

GOD'S GLORY REVEALED

We cannot begin to comprehend the Glory of God apart from the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our minds. Our natural understanding is carnal or “dark”; our spiritual understanding must be enlightened.

A. We must repent of our sin and confess our own spiritual blindness. Jesus told the church of Laodicea that they needed to repent; they were spiritually blind and needed to anoint their eyes with “eyesalve” to see; Revelation 3:17-18. If we overcome, we will sit with Him in His GLORIOUS throne; Rev. 3:21.

B. We must ask our Heavenly Father to reveal Himself to us, and for understanding concerning our spiritual inheritance: “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; 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”; Eph. 1:17-18. Christ in us, is the HOPE of GLORY; Col. 1:27.

C. We must keep our focus upon the Heavenly Realm, the realm of His glory, and not the Earthly Realm, the lower creation. “And be not conformed to this world (present age, order): 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”; Romans 12:2. “The heavens declare the GLORY OF GOD; and the firmament showeth his handiwork”; Psalm 19:1

D. We must remember that Jesus uses parables and the physical creation to teach us Kingdom truth: “And he (Jesus) spake many things unto them in parables”; Matthew 13:3. “For the **invisible things** of him from the creation of the world **are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made**, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they (men) are without excuse; Romans 1:20; John 3:12.

GOD'S GLORY IS REVEALED IN THE CLOUD:

In both the Old and New Testaments, we read about God's Glory being revealed IN or THROUGH the CLOUD. The Hebrew and Greek words define “cloud(s)” as “cloudiness, a covering”.

1. In scripture, a “cloud” is descriptive of a HEAVENLY COVERING (a Being, or beings), within the SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE. He is not speaking literally of physical cloud, which is “a visible mass of condensed water vapor suspended in the atmosphere”.

2. One of the definitions of “cloud” in Webster's Dictionary is “the appearance of a great number of things close together and in motion” (example: frequently in biblical days, locusts would descend upon the landscape and cover it “as a cloud”). Hebrews 12:1 speaks of us being surrounded by a great “cloud” of witnesses; this is a group of spiritual beings.

3. There are spiritual principles associated with CLOUDS: they are a symbol of guidance, they are moved by the “Wind” (Holy Spirit), they are designed to hold “water”, to bring “rain” upon the land, and they provide a “covering” (shelter) from the heat.

4. God gave a sign of His covenant when He set a “rainbow” IN THE CLOUD; Genesis 9:12-17. This is seen AFTER THE RAIN COMES (the Spirit poured out). When light is diffused through raindrops, the spectrum of light is revealed. Jesus is THE LIGHT, John 12:46, and He places His “spectrum of light” in CLOUDS, within those who have entered into covenant with Him.

5. “And Moses went into the midst of the CLOUD...when Moses came down from the mount...behold the skin of his face shone...he put a veil on his face”; Exodus 24:18; 34:29-33; 2 Cor. 3:13-18

6. Daniel saw one like the Son of man coming with the CLOUDS OF HEAVEN. He was given an everlasting dominion, GLORY and a kingdom which shall not pass away; Daniel 7:13-14.

7. Lucifer sought to ascend above the heights of the CLOUDS (desired the highest position); Is. 14:14.
8. “And (Jesus) was transfigured before them and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. ...there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him...while he (Peter) 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”; Matthew 17:1-5.
9. Clouds are descriptive of spiritual influences. False teachers are called “CLOUDS WITHOUT WATER” (empty promises, no living water), carried about of “winds” (false doctrine); Jude 12; Eph. 4:14. False prophets and false teachers are “wells without water, CLOUDS that are CARRIED WITH A TEMPEST (windy storm) to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever”; 2 Peter 2:17.
10. The Son of Man comes IN A CLOUD WITH POWER and GREAT GLORY; Luke 21:27
11. “He was taken up; and a CLOUD received him (Jesus) out of their sight”; Acts 1:9.
12. Our “fathers” were under the CLOUD, and were baptized unto Moses in the CLOUD; 1 Cor. 10:1-2
13. The Lord went before His people in a “pillar” (speaks of strength and support) of a CLOUD by day to lead them in the way, and a pillar of Fire (of protection) by night to give them light. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Obedience in following the “pillar” of a CLOUD and of Fire kept Israel alive; this is how they survived and were protected; Exodus 13:21; 14:20.
14. We shall be caught up together with them (the dead in Christ) in the CLOUDS; 1 Thessalonians 4:17
15. They (2 Witnesses) ascended up to heaven in a CLOUD; and their enemies beheld them; Rev. 11:12
16. “Behold, he cometh WITH CLOUDS (of Heaven) and every eye shall see him”; Revelation 1:7
17. Those who “fly” (as eagles in the heavenlies) are as a CLOUD”; they are a company who come in the appearance of clouds. They are like “doves” (those energized by the Holy Spirit); Isaiah 60:8.
18. He makes the CLOUDS His chariot (His vehicle); Psalm 104:3; 2 Kings 2:11-12.
19. God’s anointed people shall be revealed as bright CLOUDS OF GLORY (full of light) after the “former and the latter rain” is poured out. His desire is to reveal Himself TO US and then THROUGH US: “When he shall come to be glorified in his saints...in THAT DAY” 2 Thess. 1:10; Job 37:21
20. The THICK CLOUD On The THIRD DAY:
- a. The Lord told His people to “be ready” to meet with Him the Third Day by separating themselves and washing their clothes. He was about to come down in the sight of all the people “And it came to pass on the Third Day in the morning , that there were “thunders” (utterance of divine truth) and “lightnings” (power, brightness of divine truth), and a THICK CLOUD (Cloud Mass) upon the mount, and the voice of the “trumpet” (symbol of God speaking) exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled”; Exodus 19:11,15,16; Job 22:14.
 - b. Jesus proclaimed the two “Days” of the Church Age. There are two 1,000 year “Days” since Jesus ascended from the Earth. The Third Day is at hand; 2 Peter 3:8.
 - c. “After two days will he revive us; in the Third Day he will raise us up”; Hosea 6:2
 - d. On the Third Day Jacob was liberated; Genesis 31:22
 - e. On the Third Day Hezekiah was healed and went up into the house of the Lord; 2 Kings 20:5-8
 - f. On the Third Day Jesus shall be perfected in His saints; Luke 13:32.
 - g. The Third Day points to the Third Feast of First Fruits; Lev. 23:10-11.
 - h. The Third Day points to the Resurrection of the Promised Son; Genesis 22:4-13; Matthew 16:21
 - i. On the Third Day the “queen” puts on her royal garments and approaches the king; Esther 5:1-2
 - j. The Third Day is when there is the celebration of a Wedding; John 2:1-2
 - k. The Third Day of Creation points to the principle of the Resurrection; Genesis 1:9-13:
 1. land appears and is raised above the water; Ephesians 2:6
 2. life appears on the surface of the Earth; Ephesians 2:1-3
 3. the Earth brings forth “seed”, and the “tree yielding fruit”; John 15:1-7

PARTAKERS OF HIS GLORY:

Jesus continually revealed the GLORY of GOD and He taught about the Kingdom of Heaven. He gave His disciples revelation knowledge, A VISION of His calling and theirs: “Where there is no vision, the people perish”; Proverbs 29:18. He revealed the GLORY of His Kingdom, but He also spelled out the requirements of being His disciple. The miracles and visions that the disciples and Paul were shown, opened their understanding of the GLORY REALM. After having an encounter with the living Christ, Paul was able to say: “I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision”; Acts 26:12-18.

Question: How will the GLORY of God be revealed in our lives?

Answer: We have to pursue the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. We must deliberately and consistently seek the FACE of God, not just the HAND of God.

When we run after His presence, our hunger for the Lord Jesus Christ simply overtakes every other desire. These things will create a climate, an atmosphere for a visitation of God’s Glory in our life:

1. By loving the Lord God with all our heart, mind and strength; Matthew 22:37-38
2. By a consecrated, holy, and obedient lifestyle; James 4:4-8
3. By adhering to the written and revealed Word of God; John 14:15
4. By passionate, spontaneous worship in spirit and in truth; John 4:22-24
5. By prayer and fasting; 1 Thessalonians 5:17
6. By sacrificial giving upon a pure altar; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
7. By walking in love in the spirit, and not according to the flesh; Galatians 5:14-25

REFLECTIONS OF HIS GLORY:

1. We must first be “awakened” from spiritual slumber before we can see God’s Glory: “But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep; and WHEN THEY WERE AWAKE, THEY SAW HIS GLORY, and the two men that stood with him”; Luke 9:32
2. When Jesus performs signs and wonders it is a MANIFESTATION of His GLORY; this causes His disciples to believe in Him; John 2:11
3. Jesus’ life reveals a pattern for us: He was given a human body, His human body was resurrected, GLORIFIED and is now appearing in the presence of God; Philippians 3:21.
4. God’s eternal purpose is that Jesus (the Head) will have a Body upon which the Head rests. This Body will fully express the nature and GLORY of the Son of God; Matthew 8:20.
5. God will have a people who will reflect His GLORY: the fullness of God; Ephesians 3:19
6. Joint-heirs with Christ who suffer together with Jesus Christ, SHALL BE GLORIFIED together with Him. The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the GLORY WHICH SHALL BE REVEALED IN US; Romans 8:17-18
7. Creation waits for a GLORIOUS APPEARING: the manifestation of the sons of God; Romans 8:19
8. Those who overcome shall inherit all things in His GLORIOUS KINGDOM; Matt.19:28; Rev. 21:7.
9. Jesus said that the GLORY that the Father gave Him, He has given to His disciples; John 17:22. The unsearchable RICHES OF CHRIST are beyond our comprehension; Ephesians 3:8.
10. The GLORY of GOD that rested upon Peter OVERSHADOWED the people; Acts 5:15. God will have a people who move in a high realm of the Spirit, whose very presence changes the atmosphere around them.
11. WHEN GOD’S GLORY IS REVEALED, the substance of God within His people will RADIATE out of them in a visible manner; Matthew 17:1-2.

12. The day comes when “The earth shall be filled with the KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea”; Habakkuk 2:14; Numbers 14:21.
13. When darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness is upon the people, “the Lord shall arise upon thee and HIS GLORY SHALL BE SEEN UPON THEE”; Isaiah 60:1 .
14. As we behold the GLORY of the Lord, we are changed into the same image; He takes us FROM GLORY to GLORY; 2 Corinthians 3:18.
15. The mysteries that have been hidden from past generations, are now being made known to His saints; these are RICHES of His GLORY; Colossians 1:26-27.
16. After the Lord shakes the heavens, the earth, the sea, the dry land, and all nations, the “desire” of all nations shall come; and HE WILL FILL HIS HOUSE WITH GLORY; Haggai 2:6-7
17. When God’s “house” is completely set in order, the GLORY of the LORD WILL FILL THE HOUSE of God; 2 Chronicles 5:14.
18. “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”; 2 Peter 1:3.
19. “When the Lord shall build up Zion (“the mountain of light”) HE SHALL APPEAR IN HIS GLORY”; Psalm 102:16.
20. “For God, who commanded light to shine out of the darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give us the light of the KNOWLEDGE of the GLORY of God, in the face of Jesus Christ”; 2 Corinthians 4:6.
21. God has promised to DECLARE HIS GLORY among the Gentiles; Isaiah 66:19.
22. He makes known the RICHES OF HIS GLORY on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore PREPARED UNTO GLORY; Romans 9:23.
23. “The WISE SHALL INHERIT GLORY; but shame shall be the promotion of fools”; Proverbs 3:35
24. God’s saints bless the Lord; “THEY SHALL SPEAK OF THE GLORY of Thy KINGDOM and talk of thy power. They make known His mighty acts, and the GLORIOUS MAJESTY of His Kingdom”; Psalm 145:10-12.
25. Jesus is the BRIGHTNESS OF GOD’S GLORY, the express image of His Person; Hebrews 1:3.
26. God’s servant, Moses asked this: “I beseech thee, SHOW ME THY GLORY”; Exodus 33:18.
27. We are exhorted to “walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto His Kingdom and GLORY”; 1 Thessalonians 2:12.
28. It is God’s intention to bring MANY SONS TO GLORY; Hebrews 2:10
29. God has from the beginning, chosen you to salvation, through the sanctification of the Spirit, and belief in the truth. He has called you through the Gospel TO OBTAIN THE GLORY of our Lord Jesus Christ; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14.
30. The Lord my God is a Shield for me; He is MY GLORY, and the lifter of my head; Psalm 3:3.
31. When we obey Him, the GLORY OF THE LORD is our PROTECTION; Isaiah 58:8
32. Paul said that he endured all things for the sake of the elect, that they could obtain salvation though Jesus Christ WITH ETERNAL GLORY; 2 Timothy 2:10.
33. Faithful shepherds who willingly feed and care for God’s flock, shall receive A CROWN OF GLORY that shall not fade away; 1 Peter 5:4.
34. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, be happy, for the SPIRIT OF GLORY and of God rests upon you; 1 Peter 4:14.
35. That great City, the New Jerusalem, descends out of heaven from God, HAVING THE GLORY OF GOD, has light like a “stone most precious”, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; Revelation 21:10-11.

