From this encounter, we can learn that, as believers, we are called to live in this great joy. This joy is found in the presence of the Lord!

This joyful presence of joy comes first from the place of the throne of God in heaven.

King David and the 3000 priests experienced that joy and encountered it deeply at the Ark of God's presence.

1Chr 16:27 AMP Honour and majesty are (found) in His presence; strength and joy are (found) in His sanctuary.

1Ch 16:27 Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.

In God's presence are glory, majesty and honour. In God's presence are joy, gladness and strength.

Joy and the Anointing

In the presence of the Lord, there is fullness of joy.
The joy presence of the Lord releases the anointing.

The anointing breaks the yoke.

Isa 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

The more we live, walk, praise and dance in the joy of the Lord, the more we minister with the anointing, and then because of the anointing, the yokes will break.

Oil is a type of the anointing.

The good news about the anointing is that there is an oil of joy.

Isa 61:3 AMP To grant (consolation and joy) to those who mourn in Zion-to given them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment (expressive) of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit – that they may be called oaks of righteousness (lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God) the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

The laughter of the Holy Spirit releases at the times that the oil of joy is working, healing and setting believers free.

We are called to minister out of the joy of the Lord and the joy of the kingdom of God.

- The joy of the Lord releases the garment of praise.
- The anointing of joy is in the garment of praise.

Many will be set free and healed of a heavy spirit and depression.

Joy and Prayer

We are called to worship the Lord with praise, dance, flags, banners and worship in the tabernacle of David.

Isaiah tells us to put on the garment of praise.

Isa 61:3 AMP To grant (consolation and joy) to those who mourn in Zion-to given them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment (expressive) of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit – that they may be called oaks of righteousness (lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God) the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

As we do this, a great anointing is released. Therefore healings, deliverances and salvations will happen as we worship in the house of the Lord. Great joy will fill all of us as we do. Great glory and joy anointing will then be upon our lives.

Joy at the Cross and the Throne

It was the joy that was set before our Lord Jesus Christ, which allowed Him to endure the cross.

Heb 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 shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

There are two types of joy:

- 1. Exuberant joy
- 2. Deep joy

1.Exuberant Jov

In the praise and the worship at the Ark in David's day, there was an exuberant joy.

David danced before the Ark and, at times, let others dance before the presence of God.

2.Deep Joy

Deep joy comes through brokenness, weeping, death and its victories. Psalms 16's joy was about the death and the surviving of Jesus Christ in Hades; enduring the cross, being resurrected and the ascension.

Psa 16:10-11 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. (11) Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

This all led to Christ entering the fullness of joy in the presence of Father God in heaven's throne.

This is how suffering brings forth joy.

Weeping is for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

The Last Day glory will go hand in hand with End Time suffering.

The kingdom of God is also a kingdom of joy.

Praise and worship will release this in the Last Day church.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Changed from Glory to Glory

There is an outside anointing and glory as well as an inside anointing and glory.

The outside anointing makes us experience God's grace, love, goodness and joy.

A lot of believers do not go further than that.

We are called to be changed from glory to glory.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

This is a process.

We are called to shine from the inside out that we call transformation.

Testimony of my Transformation

For many years I have pressed into the holy presence and glory of God. God had healed much of my broken heart over a long period. Yet God still had a greater joy waiting. I had learnt and received much grace and love from God's Father Heart. Yet the deepest part could not accept God's goodness.

Then, through circumstances, God filled me with more of His Spirit and started to heal my core pain. This pain was there because of an incident in my past, I was 5 years of age when one of my brothers was killed in front of our house by a drunk driver. Then I was abused as a young boy, and my father was angry and distant. My heart said, 'How can God be good when all these bad situations happened to me'.

So, as God started to deal with these hurts, pain and trauma in my heart, I could finally open the deepest parts of my heart for the goodness of joy. God's good presence brings forth joy.

The goodness of God's presence brings forth great joy.

<u>Ruth</u>

Sister Ruth Ward-Heflin, who lived and ministered in the glory said, "Praise until the worship comes, worship until the glory comes, stand in the glory until the miracles come'. (Ward Heflin, 2000 p. x)

She and her team would worship like this in Jerusalem. In these praise, glory, prayer meetings, they would practice this. They would believe and God's Spirit would move somewhere in Israel as a result. Many times, later, they would hear testimonies of how the Holy Spirit had fallen on unbelievers and salvation would have happened. James prophesied and said that in the Last Days, the hut (tabernacle) of David would be restored and because of this many would be saved.

Act 15:16-17 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: (17) That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

We are now in those days. Churches that have understood these principles have already seen great numbers come to Christ.

Chapter 13: The Glory and the Miracles

Follow the Path of the Miracles

One of the ways Jesus Christ showed that He is the Messiah was through performing signs, wonders, healings and miracles.

He said that the works or the miracles He did bore witness that He was sent by God the Father.

Joh 5:36 But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

He told the disciples to heal the sick.

Healing of the sick and performing the miracles of God in Jesus Christ's name shows that the kingdom of God has come.

We are called to follow this path.

We are called to pray for the sick, set the prisoners free and to be a witness.

Mar 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Miracles in the Glory

God's End-Time calling is for us to learn to move in the supernatural out of the glory of God.

<u>In the Bible, the greater realms of miracles performed by Jesus Christ, Apostle Peter and Apostle Paul were done in the glory realm.</u>

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus says that all glory and power comes from the glorious Father.

Mat 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Jesus' order is first to do the Father's will. After that come the kingdom, the power and the glory.

The Transfiguration

The supernatural power and glory all start with the God of glory.

Our priority is to seek the glorious holy God.

One day the Lord said to His disciples that some of them would see the kingdom of God come into power before they died.

First, I could not understand this, for I thought that all the disciples had died before they saw it.

One day, I understood that the Lord was talking about the transfiguration.

Peter, James and John were chosen for this event.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was transfigured, He showed them who He really was.

They saw His majesty and His glory.

2Pe 1:16-17 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. (17) For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a miracle out of the glory realm. The bible says that in God's presence, there is glory, majesty, strength and gladness.

1 Chr 16:27 (AMP) Honor and majesty are [found] in His presence; strength and joy are [found] in His sanctuary.

This was what the transfiguration of Christ was all about.

Giving off Glory Light

Once, I was on a GO Team that participated in evangelism throughout Europe.

The team leader was Johnny Goodfellow.

One night he was witnessing to two people in London.

As he was sharing, his face started to give off light, the two men were shocked when they witnessed it.

I was in a team of sixty people, one night we were sleeping in tents in England.

That night, people in a bus drove past our tents; they reported that they all saw our tents giving off radiant glorious light.

Transformation gave Deliverance

 Jesus had been praying and was transformed and empowered with the glory of God on the holy mountain.

Down in the valley, the other disciples were delivering a young man. They did not have any success with it.

Mar 9:18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

The disciples had already received anointing and authority to cast them out, but it all failed. Now Jesus Christ was all prayed up in the glory realm and it did not take long to cast the demon out.

Mar 9:25-26 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, *Thou* dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. (26) And *the spirit* cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

The power that worked through Him at that moment was a mighty power.

Luk 9:43 And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,

At times, when I minister in the glory realm, people are set free because of the power that comes with it.

Water into Wine

The first miracle that Jesus performed was turning water into wine. He performed this miracle out of the glory.

Joh 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

- ❖ <u>It says He manifested His glory.</u>
- The water tuned into wine was a manifestation of the glory of God through Jesus Christ.

The disciples believed when they saw this miracle. Therefore, the ministry of glory brings the people to salvation.

Miracles bring Glory to God

Miracles bring glory to God because it shows that God is God, and He is glorious.

Many times, in the Bible when miracles happened, the people glorified God.

Mat 15:30-31 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them *those* that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: (31) Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

The multitude glorified God when they saw the lame walking and the blind seeing.

This is a pattern seen throughout the New Testament; when miracles happened, they glorified God.

We see this with the woman who had a bent back, when she was healed, she glorified God.

Luk 13:13 And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

We are called to follow this pattern.

As we step out and pray for sick people to be healed, they will give glory to God.

I prayed for a woman in India who had had heart failure.

The doctors could not help her.

A week after I prayed for her at her home, she was completely healed. She glorified God because of it.

Then she started to go to the Hindu villages and testified about the healing she had received.

God used this testimony to save many Hindus.

Lazarus and the Glory

Lazarus was a good friend of Jesus Christ.

Jesus spent a lot of time in the house of His friend Lazarus and his two sisters in Bethany.

Jesus loved them very much.

Joh 11:5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

One day, Lazarus died.

The Lord did not come the moment the people wanted Him to be there. He knew God was going to raise Lazarus from the dead and it was going to bring glory to God.

When He met Martha, she believed that Jesus was the Messiah but did not understand God's plan.

Then Jesus said to them that if they would believe they would see the glory of God.

Joh 11:40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Joh 11:43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

Lazarus arose out of the grave.

People believed after the miracle of the raising of Lazarus.

When the glory of God moves, people believe.

It savs - MANY BELIEVED.

Joh 11:45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

Therefore, raising the dead reveals the glory of God.

Once I was on a riverboat in Ghana, West Africa, I was part of a YWAM mission team.

I was still only a young believer; the team was just relaxing but I wanted to preach to the people.

I had learnt some songs in their language, so I played the guitar and sang to them.

People gathered around me, but the drunken Captain stopped the meeting.

Then I went praying and I met a man who had raised someone from the dead, and we prayed together.

At once, the Captain sent word we could go ahead with the meeting on the riverboat.

The man interpreted while I preached, and fourteen people gave their hearts to the Lord.

The Same Power

The word of God says that the same power that raised Jesus out of the grave lives in us.

This power is resurrection power.

Eph 1:19-20 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

It calls this kind of power: mighty power.

The word "Dunamis" is the Greek word for power and has ten different meanings.

Here two of the definitions come together - mighty power.

We see this mighty power working in the ministry of Jesus Christ!

Jesus raised several people from the dead by this mighty power. Once, in Northeast India, God taught me a few things about raising the dead.

First, He said, "We needed to pray the will of the Father."

I was going to speak in a big church but suddenly they changed their mind told me I could not come to minister.

The next day, a son of an important elder drowned in a river. In India, they bury their dead within a day, so all the church people came together near the dead boy of 17 years, who lay openly displayed. I said to the people with me, let us go to the church that did not want me. We stood next to the dead boy, there were mourners near the boy who were crying very loudly. I prayed for the boy to be resurrected, they even gave me the microphone and I sang the Hallelujah chorus. The Lord told me not to pray for the boy to come back to life, instead pray for the church that God's will be done and that the believers would be transformed. Then I started to weep very loudly because of the burden that came upon me that even the mourners stopped weeping.

Later, they thanked me for coming. We are called to step out in faith to raise the dead so that was what I did, and I will do it again. I encourage you to do the same.

Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Resurrection Power

We are called to do exploits for the kingdom.

Once, when I was still a young believer, our Pastor had a stroke while he was preaching. The elders took him to another room. They did not do much, the only thing they did do was to call the ambulance. The Pastor was unresponsive to the people around him. When the unbelieving elders had left him, I walked to him and bound the spirit of death and commanded him to come back. In a split second, the pastor was back, normal and well.

Glory and the Fullness

To understand, in a deeper way, how the mighty miracles happened in Jesus Christ's ministry. We first need to understand the higher realms of glory.

The mighty miracles come forth out of the realms of glory, fullness and God's holy presence.

The Seven Spirits of God contributed to a lot of the mighty miracles, as they only work in these three realms.

Therefore, it is in these three realms where the Seven Spirits work. The Lord Jesus Christ was living and walking in the glory of God and also manifesting the glory of God through the Seven Spirits of God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made 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.

- This verse shows us that He walked and lived in the glory.
- Then in verse 16, we see that He also operated out of the fullness of God.

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

• All of this came out of the holy heart of love, for our Lord lived at the bosom of the Father.

Joh 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

• Our Lord also delighted in the fear of God, and this shows that He walked in the holy presence of God and had a pure heart.

Is a 11:3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

Doing Good out of the Glory

Everywhere that our Lord Jesus went He was doing good deeds. He did these good deeds out of the holy glorious presence of God. He ministered out of the holy glory, which brought forth the anointing.

Many miracles happened because the Spirit of might worked through Him and brought forth mighty power, resulting in mighty miracles.

The Spirit of might is one of the Seven Spirits of the Lord.

Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Jesus did mighty works because of the Spirit of might.

Mat 14:1-2 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, (2) And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

God, through the Spirit of might, in the ministry of Christ, healed and delivered many.

Luk 9:43 And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,

Our Lord Jesus is the King of glory.

Psa 24:8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

❖ The King of glory has an army of mighty angels, and He is mighty in battle.

Out of these realms our Lord was doing good, working with the Spirit of might and His mighty angels to heal and bring freedom to the captives. Therefore, angels are also involved to help minister deliverance. It says our Lord was doing good and bringing deliverance.

Act 10:38 AMP How God anointed and consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the (Holy) Spirit and with strength and ability and power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed and oppressed by (the power of) the devil, for God was with Him.

It says in this verse that Jesus moved with:

- 1. Anointing and consecration
- 2. Strength or might
- 3. Ability
- 4. Power

The word "anointed" in Greek is the word "charisma" and strength, ability and power are all part of the 10 words that are in the Greek word "Dunamis".

Therefore "mighty power" is two different powers coming out of the same source together.

Ability is a third power of the same source and means power in action.

So, then we understand that Jesus worked different power realms at the same time.

As He did this, mighty angels were ministering beside Him.

Therefore, we are also called to engage in these realms of God's power out of the glorious holiness realms of God.

As we minister, we will see angels ascending and descending as they minister under the command of the King of glory.

Miracles

Out of these glory realms, ability and gifts; Jesus Christ performed miracles.

Joh 3:2 AMP Who came to Jesus at night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know and are certain that You have come from God (as) a Teacher; for no one can do these signs (these wonderworks, these miracles – and produce the proofs) that You do unless God is with him.

These signs, wonders and miracles made common men into believers.

Joh 6:14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

As the Jews saw the signs, wonders and miracles, they believed that He was the promised Messiah.

Joh 7:31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this *man* hath done?

Kathryn Kuhlman

Kathryn Kuhlman was used by God in these realms of glory.
Great miracles, signs and wonders happened as she ministered.
She had a very deep intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit.
I had an old video of hers and watched it a hundred times, for a deep presence of God was on it.

She moved in different streams and different powers of the Spirit of the Lord and the glory of God.

A young boy who could not walk for long because of Polio was healed. This is a quote about Kathryn Kuhlman from Roberts Liardon: 'Kathryn was the woman who believed in miracles. What were some of the outstanding miracles? There were thousands. On one occasion a woman who had been crippled and confined to a wheelchair for 12 years, walked to the platform without aid from her husband.

It was common for tumours to dissolve, cancers to fall off, the blind to see and the deaf to hear.' (Liardon 2003 p. 297)

Peter and the Glory of Sharon

Apostle Peter was not called for an ordinary ministry. He was called to bring the believers into the realm of God's glory.

Isa 35:1-2 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. (2) It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.

He was going to move in the glory of Sharon.

❖ In the gospels, Peter and the disciples received power and authority from the kingdom.

Luk 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

They moved in the anointing which came upon them.

Then when Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He blew on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit.

This is when they were born again on the inside.

• When the day of Pentecost came, they received the power of the Holy Spirit and were baptised with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

The Glory Cloud

As Apostle Peter grew in God and was filled with boldness, he stepped out further in the work of the glorious kingdom of God. The apostles were first baptised with fire and power and then in Acts four, they were filled with boldness.

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Great power had then come upon them.

Yet Apostle Peter moved up higher in the holy glory of God.

He started to move in the Spirit of the holy fear of God as he confronted Ananias and Sapphira.

The Spirit of the fear of the Lord is one of the Seven Spirits and works closely with the holiness of God.

It reveals the evil motives of men's heart.

After this dramatic effort, the cloud of glory moved over Peter in such a way that the sick were healed as he passed by.

Act 5:14-15 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) (15) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

The true word for "shadowed" used here was that Peter was overshadowed by God's glory.

Peter then went to Cornelius as he had received a vision.

Cornelius was living near the plains of Sharon.

There was a prophetic word spoken over this region that the glory would one day be revealed there.

Isa 35:2-3 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God. (3) Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

The prophecy said that the blind would see, and the lame would walk. This was all fulfilled as God's glory was poured out when Peter ministered there.

Peter even raised Dorcas from the dead there.

While Peter spoke, the Holy Spirit fell, and the glory of the Lord moved in this region of Sharon.

Act 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Chapter 14: The Glory Belongs to God

Honour and Majesty

King David was not only a king but also a prophet.

He had revelations, visions and encounters about the glory of God.

By revelation, he knew that all honour, glory, power and majesty belong to God.

At the dedication of the tabernacle of David, we see his revelations are spoken.

This was the first time that priests were put before the Ark to praise and worship God with song and instrument.

1Ch 16:1 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

At this place in front of the Ark of the Covenant, David prophesies his revelations about who God is and what belongs to Him.

1Ch 16:27-29 Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place. (28) Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. (29) Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

God's Kingly Favour on David

What we sow we also reap.

King David sowed honour and glory to God.

His harvest was that the glory and honour of God came upon King David's life and kingdom.

King David said that he had received the blessing of goodness in His life which comes forth from the glory of God.

So, we can receive those blessings.

Psa 21:3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

The goodness was spiritual but also physical prosperity for he had received a crown of gold on his head through God's goodness. He was living in and out of the joy of God's presence which gave him strength as this he had learnt through revelation.

Psa 21:1,6 AMP The King (David) shall joy in Your strength, O Lord; and in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! (6) For You make him to be blessed and a blessing forever; You make him exceedingly glad with the joy of Your presence.

Then he said that God laid honour and majesty upon him.

Psa 21:5 His glory *is* great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

King David

King David built the tabernacle of David on the principles of the Priesthood of Melchizedek

Isa 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Our Lord Jesus Christ's government was built upon the throne of David because it was built upon the Melchizedek priesthood, which is a heavenly kingdom, and priesthood.

The Lord came preaching the gospel of the kingdom of Heaven and King David understood that and put the three thousand priests to worship before the Ark.

King David worshipped before the Ark without a veil because God told him to do so, which is a picture of our worship today before the throne of God in heaven.

In those days, they were near the Shekinah glory of God and received great prophetic insight and prophetic words.

King David pressed into these realms of glory and was after the heart of God and tried to understand God's ways.

He wrote Psalm 103, and this shows that he had learnt that Moses knew the ways of God, but the people only wanted miracles and blessings.

Psa 103:7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

In the glory, the fullness and God's holy presence, there are different levels of the Seven Spirits of God working.

The highest levels work when the Spirit of the fear of the Lord is in operation.

The Spirit of fear of the Lord works closely with the fullness of God, which releases the greatest manifest presence of the glory of God on Earth.

In Psalm 103 we can see and understand that the fear of the Lord was a great key in the life of King David.

Psa 103:13 Like as a father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

The fear of the Lord made King David great.

Psa 103:17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

Every time he sinned, he repented. Even today, he is a great example.

King Solomon

King Solomon received the kingdom from his father, King David. Solomon built the temple.

On the day of the dedication, the cloud of glory came down.

2Ch 5:13-14 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD; (14) So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

God was pleased with Solomon and had blessed him with wisdom, God's glory and great financial blessings.

One of the blessings that come with the glory is financial blessings. Solomon wrote the proverbs (especially in Proverbs 8) we can see that he understood a lot about the realms of the glory, the kingdom and the Seven Spirits of God.

He said that wisdom cried out and understanding put forth her voice. These are two of the Seven Spirits of God, and he touches on all seven in Proverbs 8.

He knew all about it.

Glory into Shame

We have to guard our heart, so we don't lose the glory. We have to guard the glory, we do so by pressing into God's holy fire. The Bible says that God does not share His glory with idols. In this chapter, we talk about how idols stop the glory from moving and that the glory will leave if we do.

Isa 42:8 I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

We see this principle clearly in the book of Ezekiel where the glory departs out of the temple because of the idols set up in the temple. We can also make the glory into an idol itself and quench the Spirit of glory and our hearts will become hardened like in the life of King Solomon.

Psa 4:2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and* seek after leasing? Selah.

This is why focussing only on the glory can pull us off the path when success comes; our focus should be on the glorious holy presence of God. In my book about God's glorious holy presence, I will teach on how to sustain the move of God by learning, through God's holy presence, to walk in the ways of God.

Making the Glory an Idol

The Bible describes wealth as glory.

We see this in the story of Jacob when the sons of Laban say that all the glory Jacob had, he received from them.

They were talking about Jacob's multitude of sheep, cattle and wealth.

Gen 31:1 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that *was* our father's; and of *that* which *was* our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

It was God who had heard Jacobs's prayer at Bethel, who had given this glory to Jacob.

As Moses led his people out of Egypt, the Egyptians gave them their gold for they desperately wanted them to leave.

Exo 12:33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

Exo 12:35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

Gold and wealth are both a symbol of glory.

The same blessing of the glory became a downfall for many in the desert when they were tested.

Moses was with God on Mt Sinai, in the consuming holy presence of God.

At that time, the people of Israel made the glory they had received (the gold they received from the Egyptians when they left) into an idol. They made a golden calf from this wealth transfer.

Exo 32:2-3 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. (3) And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

Here we see that we can make an idol of the glory.

❖ Therefore, we see we can turn God's glory into shame.

Psa 4:2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and* seek after leasing? Selah.

Therefore, we need the fear of God to grow, through the glory of God, into His holy ways and holy presence.

This will help us to grow in godly character and integrity.

The Spirit of the fear of the Lord opens up the realms of wisdom, counsel and might.

By the fear of the Lord, counsel, understanding and wisdom, come. By them kings' rule and reign.

Pro 8:13-15 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. (14) Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: I *am* understanding; I have strength. (15) By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

King Solomon Verses King David

King Solomon started with great wisdom, great glory and great wealth. He knew about wisdom, counsel, understanding and the fear of the Lord. He said he had learnt a lot of this through his father.

As he grew older, he did not stay on these paths.

His heart took him away even as he had seen and lived in the glory of God. He married seven hundred women and had another three hundred concubines. He followed some of their gods.

He even brought some of these gods into Israel.

This was the beginning of the favour and glory of God leaving the nation of Israel one day.

King David was different to his son, Solomon.

He feared God.

When he sinned and failed, he would pray for mercy according to God's glorious heart of loving-kindness, grace, mercy and goodness.

Psa 51:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

King David did not pray according to the Law of Moses, but according to the priesthood of Melchizedek and our great High Priest, Jesus Christ. He understood that God's forgiveness, companionship and His secrets are with those who fear Him, and he walked in this.

Psa 25:14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

King David's throne was also established because he feared God.

Ezekiel's Visitations

Ezekiel was a mighty prophet and received major glory visions and visitations; he also travelled in the spirit.

One day, as he was by the river Chebar as the hand of the Lord was upon him, he saw a whirlwind come and the bright and radiant glory of God visited him.

He saw the four-headed cherubim, who move the throne of God, and he saw the God of glory on it.

Eze 1:26 And above the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne *was* the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

He said this was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of God.

Eze 1:28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw *it*, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

Why did he experience this?

He experienced this because God was making him ready to see and understand why God's glory was going to leave the temple. The result of this was that God's judgment was coming upon the nation and the nation of Israel was going into captivity.

The Glory Departs

At times, the hand of the Lord or the Spirit of the Lord would take Ezekiel to different places in the spirit.

One day the Lord took him to the temple to be a witness of what was happening there and showed him that the idols in the temple upset God.

God said I have to leave the temple because of the abomination, which is the sin of idolatry, and the evil practises that go with it are rampant in My temple.

Eze 8:6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.

Then God showed him the idols and the sin that went on in the holy temple of God, which caused defilement.

Eze 8:10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about.

In Chapter ten, God shows Ezekiel His great glorious throne and glory. As he sees this eternal glory, God and His glory depart from the temple.

Eze 10:18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims.

When we turn God's glory into shame, His glory departs.

Thine is the Glory

We should never play with the glory or touch God's honour and glory.

King Uzziah did touch God's glory and was stricken with leprosy. King Uzziah thought he could just step into the priesthood, for he was the king.

At King David's tabernacle, there was no veil because God demonstrated there the heavenly priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

God's Spirit had instructed prophet Nathan and King David to do this. The temple of Solomon was built on Moses' tabernacle and had a veil. Uzziah sinned against God's order; he touched God's glory and became leprous.

2Ch 26:16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to *his* destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

2Ch 26:20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him.

The glory belongs to God

We are called to give glory to God's name and honour Him and Him alone. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus Christ said Thine (as in Father) is the kingdom, the power and the glory.

Mat 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Psa 96:7-8 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. (8) Give unto the LORD the glory *due unto* his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

We have to follow God's order and give Him all the glory for the things He does through our lives.

Pride is what we have to be most careful of.

Lucifer's pride lifted himself above God, which is idolatry, and God put him down.

Freedom

If we want to see the glory work through us in a greater way, we need to deal with the roots of idolatry in our lives, all our pride and the works of the flesh.

Gal 5:20-21 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, (21) Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

The works of the flesh stop us from inheriting the kingdom of God. The cross is the way of victory over the sin that so easily beset us. God wants us to go to the cross and become broken over our sins. Demonic strongholds or bondage can also stop us from moving forward. In my book "Deliverance of Demons" you can read how to get the victory. I also deal with generational curses and bondages in that book, for we need to deal with them if we want to grow in the glory.

These things are blockages to the glory.

The Good News

God does not share His glory with sinful people, yet Christ wants us to be one with God and God's glory.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Christ says that He has given us His glory.

This He did so we can be one with the godhead.

He also did this that we should be one with one another.

The glory that Christ gave us is His divine nature.

2Pe 1:3-4 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Through divine nature, we have escaped the corruption of the flesh and the world.

Through the glory and its divine nature, we can grow in:

- 1. Godliness
- 2. Brotherly kindness
- 3. Love to all people

2Pe 1:5-7 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; (6) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; (7) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

Holy Revival Glory

We have received this revival glory so the world will see that God is in and upon us.

Joh 17:22-23 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: (23) I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

The glory that Christ has given to us is here so we can have the ability to love one another.

When we do this, we will become one.

When we are one in love and one in heart, the world will see that we are truly disciples of Christ.

When the glorious church starts to demonstrate the glory in the fruits of the spirit and signs, wonders, miracles, many will come to Christ. Therefore, we are called to walk in holy revival glory.

Union

The greatest blessing for us is that the glory of God is given for us, so we grow in union with God.

Jesus said that He was one with the Father and that the glory is what brought that union with the Father.

Joh 17:21-22 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. (22) And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Then we can learn from Jesus Christ about how to be one with God. Jesus said: "that they may be one with us".

This union starts in the spirit. This union is with our spirits. Our soul needs to be in submission to our spirit.

 Our soul is receiving the overflow of the spirit, healing and transformation as our soul is surrendered to the will of God
 When we go beyond the anointing to learn to live in the glory of God, the process speeds up a lot.

How to Increase the Glory

There are ways to increase the glory, let us look at them:

- 1. <u>To live in the first love and to grow deeper into His intimate glorious love.</u>
- 2. Worship.

It says that God's throne (throne of glory) comes down when we praise Him.

Psa 22:3 But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

God is holy and His holy glory inhabits the praises and worship of His children.

Ruth Ward Heflin used to say that we praise until the spirit of worship comes and then we worship until the glory comes. Then we stand in the glory.

After that, we wait as God moves, and move with God in the supernatural.

3. Praying and waiting on God.

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

When I talk about the prayer, part of this (for me) is worship on my guitar and singing a new song as I pray and wait on God. Through this, my spirit will go up into the glory realm.

4. Fasting.

Fasting will help us to crucify the flesh and see our breakthrough in the glory.

5. Being still.

The Psalm writer says, be still and know that I am God.

Psa 46:10 Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

This stillness is entering the rest that we are called to enter as believers.

Heb 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

This stillness or rest we enter through faith makes us grow in union with God.

This union will increase the glory of God day by day as we abide in heart of the Father of glory.

Higher Realms of Glory

We are called to live in the holy of holies daily.

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Christ made the way for this.

We are to press on to live there in the spirit and enter it with boldness. The higher realms are open for us because the priesthood of Melchizedek came from heaven and Christ our High Priest, opened it up for us.

The Hebrew writer says that through this priesthood we have also come to:

- 1. Heavenly Mount Zion
- 2. The city of the Living God
- 3. Heavenly Jerusalem
- 4. The throne of God's presence

- 5. Innumerable angels
- 6. The general assembly
- 7. Paradise

In and through the glory realm these places in the spirit are opened to us. Now, by visions and visitations, God can let us experience these realities.

The cloud of witnesses is also around us.

Glory Army

In these Last Days, God is raising up His glory army.

Their priority is living in a deep relationship with God.

These believers will also be strong in revival glory, in the supernatural and praise and worship.

Psa 110:2-4 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. (3) Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. (4) The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

This army understands that they can live in the heavenly glorious realm for they understand that Jesus Christ is their High Priest of the order of Melchizedek.

Great glory is going to be poured out on the earth as the army rises in their End Time calling.

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