



INTRODUCTION: The glory of God can be defined as the manifestation of the sum total of all that God is. You can trace the glory of God in scripture:

- The Glory of God moved into the tabernacle in Exodus 40.
- The Glory of God departed and they wrote the word "Ichabod" in I Samuel.
- Solomon built the temple, dedicated it to God and the Glory of God moved into the Temple. They sinned and the glory departed as well as the temple.

In the first 12 chapters of Ezekiel, he describes the glory moving out of the temple: First it moved out of the Holy of Holies, then it moved up over the threshold, and finally off it went to the Mount of Olives. - The glory of God departed.

- Then the next time we see the glory, it was in Bethlehem.

"Glory to God in the Highest. . ." "The Word became flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among us and we beheld his glory." (Luke 2:14; John 1:14)

- Then we see that we took the Glory of God and nailed Him to a cross.
- Then that same glory arose triumphantly, shining like never before.
- Now, the Glory of God is individually dwelling in every one of His people.

I Corinthians 6:19, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

- God is building a temple to inhabit His Glory. We're the stones that make it up.

I Peter 2:5, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

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

I. WE MUST SEE THE GLORY OF GOD WHEN THE TASK SEEMS TOO BIG FOR US (EXODUS 3:1-6)

A. WHEN THE TASK IS TOO BIG, LOOK FOR GOD'S GLORY IN THE BURNING BUSH (EXODUS 3:11-14; 4:10-12)

God didn't send an angel or open up the heavens, but just sent a little bush that burned. He was showing Moses that he was about as weak and helpless as a little bush, but that God would ignite Moses with His glory.

II Corinthians 2:15-17, "14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. 15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ."

Here Paul asks an important question. Who is sufficient for a ministry that if done the wrong way could cause someone not to believe in Christ?

II Corinthians 3:5-6, "5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; 6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

B. WHEN THE NEED IS TOO GREAT, LOOK FOR GOD'S GLORY IN THE BURNING BUSH

II Corinthians 9:8, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:"

II Corinthians 12:9, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

II. WE MUST SEE THE GLORY OF GOD WHEN THE ENEMY SEEMS TOO STRONG FOR US

God gave blessings to Israel that he never gave to Rome or Egypt or any other nation. Paul lists some of them:

Rom. 9:4, "Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;"

A. WHEN THE ENEMY TEMPTS YOU, LOOK AT GOD'S GLORY IN THE CAMP (EXODUS 40:33-38)

I Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Romans 8:30, "Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

B. WHEN THE ENEMY IS TOO BIG, LOOK AT GOD'S GLORY IN THE CAMP

Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

I Corinthians 14:23-25, "23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? 24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: 25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth."

III. WE MUST SEE THE GLORY OF GOD WHEN THE PEOPLE ARE TOO MUCH FOR US (EXODUS 32)

A. WHEN PEOPLE ARE TOO MUCH, YOU MUST SEE GOD'S GLORY ON THE MOUNT (EXODUS 32:7)

Moses went to the mount to meet with God. The people began to worry when he didn't come down. So, the elders of the church came to Aaron wondering why they hadn't seen Moses for some time. They then asked Aaron to make something they could see. So, Aaron made a golden calf; something they saw in Egypt.

B. WHEN THE SIN OF THE PEOPLE IS TOO MUCH, YOU MUST SEE GOD'S GLORY ON THE MOUNT (EXODUS 32:10)

Consider how enormous this sin was. Who were the people who sinned? The people who had the Glory of God. Where did they sin? At Mount Sinai, where they saw the Glory. When did they sin? After they'd been given the law. Why did they sin? Because they couldn't live by faith; they had to have something they could see.

Three times in Ephesians chapter 1, God tells us why He has chosen to save us.

Ephesians 1:6, "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

Ephesians 1:12, "That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ."

Ephesians 1:14, "Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

IV. WE MUST SEE THE GLORY OF GOD WHEN THE REWARD SEEMS TOO SMALL FOR US

A. WHEN THE REWARDS SEEM TOO SMALL FOR US, SEE GOD'S GLORY IN THE FACE OF JESUS

When Moses stepped off the scene, he didn't get to walk into Heaven with God like Enoch. He didn't get a chariot of fire, like Elijah. Instead, the Lord took Moses to the top of Mount Nebo and showed him all the land he promised to his forefathers, and then He told Moses that he would not live to walk into these lands.

B. WHEN THE REWARDS SEEM TOO SMALL, REMEMBER WE'RE NOT HOME YET

Centuries after Moses stepped out; the Lord appears to Peter, James and John and bids them to come with him. So they followed him to a mountain where Jesus is transfigured before their very eyes. And with him appear two great men of the past, Moses and Elijah.

Jesus is there for two reasons: 1) To tell of the greatest exodus that ever took place, when Christ led the exodus of men from the bondage of sin. 2) For them to see the Glory of God in Jesus Christ. It was fitting that he has with him Moses, the one man who both experienced a great exodus of his own, but also saw the glory of the Lord like no other man had seen.

At this point, it is important to understand that the Mount of Transfiguration is in the very land that God did not let Moses enter. But here, thousands of years later, Moses is standing on that very land.

II Corinthians 3:18, "But we all, with open (unveiled) face beholding as in a glass (the Bible) the glory of the Lord (the face of Christ) , are changed (transfigured) into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

CONCLUSION: When you are in God's Word on a daily basis, meditating in it, you are having your very own Mount of Transfiguration experience and can see the Glory of God in the face of Jesus.