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## APPRECIATION

I am blessed and thankful for all those who have encouraged me to continue sharing the word of God with all who have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to His Church in these end times. I am so grateful to my beloved husband Garry, who especially encourages me with his enduring love and his devoted servant's heart. I am also grateful to our co-laborer Martin Roos for his faithfulness and much appreciated help with the tedious task of proof reading.

## DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to all those who are serious about becoming trained and equipped in order to do the work of their ministry.

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## AUTHOR’S NOTE

I have been a serious student of God’s word for over 40 years. During this time I have studied the King James Version as my preferred version of the Bible. I believe it to be the most reliable translation available. This is the version I also use for Scripture memorization. Since the Bible was not written in English, I make it a point to study Bible texts according to their original meanings as they were written in the Hebrew and Greek. I do however; use a variety of Bible translations in my writing and teaching ministries, in order to emphasize a Scriptural truth I am trying to relate. There is no way one single English translation can convey the depth of God’s truth contained in the original Greek and Hebrew word meanings. Readers often miss the full impact of truth found in familiar verses of Scripture because they are used to hearing a verse the same way every time it is read or quoted. I have often thought I understood all there was to know about a certain verse until I heard it rendered in a different way, or checked it out in the original languages. In any case the Holy Spirit is our teacher. I have read certain verses in various translations and heard the Holy Spirit say “looks this up in the original” Hebrew or Greek only to be amazed at how much God had to say!

My intent then, for using various Bible translations is to make clear a truth I am conveying from God’s word. For the same reason I do not always quote an entire verse, but focus on the phrase that is making my point. Jesus and the Apostles often quoted only a portion of an Old Testament Scripture to make their point. We must also remember that verse divisions and numbers were not added to Bible translations until around 1560 A.D.

## INTRODUCTION

This booklet contains a study from God's word on the subject of The Glory of God. In recent times there have been many lying signs and wonders that have been called manifestations of God's Glory. The manifestation of God's glory is a spiritual reality and will be thoroughly examined within these pages. The Bible clearly teaches when we come into actual contact with God's glory, we are truly changed! God reveals Himself and His power through His glory, therefore it is crucial to understand what the Bible has to say on the subject of God's true glory.

Since 1996 my husband Garry and I have labored together in our Extended Life Christian Training Ministry in this beautiful but isolated northern wilderness known as the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. God sent us here in 1985 from Arlington, Texas and in 1996 we began our ministry. We spent the first twelve years as co-pastors of a small congregation, out of which has come God's call to sound His alarm in order to awaken His people to the reality of their true spiritual condition. Over the years it has become increasingly alarming to see the overwhelming amount of sin ignorance, deception and apathy found among professing Christians, not just in our territory, but worldwide! For this reason, God is releasing His Glory to bring an awakening to many.

We have been given an abundance of prophetic warnings in the word of God that are not being heralded, heard or heeded in many parts of the body of Christ. There are those who consider themselves to be "Christians" but are spiritually dull of hearing or are not hearing God's voice at all. Instead they are listening to the multitude of pseudo spiritual, self-appointed apostles and prophets that are leading them astray, just as Jesus warned us about...And many false prophets will appear and will lead many people astray...*Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold (Matt 24:11-12).*

False prophets avoid talking about sin and judgment but love to talk about the mercy, grace and the glory of God's blessings—which are indeed part of His goodness, however there is also the severity of God which needs to be considered as well (Rom 11:22). It has been said that our love for God will be no greater than our love for the truth. Love for God is essential if we want to experience His true glory.

When love for God waxes cold, sin becomes rampant because people do not honor God and receive His glory. Without the true glory of God people will ignore or reject the truth that reveals their sin, ignorance, deception and true spiritual condition. Those who sincerely want to experience God's glory are willing to closely and honestly examine themselves in light of His Word. Those who are not willing to do so will not appreciate the manifestation of His glory, when it comes from His true apostolic and prophetic voices, because they will reveal our true spiritual condition. When true apostolic and prophetic voices are not being heralded, heard and heeded God's people become candidates for deception which will lead them right into the Lake of Fire...

*For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep... For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged... But when*

*we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord,  
that we may not be condemned along with the  
world (1 Cor 11:30-32).*

How it must grieve and sadden the heart of God to watch professing Christians following after false teachers, prophets and apostles and eagerly look to these wolves for personal prophetic words of comfort, edification and encouragement, and even worse, accepts their lying signs and wonders as manifestations of His glory. These things only serve to deepen their deception and blind them to their true spiritual state. A genuine prophetic word of warning, correction and direction is indeed a true manifestation of God's glory, and when it is heralded, heard and heeded; it will result in the encouragement, edification and comfort God intends for us. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will open the eyes of your understanding and impart His glorious revelation and insight to you as you read these pages.

*The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all  
flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the  
LORD has spoken" (Isa 40:5, NKJV).*

*"And God saw the light, that it was  
good: and God divided the light from the  
darkness."*

*Genesis 1:4*

## Chapter 1

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### Defining the Glory of God

*And the Lord said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart" (Jeremiah 14:14, NKJV).*

Much is being preached and written about the next great revival that many say will soon hit this earth. For example, there are those who call themselves "New Glory Revivalists." They claim to see hotspots in the United States that will have such outpourings of glory that hundreds, thousands and millions will come to Christ. They also claim that "creative" miracles will appear as common occurrences before vast crowds.

No doubt this all sounds wonderful and exciting! I'm sure true believers, long to see the miracle work of God demonstrated in the earth. After all, His Word says we will do

the greater works that Jesus said we would do. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father" (John 14:12, NKJV).*

While so many look forward to such a great "supernatural" revival, Satan has spawned great curiosity in all of humanity about supernatural phenomena or paranormal activity because he knows his time is short. Therefore, we must understand something about the supernatural. Just because something supernatural actually manifests it may not be genuine! The word "genuine" means that which is "not counterfeit" but pure or original. Satan is the master counterfeiter. Demonic spirits are invading the lives and churches of believers and releasing "counterfeit gifts" and lying signs and wonders thereby creating "counterfeit glory revivals.

The only way to detect the counterfeit is to be an expert at knowing and being thoroughly acquainted with the genuine. I once heard that the U.S. Treasury Department trains their people to detect counterfeit money by handling genuine currency over and over so they can instantly detect counterfeit currency when it is slipped in among the genuine. That is how we as God's people must know the counterfeits of Satan. When we are skilled in the Scriptures and thoroughly acquainted with God's genuine gifts, detecting counterfeits will not be difficult. "So that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, and approve and prize what is excellent and of real value - recognizing the highest and the best, and distinguishing the differences, and that you may be untainted and pure and unerring and blameless" (Philippians 1:10, AMP).

We must understand that no person or church is immune to the spiritual experience of Satan's counterfeit works and doctrines. God's Word tells us that he has the

ability to appear as the genuine or real thing. "False apostles have fooled you by disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. But I am not surprised! Even Satan can disguise himself as an angel of light. So it is no wonder his servants can also do it by pretending to be godly ministers. In the end they will get every bit of punishment their wicked deeds deserve" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15, NLT).

### **Raising Up the Watchman Ministry**

The tide of deception is rising quickly! Many of God's people are being fooled by counterfeit manifestations of what is being called "God's glory." Therefore, it is essential to increase and establish the importance of the watchman's ministry. We must allow watchmen to rise up and do what God has ordained for them to do which is to clearly see the work of the enemy and speak according to the "Sword of the Lord" which exposes and destroys the works of darkness. The "Sword" represents the "rhema" word that aligns with the written "logos" word of God. It is the "two-edged sword" that will judge wherever defilement and deception exist that God wants to deal with (Hebrews 4:12). In other words, He appoints territorial watchmen, the same ministry Ezekiel received, to keep the body of Christ from falling into deception and ultimate destruction.

"Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, the people of the land are to take a man from their territory and make him their watchman. When he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood

shall be on his own head. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away by his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand. So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me" (Ezekiel 33:2-7, NKJV).

God is appointing watchmen in these last days to watch in this same way over His people. Any minister or ministry that does not operate as a watchman will be in grave jeopardy. They will be the most vulnerable to Satan's counterfeits because his deceptions are the earmark of the last days before the return of Jesus Christ. "But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers" (1 Peter 4:7, NKJV).

But to simply accept the watchmen's ministry is not easy for many Christians. It is often misunderstood and not popular because watchmen are called by God to look deliberately for problems. They must look especially among prideful people who prefer to hide their problems. Often, there are ministries or ministers who believe that they have such an acceptable outward image to maintain that they feel threatened by this ministry. Watchmen who see through their facades are often accused of being divisive troublemakers when they are in fact troubleshooters in God's kingdom. He makes them experts in watching for trouble and in identifying its cause and source. "Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober" (1Thessalonians 5:6, NKJV).

There are several kinds of watchman ministries. In the past, they served as apologists who argued to defend or justify something Scriptural such as doctrines. In this season, God is restoring the five-fold ministry offices of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers with the watchman's mantle.

We must heed their warnings because they will save us from the destruction that God foresees.

*“Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account” (Hebrews 13:17, NKJV).*

God calls five-fold ministers to equip the body of Christ to do the work of the ministry according to (Ephesians 4:11-12) and the watchman’s mantle or ministry as a troubleshooter is an integral part of their jobs. They are required to watch over, and thus cover, those they equip and train and be covered themselves by other watchmen who are assigned to defend them against the enemy’s attacks. Moreover, this ministry is the priestly function of waiting upon the Lord to receive prophetic revelation for a defensive strategy against enemy invasions. *“I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart and watch to see what He will say to me” (Habakkuk 2:1-3, NKJV).*

Prophetic watchmen must be in place over us if we are to experience the genuine move of God and genuine manifestations of His glory. Therefore, we must be willing to make corrections in our thinking, attitudes and behavior when watchmen bring forth revelatory truth that will keep us free from the powers of darkness.

*“We have renounced disgraceful ways - secret thoughts, feelings, desires and underhandedness, the methods and arts that men hide through shame; we refuse to deal craftily - to practice trickery and cunning or to adulterate or handle dishonestly the Word of God, but we state the truth openly [clearly and candidly]” (2 Corinthians 4:2, AMP).*

Yet there are those who will not humble themselves accordingly and confess their error. Instead, they will continue to mishandle God’s Word to justify the enemy’s deceptions which they steadfastly embrace.

### **The Scope and Magnitude of God’s Glory**

The “glory of the Lord” is a term used often by many Christians who do not understand the scope and magnitude of His true glory. The word “glory,” in the original Greek, is *doxa* (dox'-ah) and it means to render and magnify or “make very apparent” (CWSD 1391). The root word is *dokeo* (dok-eh'-o) which means to think, determine, or render an opinion or judgment (CWSD 1380). The word “glory” appears in the Scriptures as praise, reputation, honor, splendor, light, perfection and rewards, in both temporal and eternal forms. Put together, these meanings refer to God’s opinions and judgments which make something clearly apparent. In other words, the Glory of God is His revelatory light that makes all things clear as to whether something is true or false; and we are rewarded as a result of how we honor and respond to His opinions and judgments. *“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created” (Revelation 4:11, NKJV).*

In the above verse it is stated that the Lord is worthy to receive glory (*doxa*). The word “worthy” is the Greek word *axios* (ax'-ee-os) which means to bring forth what is deserving or to bring forth a reward (Strong’s 514). The word “receive” is the Greek word *lambano* (lam-ban'-o) which means *to select or choose* and the word “honor” is the Greek word (Strong’s 5092) *time* (tee-may') it means *to pay a price, wages or a reward* (CWSD 2983, 5092). This verse is literally saying that – *the Lord is worth the price we must pay when we choose to honor Him as*

Lord. As a reward for making this choice He brings forth His reward of “power”—which is the word (Strong’s 1411) *dunamis* (doo'-nam-is) meaning His *supernatural can-do-ability*.

It is interesting to note that the word “glory” *doxa* (dox'-ah) also means to “weigh” (CWSD 1391). It refers to a set of scales where weights move a beam up or draw it down to a horizontal level when the weights are equal on each side. This is a picture of judgment and justice which is a major part of all of these aspects of God’s true glory.

*“The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord or as His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice?” (Isaiah 40:5, 10, 12-14, NKJV).*

These Scriptures clearly tell us what happens when God’s true glory is in operation. His glory rewards us with His *dunamis* power, giving us the ability to bring forth His judgment, counsel and instruction in His ways of justice or righteousness. *“The glory of the Lord shall be revealed” and “His reward is with Him” (Isaiah 40:5,10, KJV)*. Therefore, His true glory will change us every time we experience a new glory encounter. *“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into*

*the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18, NKJV).*

When we come into actual contact with God’s glory, we will be changed by what He makes clear to us. His glory causes us to see clearly what His Word says when we read it because this is like looking into a mirror. His glory reflects what He wants us to see and what we see will require us to make changes that will transform and heal us. This was the case with many people who experienced His glory in their midst when it appeared in the ministry of Jesus. The Pharisees, however, feared much damage to their reputations and this fear did not allow them to receive the true glory that was in their midst. Like the Pharisees, there are many today who will not uphold the opinions and judgments of God for fear of what others in their churches could do or say.

*“But despite all the miraculous signs He had done, most of the people did not believe in Him. This is exactly what Isaiah the prophet had predicted, ‘Lord, who has believed our message? To whom will the Lord reveal His saving power?’ But the people couldn't believe, for as Isaiah also said, ‘The Lord has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts - so their eyes cannot see, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.’ Isaiah was referring to Jesus when he made this prediction, because he was given a vision of His glory. Many people, including some of the Jewish leaders, believed in him. But they wouldn't confess it to anyone because of their fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. For they loved human praise more than the praise of God” (John 12:37-43, NLT).*

When the true glory is in our midst, it blinds those who refuse to accept the truth it reveals. They may claim to believe in Jesus but they do not openly confess Him (the truth He reveals) before others because they are afraid of what would happen to themselves or to their reputations. Yet confession is how we are saved from sin, sickness and deception. Jesus said, *"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven"* (Matthew 10:32-33, NKJV).

Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me"* (John 14:6, KJV). To confess Jesus Christ means to confess or acknowledge truth from the Anointed One when He makes it apparent to us as the only way to life. Even the devil and his demons believe in God but they are void of life because they refuse to confess the truth. *"Do you still think it's enough just to believe that there is one (true) God? Well, even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror!"* (James 2:19, NLT, parenthesis mine).

The Hebrew noun for "glory" is *"kabowd"* (kaw-bode). It means *"honor, majesty, abundance and wealth"* (CWSO 3519). It is from the root verb *"kabad"* (kaw-bad) means *to make dull, weighed down, to become heavy, to harden and to multiply, weigh or estimate the value of something* (CWSO 3513). These Hebrew meanings explain why Jesus quoted from (Isaiah 6:9-10) in (John 12:40). True glory is related to "weight" which signifies influence, power or authority. People rejected the influence and authority of Jesus despite the glorious power of His many miracles, signs and wonders which He did before their eyes.

God's glory causes us to see what He wants us to see. But if we refuse to acknowledge or confess it, we will become hardened, dull and blinded by His glory! But when we accept His influence and authority, and whatever His glory reveals to

us, and we are willing to be "converted" or to change what needs to be changed, we open ourselves to His healing and deliverance power. God's glory is not just a demonstration of His supernatural miracles. Jesus did great miracles but the people who saw them still rejected the way, the truth and the life which the glory of God revealed. Therefore, they were blinded and hardened by His glory.

*"But despite all the miraculous signs He had done, most of the people did not believe in him ...'He (His glory) has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.' These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him"* (John 12:40, NKJV, parenthesis mine).

## Chapter 2

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### Biblical Principles for Experiencing God's Glory

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*(Moses) said, 'Please, show me Your glory.'  
(Exodus 33:18)*

The Holy Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, reveals various patterns and principles for all God does. I hear many people discredit a truth only because it is expressed in the Old Testament. They say, "Oh, that's the Old Testament!" But when we understand its typologies, found in Israel's history, the Old Testament reveals examples of God's continuing patterns and principles. They continue to be the access keys to the deeper truths of His ways for us today and in the future.

*"I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, what happened to our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. Now these things became our examples" (1 Corinthians 10:1,6, NKJV).*

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*"But these offer service [merely] as a pattern and as a fore-shadowing of what has its true existence and reality" (Hebrews 8:5, AMP).*

Like Moses, many people want to see or literally experience the Glory of God. But do they really understand what this means? There are many Christians who have reduced His glory to supposed manifestations of gem stones or gold dust, a sudden appearance of oil on their skin or gold fillings in people's teeth. These things actually happen in many places and I have been in meetings and saw these things for myself; and those who experienced these things claimed to have seen the glory of God. The following text reveals what God said to Moses when he asked to see His glory.

*"So the LORD said to Moses, 'I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name'...and he (Moses) said, 'Please, show me Your glory.' Then He said, 'I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.' But He said, 'You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.' And the Lord said, 'Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will take away My hand and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen" (Exodus 33:17-23, NKJV).*

Notice what God said He would do in response to Moses' request to see God's glory. These things reveal the pattern and principles for experiencing His true glory.

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## Patterns and Principles For Seeing God's Glory

- **The first pattern and principle** is revealed in what God said to Moses about His goodness. *"I will make all My goodness pass before you" (Vs. 19)*. The Hebrew word for the phrase "I will make" is *abar* and it means *to be brought into a transition* (CWSD 5674). This word speaks about making a change or shifting into another place or position. God said when His glory was revealed, there would be a transition into a place of His goodness. The Hebrew word for "goodness" is *tuwb* (toob). It speaks about the *"welfare of property and goods,"* and *"a desired state of superior quality"* (CWSD 2895). God told Moses this will take place "before you" (Vs. 19). The Hebrew word for this phrase, is *paniym* (paw-neem'), which means *before the "face" or "presence" of someone or something* (CWSD 6440). Remember what the Apostle Paul said when we behold the glory of God. There, in His presence, would be a transition or change in us. *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory (encounter) to glory (encounter), just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18, NKJV, parenthesis mine)*.

When we experience the true glory, we will be shifted into a place of superior quality and true welfare that will transform our quality of life and character. But many professing Christians are more worried about the quality of their lives than they are about the quality of their characters. Keep in mind that how we see ourselves is how we will live out our lives. We understand what it means to receive "welfare" or assistance and support from government agencies to acquire well-being, health and success. But human governments did not come up with the welfare system. God

created the ultimate welfare system and only for His people. These principles for our transformation are our keys of access to His welfare and this is what He demonstrated to Moses. What God did when He showed Moses His glory reveals how we enter into the place of receiving the superior quality of His character and welfare.

- **The second pattern and principle** is revealed in what God said to Moses about His name. *"I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you" (Exodus 33:19)*. To receive God's welfare, we must know His NAME. The Hebrew word for the phrase "I will proclaim" is *qara'* (kaw-raw'). It means *to have "a divine encounter" with the name of the Lord* (CWSD, 7121). This encounter with His name gives us access to God's glory in the form of His assistance and support so we can achieve the well-being, health and success He wants us to have.

But what does it mean to have a divine encounter with His name? The Greek word for "name" is *onoma* (on`-om-ah) and the Hebrew word is *shem* (shame) (Strong's 3686, 8034). Both words refer to *having "authority, character, reputation" or a "title" to someone's identity*. Therefore, God says that in order to claim "title" to or to experience His glory, we must have a divine encounter with His authority and character. The word "encounter" in today's terms means to oppose something or to contend against what is difficult. This is what Jacob experienced when He had his divine encounter with God's glory and the result was a change in his name. "And He said, 'Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked, saying, 'Tell me Your name, I pray.' And He said, 'Why is it that you ask about My name?' And He blessed him there" (Genesis 32:28-29, NKJV).

Those who have experienced a divine encounter with God's true glory will be like Jacob. They will wrestle with and contend against all that is contrary to and resistant to God's

authority and character. When we have an encounter with His glory, it will occur because He opens His word to us while we read and study the Scriptures. Then we can see how much we fall short of representing who He is and in doing what He has ordained for us in His kingdom. Like Jacob, we must contend with all that is in our being that opposes His will and Holy name. In other words, God's glory will cause us to want to know by experience who He really is.

When God reveals His name to us, we begin to experience all of the "titles" or names that He has because His names identify who He is. We can only know who God is by actual experience—if we as His people will spend time... *"with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord..." (2 Corinthians 3:18, KJV).*

People who do not spend quality time reflecting upon the Scriptures and allowing them to reflect upon them, are never able to recognize the true glory of God. His glory is revealed only in divine encounters with His holy Name as revealed in His Holy word.

### The Names of God

Serious students of the Word are true disciples of Jesus Christ who is the Word. Therefore, we encounter God's glory through a living relationship with the Word of God.

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God 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 1:1,14, NKJV).*

Please notice that God's glory is filled with His grace and truth. Before Moses asked to see His glory, he asked to know God's ways so he could really know Him. He said, *"Show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight" (Exodus 33:13, NKJV).* We find "the Way" to God through the Word of God. Jesus is the "the Way" to experiencing who God is (grace and truth) revealing God as our Father who is the source for all truth. Jesus said, *"He who has seen Me has seen the Father (the source for truth)" (John 14:9, NKJV, parenthesis mine).*

Again, in order to know God, we must know His names to actually experience who He is. Here are some of the names from Scripture that reveal who He is.

- JEHOVAH-JIREH: *"The Lord will Provide"* (Genesis 22:14). The Hebrew word "jireh" means "to see, provide" or "foresee" as a prophet. God always provides adequately in His timing (CWSD 3070).

- JEHOVAH-ROPHE: *"The Lord Who Heals"* (Exodus 15:22-26). The Hebrew word "rophe" means "to heal" (CWSD 7495). This implies spiritual, emotional and physical healing (Jeremiah 30:17, 3:22 and Isaiah 61:1). God heals body, soul and spirit, every level of man's being.

- JEHOVAH-NISSI: *"The Lord Our Banner"* (Exodus 17:15). "Nissi" means "God on the battlefield," to "glisten" and to "lift up a signal or standard" which implies receiving direction (Psalm 4:6, CWSD 3071).

- JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH: *"The Lord Who Sanctifies"* (Leviticus 20:8). "Kaddesh" means to

“make whole” or “set apart for holiness” (CWSD 6942).

●JEHOVAH-SHALOM: **“The Lord Our Peace”** (Judges 6:24). “Shalom” means “peace, whole, finished, fulfilled or perfected” (CWSD 3073). This word is related to “welfare” (Deuteronomy 27:6; Daniel 5:26; I Kings 9:25 and 8:61; Genesis 15:16; Exodus 21:34, 22:5-6 and Leviticus 7:11-21). “Shalom” also means peace that results from being a whole person in right relationship to God and to one's fellow man.

●JEHOVAH-RA’AH: **“The Lord our Friend”** (Strong’s 7462) ra`ah (raw-aw') (Psalms 23, 79:13, 95:7, 80:1 and 100:3; Genesis 49:24 and Isaiah 40:11).

●JEHOVAH-DIYN: **“The Lord our Judge”** “diyn” (Strong’s 1777) (Psalms 7:8 and 96:13).

●JEHOVAH-ELOHIM: **“Lord is God”** “elohiym” (Strong’s 430) (Genesis 2:4; Judges 5:3; Isaiah 17:6; Zephaniah 2:9 and Psalm 59:5).

●JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU: **“The Lord Our Righteousness”** (Jeremiah 23:5-6 and 33:16). The word “tsidek” means “straight, stiff, balanced on scales” or “full weight, justice, right, righteous, declared innocent,” and “God is our righteousness” (CWSD 3072).

●JEHOVAH-ROHI: **“The Lord Our Shepherd”** (Psalm 23). “Rohi” means “pasture” (CWSD 4999).

●JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH: **“The Lord is Here”** (Ezekiel 48:35).

●JEHOVAH-SABAOTH: **“The Lord of the Armies”** (Strong’s 6635) “tsaba” is the commander of the angelic host or the heavenly armies of God. (Isaiah 1:24; Psalm 46:7 ,11; 2 Kings 3:9-12; Jeremiah 11:20. Romans 9:29; James 5:4, Revelation 19:11-16).

### The Face of God

When Moses asked to see God’s glory, it is interesting to note that God said He would demonstrate His glory but not allow him to see His face. *“You cannot see My face; for no man shall see My face, and live” (Exodus 33:20, NKJV).*

Unregenerate man cannot see God’s face and remain unchanged. A face consists of eyes, a nose, ears and a mouth and represents an identity. The face, then, reflects what we perceive and know and how we are perceived and known. *“But then I shall know just as I also am known”(1 Corinthians 13:12, KJV).*

Seeing, discerning, and hearing what God says, which is pure truth, is not something unregenerate people can handle. To explain, fallen human nature is a sinful, shameful and guilt ridden nature. Moses represents a life of trying to please God by keeping the law but this has proven to be humanly impossible. *“For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will” (Roman 8:7, NLT).*

People in this state cannot survive the reality of experiencing God’s face. Shame and guilt would be the death of them just as it was for Adam and Eve. This is why God told Moses that He knew his name, which means He knew his

sinful nature which shaped his human character and perceptions. And this was why God told Moses that he could not see His face. So the Lord said to Moses...

*"I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name... But He said, 'You cannot see My face; for no man shall see My face, and live' (Exodus 33:17, 20, NKJV).*

Seeing His face means that we can see what God sees through His eyes. We will see people and circumstances according to His knowledge and His Word and not according to our own perceptions. The nose represents the power to discern what we see. It is the power to smell or discern what is good or bad. We may see a piece of meat, but smelling it tells us whether it will be good or bad for dinner.

The face of God also involves His mouth. He speaks to us through His Word. We may see what the Word says, but unless it speaks personally to us, we will not discern what we see. Lastly, God's face involves His ears. We must not only believe that we can hear Him speak to us, but we must believe that He listens when we talk to Him. In our fallen human nature, we are not convinced that God is willing to listen to us because guilt and shame convince us otherwise. Therefore, God knew that if Moses, who was meek and humble with a tender conscience, was made to face what was within himself by seeing God's face he would not survive this experience. Now, we as born again regenerated people, can handle looking into His mirror to see what He reflects on us. When we look into the mirror of His Word, we will hear what He speaks, see what He sees and discern what He discerns with the help of His grace.

However, if we deny the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are important aspects of God's grace, what we receive will not

be altogether clear because we must still contend with our corrupted human nature that has the ability to darken or cloud our perception causing us look into a dark clouded mirror instead of a clear one. But a day is coming when, in the end, we will be completely glorified and able to see perfectly.

*"Now we know only a little, and even the gift of prophecy reveals little! But when the end comes, these special gifts will all disappear. Now we see things imperfectly as in a dark mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God knows me now" (1 Corinthians 13:9-10, 12, NLT).*

A time is coming when we will experience a final separation from our cursed fallen human nature. We will receive our glorified bodies and be changed in the twinkling of an eye at the time of our translation. It will be...

*"in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption (1 Corinthians 15:52-53, NKJV).*

*"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17, NKJV).*

*"And if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together" (Romans 8:17, NKJV).*

*“Our earthly bodies, which die and decay, will be different when they are resurrected, for they will never die... Our bodies now disappoint us, but when they are raised, they will be full of glory. They are weak now, but when they are raised, they will be full of power... They are natural human bodies now, but when they are raised, they will be spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, so also there are spiritual bodies” (1 Corinthians 15:42-44, NLT).*

If we remain faithful to the truth God shows us, we will then see Him face to face. There will be no more curses to shade our perception because we will have His name on our foreheads. This symbolizes having a clear mind about who God is.

*“And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him and they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads” (Revelation 22:3-4, NKJV).*

How God dealt with Moses allows us to see the necessary pattern and principles for our transition through His regeneration process. Because Moses was an unregenerate human, God told him what He would do so he could live and not die when His glory passed by. Every time God wants to regenerate an area in our lives, which death has invaded, we must go through this pattern which He established so we can have life in that area. This pattern, when we first embrace it, births us into the Kingdom of God. But regeneration is not a onetime event! We need to have God’s glory judge every area of darkness in our lives so He can repeatedly generate His light and life whenever it is made known to us.

## **Pattern and Principles for the Regeneration Transition**

In (Exodus 33:21-23) the principles and pattern for His judgment that transitions us in the regeneration process is revealed. He shows us the places, in which a transition needs to occur.

### **God Shows Us a Place**

*“And the Lord said, ‘Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock” (Vs. 21).*

The word “place” is the Hebrew word maquom (maw-kome`) (Strong’s 4725) which refers to a condition of mind or body, this means God shows us the places, or conditions of our body or mind, that we need to see. When we draw near to God, or position ourselves near to Him, He makes clear to us a condition within our bodies or minds that sin has invaded and affected. Sin literally means “to miss the mark” (Strong’s 266) and we all have areas that need to be realigned because of sin. After seeing the area God wants to bring into alignment, we must rightly position ourselves by standing on the “rock,” which represents the solid foundation of truth. Here is where any error requires a change of mind on our part. We must confess that we have been wrong and make it right by aligning ourselves with Jesus Christ. We must allow Him to be the Lord of Lords who rules our life through the truth. *“And His name is called The Word of God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords” ( Revelation 19:13-16, NKJV).*

In the Old Testament, Jesus Christ is called the “Lord our God” – He is our Rock. *“For I proclaim the name of the Lord: Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is*

*perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He" (Deuteronomy 32:3-4, NKJV).*

Aligning ourselves to the truth brings us into an especially close position right next to God. He said to Moses, "*Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock" (Exodus 33:21).* Aligning ourselves with the truth allows us to make this transition.

### **The Place for Transition**

*"While My glory passes by, I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by" (Exodus 33:22).*

As stated previously, God's glory shifts us into a place of transition. The phrase "pass by," is mentioned twice in what God said to Moses, this means this is an important point. The Hebrew word to "pass by" is *abar* and it means *to cross over or to be in transition to another place* (CWSD 5674). We should always be going to new places in God. He is telling us that He will put us in the cleft of the rock and cover us with His hand while we are brought through this transition. In other words, God said He would put us in this place. The word "put" is the Hebrew word *suwm* (soom) which is also translated as "determine", "tell" and "change" which means God will determine, tell us and change what the cleft is in our life. The root Hebrew word for "cleft" is *naqar* (naw-kar`) and it means "a fissure" – *it refers to afflictions and pain that cut into a person* (CWSD, 5366). A fissure signifies a developmental flaw that causes splits, division or breaks, which all of us have in our lives, that needs repair and further development. These underdeveloped areas that cause pain in our lives are used by

the enemy to bring broken relationships and division in the body of Christ.

Once we are willing to acknowledge this and stand for the truth, we are then rightly positioned on the Rock. God then determines what the area of pain and affliction is and tells us about the imperfection (sin) that is causing it. "*He is the Rock, His work is perfect (a perfecting work); for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He" (Deuteronomy 32:4, NKJV, parenthesis mine).*

Once His glory makes the "cleft" in our life clearly apparent, we must make the decision to allow His hand to cover us. The word "my hand" in Exodus 33:22, or *kaph* (kaf) in Hebrew, refers to "power" (CWSD 3709). The root word *kaphaph* (kaw-faf`) implies humbling oneself or to "bend down in defeat" (CWSD 3721). Thus once God exposes a flaw, which is an imperfection and pain, our immediate human reaction is to cover it up or defend ourselves through pride. Therefore, the power of God that comes from receiving His glory, will give us the ability to bend submissively in defeat and humble ourselves under His mighty hand. Real humility is a fruit of God's Spirit that is produced by our willingness to be honest, teachable and totally dependent upon God. Therefore, real humility is our protective covering.

The nation of Israel took forty years to make the transition into the new place called Canaan. The word "Canaan" literally means to "subdue" or "humiliate" (CWSD 3667). Thus a transition from God is a time of going to the place where we can get over or subdue what has hurt or humiliated us – by being honest, teachable and totally dependent upon Him. It took Israel forty years to deal with the pain they experienced in Egypt and their reluctance caused them to be rebellious and prideful. These same principles hold true for us. We, like

rebellious Israel, need the hand (power) of God to bring us to a place of humility (Canaan).

*“And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know (make clear) what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you...”(Deuteronomy 8:2-3, NKJV, parenthesis mine).*

### Seeing God’s Back

After we are willing to be humbled, by becoming honest, teachable and totally dependant upon God, He says *“...then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back” (Exodus 33:23, NKJV)*. The word *kaphaph*, defined previously as the root word for “hand,” also means power to *“oppress, depress or defeat”* (CWSD 3709). When we are humbled before God, He takes away depression and oppression. Once we are humbled and freed of what oppresses us, He will cause us to see His back. The word “back,” or *achowr* (aw-khore`) in Hebrew, it means “hereafter” referring to the “future” (CWSD 268). When we live in a depressed state, we lose all hope for our future but God has plans for the future of His people. *“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11, NLT)*

We cannot make the transition into the future God has planned for us unless we can see God’s “face.” However, God told Moses *“...no man shall see My face and live” (Exodus 33:20)*. Therefore God’s place of transition requires death to

the flesh, so He can transition us into our future through “life” in our spirit. When we experience the true glory of God our flesh will suffer and die, then our spirit can be “quickened” with life from God. It is only then that we can see God’s face (discern—hear—speak) His words of life. *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes... has passed from death into life (John 5:24) NKJV.*

## Chapter 3

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### True Manifestations of God's Glory

*Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you (Isaiah 60:1, NKJV).*

We see then, according to the Word, what happens when God's glory shows up. His people experience true revival because of His judgment! His glory brings a revival that will transition them rightly before Him and transform their lives. In other words, a true glory revival is not simply a sensational performance of manifesting miraculous things but a work of God that saves, heals and restores people "...with all might, according to His glorious power...

*He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated (transitioned) us into the kingdom of the Son of His love in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:11-14, NKJV, parenthesis mine).*

*"For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones' (Isaiah 57:15, NKJV).*

The Hebrew word for "revive" is *chayah* (khaw-yaw` ). It means to "recover, repair, restore (to life) and make whole" (CWSD 2421). God's glory, which brings true revival into a person's life, church or even into a community, depends on being humbled and made contrite. Therefore, proud people, who will not allow the conviction of sin to awaken their conscience into conscious awareness, will not experience true revival because it confronts sin. Having a "sin consciousness" is not well received by many in the body of Christ today. In fact, I have personally heard teaching against it in many churches. But if sin is not confessed it cannot be forgiven. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9, KJV).*

### Sin Defined

Often professing Christians don't have a full understanding of sin, therefore it is necessary to explain its literal meanings—because sin hinders us from discerning and receiving God's true glory. "Sin" in the original Greek is *hamartano* (ham-ar-tan`-o). It means to *miss the mark and not share in the prize* (Strong's 264). The Hebrew for sin is *chata* (kaw-ataw`) and it *means to fail in any task, endeavor or goal* (CWSD, 2398). The basic meaning for sin, then, is to fail in our endeavor to reach the goal of maintaining God's standard for what He says is right. The Bible is clear about those who do

what is right or righteous. They are rewarded with a prize and I believe our greatest prize is our freedom from the wages of sin. The remaining definitions for the word *chata* reveal much more about the wages of sin. This word also means (Strong's, 2398):

- to be condemned
- to bear the blame for wrong doing
- to be offended or to offend
- to lack much
- to be lead astray
- to be in error
- to experience loss or forfeit
- to harm or be harmed

Thus through sin we can be led easily astray into error and suffer great loss and harm. The children of Israel could not stand to look upon the glory that was upon the face of Moses, which was the result of his spending time in God's presence. Their sinful idolatrous hearts kept them from allowing the glory of God to shine upon them. Moses had to finally cover his face to keep God's glory from them. *So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him...And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face (Ex 34:30, NKJV).*

Through sin we forfeit the blessing of experiencing God's glory which means we will be deprived of or give up the right to His blessings and become subject to seizure (or curse by the enemy). When we miss the mark by any of these ways of sin and do not confess these as sin, the result is we will reap the awful wages of sin which means separation from the presence of God (the light of His glory), which is spiritual

darkness or death. *"For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23, KJV).*

Since sin always has consequential "wages," we must confess it any time God's glory makes sin apparent to us, so we can apply the cleansing blood of Jesus. It takes a contrite heart to be honest and confess our sin. Proud people who are not contrite about sin issues will not look at sin through the eyes of truth. Instead, pride causes them to re-define, excuse, justify, or blame their sin on others or simply ignore sin issues altogether. This is how proud people set themselves up for strong delusion...

*"And for this reason God will send them strong delusion that they should believe the lie that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12, NKJV).*

When sin is not being repented of true revival from God is needed. A true revival is a time of experiencing God's glory in the form of His refining fire! His true glory, which brings this revival, is symbolized in the Scriptures by fire. *"The awesome glory of the Lord on the mountaintop looked like a devouring fire" (Exodus 24:17, NKJV).*

When God's true glory is present, holy fire will burn to enlighten and thereby expose the darkness in order to give people an opportunity for true repentance. God's Glory will make very apparent or expose error, wrong attitudes and behaviors that grieve His heart. In other words, when God's glory shows up, sin will be the *target* *"For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God" (Deuteronomy 4:24, NKJV).*

## True Revival

Many of God's people need to be revived if they are going to establish His kingdom through the work of the ministry—they must be revived! Because of how the word "revived" is defined, this means God's glory will cause them to be:

• **Activated or set in motion.** This is done by the "...equipping of the saints for the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:12, NKJV). The saints of God must be equipped and activated in all of their gifts and callings so they can set in motion their God ordained ministry.

• **Taken up again.** Many professing Christians have laid down the cross of Christ and taken up other things. Jesus said that we must deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. True revival will cause a backslider to take up the cross of Christ again. *"Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'If any of you wants to be My follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow Me'"* (Matthew 16:24, NLT):

• **Restored to life or consciousness.** Many Christians are spiritually unconscious. They are totally unaware of what is happening in and around them. They have fallen asleep and need to hear God's call to wake up. *"Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light"* (Ephesians 5:14, NKJV):

• **Made operative or valid again.** Many professing Christians are not operating in the power and authority of God because they no longer regard His Word as the only valid

standard in their lives. Thus the two-edged sword of the Spirit needs to become operative. *"For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life [soul] and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart"* (Hebrews 4:12, AMP):

• **Quickened and renewed in the mind.** God tells us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. His true glory transforms our minds. In other words, God says He will visit us and crown us with His glory. One of the meanings for the word "visit" literally means "to inspect and relieve" (Strong's 1980). A crown worn on the head signifies our minds being revived and relieved by the glory of God's judgment. It makes His revelation of truth clearly apparent so we can repent and find freedom from our anxiety, fear and pain. In addition, His true glory revives and relieves us with the power to walk in the authority His glory gives us. "What is man, that You are mindful of him? or the son of man, that You visit him? You made him a little lower than the angels; You crown him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands" and *"You have put all things in subjection under his feet"* (Hebrews 2:6-8, NKJV).

All of these definitions about revival are the fruit of true revival, one which is caused by God's true glory. Therefore, true salvation is the result of His true glory!

*"Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your mercy, Lord, and grant us Your salvation. I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly...surely His salvation is near"*

*to those who fear Him, when that glory dwells in our land” (Psalm 85:6-9, NKJV).*

A true revival has only one purpose – to bring people back to God! Some believe a revival is meant to revive past moves of God because genuine revivals of the past preached the true Gospel to many lost souls. God wants sinners, whether they are in the church or out of it, to be saved by warning them of their impending judgment. Thus the only way we can transform a community is to transform the people who live in it by preaching the Gospel and repentance. This moves them to change how they think and ultimately change how they live and do business in their community. God can and does use His supernatural power to get the attention of sinners. He can and does heal unrepentant sinners as He did in the past and still does today. However, Jesus said the only sign a person is in need of, whose sin is not repented of, is the sign of Jonah. *“An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah” (Matthew 12:39, NKJV).*

The message God gave to the prophet Jonah was one of impending destruction. Jonah himself had just undergone a time of judgment because he refused to obey the Lord’s Word to preach this message. He spent three days and three nights in the belly of the whale as judgment from God until he repented. Jonah said:

*“I turned my thoughts once more to the Lord. And my earnest prayer went out to you in your holy Temple. Those who worship false gods turn their backs on all God’s mercies. But I will offer sacrifices to you with songs of praise, and I will fulfill all my vows. For my salvation comes from the Lord alone.” Then the Lord ordered the*

*fish to spit up Jonah on the beach, and it did” (Jonah 2:7-10, NLT).*

Jonah repented and went thereafter to Nineveh as God told him, to proclaim His impending judgment upon the sinful people of that city. When they heard this message, the fear of God fell upon them. Then they repented and experienced His mercy.

*“When the king of Nineveh heard what Jonah was saying, he stepped down from his throne and took off his royal robes. He dressed himself in sackcloth and sat on a heap of ashes. When God saw that they had put a stop to their evil ways, he had mercy on them and didn’t carry out the destruction he had threatened” (Jonah 3:6,10, NLT).*

It is time for professing believers, who call themselves kings and priests unto God, to take off their royal robes and allow God to examine their real heart motives. Do they only want to see God’s glory and power demonstrated through signs and wonders without preaching repentance? If they do not allow His examination, they too will offer Him strange fire. God’s true fire came forth, when Elijah prayed for it, as a supernatural demonstration of His all-consuming holiness that caused rebellious idol worshippers to give honor to God.

*“Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, ‘The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!’ (1 Kings 18:38-39, NKJV).*

## Chapter 4

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### Keys for Releasing God's Glory

*When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.... And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house... When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever"... Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD (2 Chronicles 7:1-4 NKJV).*

The Word of God makes clear the fact that God's glory will manifest through His judgments, thus rewarding those who embrace what His glory makes very apparent, with great blessings—such as revival and restoration (demonstrating God's goodness); or rewarding those who refuse to embrace what His glory reveals—with punishment (demonstrating His

severity). In either case, whether it be through His "goodness" or "severity"—who God is and His sovereign authority become very apparent.

God's word also states that His glory is to be made known to all people in every nation, thereby covering the earth (Ps 72:19; 96:3). The way God intends for this to happen is for His glory to be seen in His Temple. Many people read the account of the dedication of Solomon's temple and long to see a similar manifestation of God's glory cloud. The account of the dedication of Solomon's temple is filled with wonderful typology that gives us awesome revelation concerning the "glory of God." This account holds two important keys concerning God's glory.

### Key #1 – The Temple

Why was building a temple so important to God? Again, we must remember everything God did in the Old Testament was foreshadowing what He revealed to us in the New Testament. This is why it so important to understand Biblical typology. The temple that Solomon built represents a resting place for God's presence, which caused that temple to be filled with His glory. In the New Testament we are told that we are the temple that God wants to build so His glory can fill it. *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you (1 Corinthians 3:16, NKJV).*

Every born again follower of Jesus Christ is a dwelling place (temple) for God and collectively we make up the "temple of God" as a whole. Jesus, who is a descendent of David and Solomon, said He would build God's temple (the Church). *I will build My church... (Matthew 16:18, NKJV).*

God spoke this to King David, when he wanted to build a temple for God...

*I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom... He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever (2 Samuel 7:12-13, NKJV).*

David was given this promise because he was told he would not be allowed to build a temple for God; the task of building the temple would be given to his seed. The seed mentioned in the above text has a twofold meaning. It not only refers to David's son Solomon, but to Jesus Christ who is also from the lineage of David. David and his son Solomon were both from the tribe of Judah, and so is Jesus. When you study the twelve tribes, you will find that the tribe of Judah has a two-fold ministry. One aspect of this tribe's ministry is that of praise and worship and the other is that of warfare. The Hebrew word for "Judah" is *yadah* (yaw-daw') which means to extend the hands for the purpose of celebration (praise) and worship, it also means to extend the hands for the purpose of shooting an arrow or throwing stones i.e. warfare (Strong's 3034).

David was called by God to be a warrior who would shed much blood in order to establish the kingdom in which the temple would be built. His son Solomon, who was the builder of the temple, was a man of peace. Unlike his father David, there were no wars or bloodshed during his reign. The ministry of Jesus is represented by both of these men. Jesus came to wage war against an enemy who has held mankind captive since the garden of Eden. He defeated His enemy Satan by the shedding of blood, so He could establish His kingdom within those who choose to follow Him (LK 17:21). He now reigns as the "Prince of Peace" in those who embrace

His Gospel of Peace. *"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:15, NKJV).*

So now in this present time the "Prince of Peace" reigns in us who are followers of Christ—for we are His temple. At His second advent however, Jesus is coming back as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" to do final battle with his enemies, so he can reign as the "Prince of Peace" over the whole earth. When He returns to earth, there will be much bloodshed, in order for true peace on earth to become a reality. This time however, it won't be His blood that will be shed to establish His eternal Kingdom upon the earth.

*He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ... And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses... And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS... And they (His enemies) were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh (Revelation 19:13-21, NKJV, parenthesis mine).*

The temple (Church—Bride) of Christ was founded by the shed blood of Jesus Christ upon the cross of Calvary, and His bride will be His crowning glory when He returns to dwell in His earthly eternal kingdom.

*Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband... And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle (temple) of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be*

*their God... And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy City the New Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God...having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone... But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple... The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light (Revelation 21:2-3, 10-11, 22-23, NKJV).*

According to this text we find that in the heavenly City of New Jerusalem, which descends to earth, there is no temple. Why is this? It is because the two names of Jesus as God are revealed as the “temple” that abides – with men upon the earth (vs.22). The first name of Jesus as God is the “Lord God Almighty” known as (Strong’s 410, 7706) *el Shadday* (ale shad-dah'-ee). This is the Old Testament name given to Jesus, who appeared to many and was referred to as the “Lord.” The second name of Jesus is that of the “Lamb of God.” We are also God’s “Lambs” –the “sheep” of His pasture, which willingly become His “living sacrifices.” If Christ lives in us and we are one with Him, we as vessels that contain the Spirit of God Almighty become the temple which dwells among mankind. This means God’s glory dwells in us, within our “sanctuary” (spirit) ... *I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory (Psalm 63:2, NKJV)*. We are vessels of honor which contain and reflect God’s glory in the earth. Jesus said we are His shining lights of glory in this dark world of sin... *"You (disciples) are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14 NKJV, parenthesis mine).*

In the Old Testament temple, every aspect represented our Lord God Almighty who is Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

Yes, every piece of furnishing, right down to the very pegs, pins and boards, which were found in the Old Testament tabernacle, in some way depicts our Lord and Savior Jesus! It would benefit every believer greatly to do a typology study on the tabernacle, it is one of the most revealing studies concerning Jesus Christ and His connection to us—God’s “temple.”

Our temple is God’s resting place and the Bible tells us that his throne is found in heaven but His footstool is in the earth... Thus says the LORD: *"Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? (Isaiah 66:1, NKJV).*

God’s throne represents the spiritual realm from where His authority and power originate. If we want to experience the power and authority (glory) of God, it cannot in any way come into our lives through any effort or abilities that we might possess (Zechariah 4:6). In order to receive God’s power and authority in our lives, we must live our lives in the spirit and not the flesh, because flesh and glory are opposed to each other. *"...no flesh should glory in His presence " (1 Corinthians 1:29, NKJV)*. Therefore, it is only through the spirit that we can come before God’s throne and receive His grace (power, anointing and gifts) which are manifestations of His glory (Hebrews 4:16).

Heaven is where God’s throne is (the origin of His glory), but earth is His footstool. The “footstool” of God represents God’s resting place for His glory. The phrase place of rest used in (Isa 66:1) is the Hebrew word (Strong’s 4496) *menuwachah* (men-oo-khaw'), which refers to peace, comfort and trust. Our “temple” is the resting place or the place where God’s peace and comfort reside because of our trust in Him. This means we become vessels (of honor) that contain God’s glory, just as the temple or tabernacle in the Old Testament, contained the “ark” which represented the resting place for

God's glory. Therefore, we who dwell or "live and move and have our being" in the spirit and not the flesh, will tap into the source of God's glory and through true worship we will enter into God's place of peace, comfort and trust, so God's glory can be released through us. *Let us go into His tabernacle (temple); Let us worship at His footstool... Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength... sons also shall sit upon (dwell at) your throne forevermore" ((Psalm 132:7-12, NKJV).*

### Key #2 – True Worshipers

There have been numerous sermons preached on the subject of how worship will bring a manifestation of God's glory. Therefore many Christians believe that if they can produce the right kind of a worship service, where the music and singing move people with great emotion—creating just the right "atmosphere"... then they can expect to see the manifestation of God's glory!

This kind of thinking infers that God's glory is dependent upon some sort of emotional or soulful worship experience. I have been in countless "worship services" that have worked up the people into various emotional states, in which a lot of weird—ugly and silly behavior has manifested—and this was usually proclaimed to be "blessings" of God's "glory falling" upon the people. When people try to worship God through their soul and not the spirit, they are unable to discern true worship from false worship and false manifestations of glory from God's genuine glory. God's true glory makes very apparent or clear to us—what is true and what is false. Soulful worship will not allow truth to be the standard for discerning true worship from false worship. "Soulful" worship opens the doors for all kinds of

demonic spirits and deceptions that are able to work through the "flesh" and "souls" of people. God is SPIRIT not a flesh or soulful being. Far too many people try to "serve" God through their flesh and try to "know" God and communicate with Him through their soul (human reasoning and emotions). Those who do so—do not really KNOW God, and are not "true worshipers" of Him.

*You worship what you do not know... But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him... God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth"(John 4:22-24, NKJV, emphasis mine.)*

When you read the entire account and context of the dedication of Solomon's temple you will find that the glory of God did not fill the temple until certain things had first taken place.

*And the Levites who were the singers, all those ...clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets – indeed it came to pass, when 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 music, and praised the LORD... the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God (2 Chronicles 5:12-13, NKJV).*

### “3” Keys for Worship That Release God’s Glory

The kind of worship that allowed God’s glory to fill His temple was preceded by three important keys which are mentioned in the above text.

- **Key#1 – The singers and players were “Levites”...** (vs. 12) – who had “white linen robes.” This represents true saints of God who are sanctified priests unto God. In other words, those who sing or play on instruments do so as a priestly ministry in order to give honor unto their God (and not receive honor, fame or fortune for themselves).

Far too many professing Christians who live careless, carnal and self-centered lives, imagine themselves to be genuine “worshippers” simply because they enjoy singing or playing on their instruments. They think because their emotions are affected or they seem to achieve a place of “ecstasy” during a “worship service” they are truly worshipping God! Likewise, there are those who believe themselves to be true worshippers because they have a “music ministry” or because they are part of a “worship team” that uses their talents and abilities to stir the emotions of others.

As believers we are called to be “KINGS and PRIESTS” unto God. True worship, that glorifies God and fills us (His temple) with His glory, is the result of a genuine “priestly” ministry. Therefore when a true believer worships God through singing or playing on instruments, it has nothing to do with making themselves or others “feel” good, or feel “close to God.” True worship is not about trying to achieve an emotional response in ourselves or in others. When this is the case our “worship” is “carnal” (soulish and fleshly) and God is not being honored by this. We are called to give a “sacrifice of praise” – which means we must sacrifice all of our carnal

notions, emotions and motives when it comes to worshipping God. I am not saying that true worship is void of emotions or feelings. I am saying that true worship does not use human emotions or physical sensations as a gauge for detecting God’s glory. The power and authority of God (His glory) are not based upon “feelings” (physical or emotional) but upon what God has clearly made known to us through discernment in our spirit. There are many times when I don’t “feel” very spiritual or “feel” the presence of God – but despite this His glory will illuminate my spirit with awesome insights and revelation.

The literal meanings for the word worship in the Hebrew and Greek gives us a picture of what true worship is all about. Because there are too many words in the original languages for “worship” to be examine here, only some of the main words for worship will be looked at. In a nutshell the meanings to these words either express acts of service for God or attitudes that glorify Him. For instance, one Greek word for worship is (Strong’s 4352) *proskuneo* (pros-koo-neh'-o), which essentially means to adore. When we ADORE someone, this means we have an attitude of utmost esteem and honor for them. The one we adore will become the total focus of our attention. An attitude of adoration will be the motivation for acts of service that will honor and please the one who is adored. To be a true worshiper of God then means we cannot live self-centered lives that revolve around our pleasure and satisfaction, especially when it comes to how we “worship” God.

Worship is also defined as service or ministry by the Greek word (Strong’s 3008) *leitourgeo* (li-toorg-eh'-o). Worship or adoration that demonstrates the depth, intensity and genuineness of our love and admiration for God will result in the desire to serve Him. Some of the various ways that the word worship is defined as acts of service include:

- Prayers of petition and intercession (OT Strong's 6279 *athar*)
- To serve in public functions that are religious and charitable (NT Strong's 3008 *leitourgeo*)
- To seek and search something out through prayer i.e. communion with God (OT Strong's 1245 *baqash*)
- To grieve—be pained or made sorry (OT Strong's 6087 *atsab*)
- To bring forth Glory—praise—worship (NT 1380 *doxa*)
- Voluntary piety—godliness—devoutness i.e. worship that is a lifestyle of voluntarily abstaining from anything contrary to God's holy nature as an act of honoring and pleasing God (NT 1479 *ethelothreskeia*)
- Singing and playing on instruments (NT Strong's 5567 *psallo* and OT 8426 *towdah*—singing songs of thanksgiving—praise—confession).

These are only some of the words used for worship that express acts of worship or service that glorify God. There is one word that is translated worship which bears taking a closer look at. It is the Hebrew word (Strong's 7812) *shachah* (shaw-khaw'), which not only means to adore but refers to respectful obedience and submission. This word reveals to us that true worshipers will have no problem obeying God when they sincerely adore Him. If we truly adore God, we will honor Him and gladly obey and submit to Him and His word. True worshipers will not compromise God's standard in anyway, because of their adoration for Him they will not want to dishonor or disrespect Him. If we say we love and adore God—our life and lifestyles will truly reflect our love and bring him glory and honor in everything we say and do. In other words our love for God will reflect His character in how

we live out our lives before Him and others and this will be demonstrated by how we serve Him by serving others.

There is one last word for worship that is crucial to understand because it reveals why we ADORE God and desire to forsake all to SERVE Him. It is the Greek word *eucharistia* (yoo-khar-is-tee'-ah) which refers to one's THANKFULNESS and GRATITUDE that results in true worship of God. This is where we get the English word Eucharist which refers to the sacrament of Holy Communion. This Greek word is a compound word that comes from the words (Strong's 2095) eu—which means something good, beneficial and refers to benevolence and the word (Strong's 5483) *charizomai* (khar-id'-zom-ahee); which refers to being granted a favor, such as a pardon—rescue—forgiveness or freedom and gifts.

The sacrament of communion which represents the sacrificial atoning blood and body of Jesus indeed depicts the meanings for this word. Partaking of communion is an act of worship, that should cause great gratitude to rise up within us every time we partake of the bread and the wine, which represent the elements that granted us our freedom and forgiveness from sin.

When we have seen and been honest about how “exceedingly sinful” our sin is—we will know without any doubt that we deserve hell as our punishment, just as God's righteous law demands. We in this condition who hear and embrace the “good news” of the Gospel of Jesus Christ—will also truly understand how GREAT the favor is that God has granted to us! If we have truly experienced the reality of being granted God's forgiveness this should make us the most grateful person on the planet! After all, we have received His pardon, freeing us from our eternal death sentence in hell! The realization of all of this should make us genuinely grateful and thankful to God for His great mercy and goodness to us!

If, for whatever reason, God's mercy and goodness are not a living reality in our life, we will not have the heart of a true worshiper—who can't help but express great thankfulness and gratitude towards God. We may "say" with our mouth that we love God and are "thankful" to Him, but if we don't "experience" the reality of our sin and being pardoned by God, we are just mouthing empty words and going through the motions of trying to worship and serve God through our flesh and soul—thus His glory is not a reality in our life; because "reality" is spiritually revealed truth. The Lord says: *"These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men (flesh-soul) (Isaiah 29:13, NIV).*

A heart of gratitude allows us to enter into His glorious presence as true worshipers in His temple. If this aspect of gratitude as worship is missing, we can never be the true worshipers God is seeking—those who really KNOW HIM (who have experienced His love and mercy) and truly worship Him "in spirit and in truth." Know that the LORD, He is God (God is love); It is He who has made us (His born again children), and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture...

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations (Psalm 100:3-5, NKJV, parenthesis mine).*

The second thing that needed to be in place to prepare for God's Glory was:

- **Key #2—the "trumpeters" and "singers" must be as one...** (2 Chronicles 5:12). The "priestly" worship ministry is comprised of singers and trumpeters. These represent two aspects of true worship that glorifies God as worship. True worship will make clear and make known what is revealed by God through His singers and trumpeters.

**+Singers**—The Hebrew word is (Strong's 7789) *shuwr* (shoor), in its root form refers to—*beholding – observing – regarding and to taking a journey—with reference to a "high place."* True worshipers who sing unto the Lord (no matter how little or much talent is involved). Those who sing through being moved by God's Spirit—are worshipping from a "high place" ... a place that is not in the "natural realm"—their worship through singing is of the spirit—not of the soul or flesh. They have their eyes opened to behold that which is of from the spirit of God. The New Testament refers to singing spiritual songs (Col 3:16, Eph 5:19). True worshipers sing spiritual songs, which means they sing anointed words of wisdom that teach, correct and encourage themselves and others and this kind of singing will glorify (honor and make known) God and His will and ways.

**+Trumpeters**—The Hebrew word is (Strong's OT:2690) *chatsar* (khaw-tsar') which means—*to announce – draw people together.* Trumpeters bring forth a priestly message from God that will draw people into true worship. The word they bring will glorify—illuminate, or make known God and His will and ways. This means that the "trumpeting" of God's message, if heard and heeded will release God's glory and "fill the temple" of His true worshipers.

The third key needed to release the manifestation of God's glory was:

- **Key #3—one sound heard in praising and thanking the LORD...** In (2 Chronicles 5:13) it states that there was “one sound” coming from the priestly ministry (singers and trumpeters). That sound was the sound of “unity” among the true worshipers and this results in praising, which is the Hebrew word (Strong's 1984) *halal* (haw-lal'). This word means to *celebrate – to bring forth light and glory*. It is interesting that the word thanking is the same word translated “Judah” (Strong's 3034) *yadah* (yaw-daw') which as previously stated means—to *extend the hands in worship*. The kind of worship that this word emphasizes is that of thanksgiving.

Celebrating with a heart of true thanksgiving will bring forth God's glory in our temple. As previously mentioned, without a heart of thanksgiving and gratitude towards God, we will not be true worshipers who live to honor God with our whole being. Those who “know God” are those who have experienced His glory—for God have made Himself and His ways *very apparent* to them. Yet there are those to whom God has revealed His will and ways but they refuse to honor Him (or honor what He makes known to them). Rather they change God's glory into something false—something more to their own liking. They make God into their own image, instead of receiving, honoring and thanking Him for who He really is, and what He has revealed to them. Those in this place become candidates for grave deception.

*...although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened... Professing to be wise, they*

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*became fools... and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an (false) image made like corruptible man... (Romans 1:21-23, NKJV).*

### **Preparing for the Release of God's Glory**

Solomon finished the Temple during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles (2 Chronicles 5:1-3). This is significant because this was the final feast of the Jewish year which took place in the seventh month. The number seven represents completion. As previously stated, Solomon's name means peace, therefore the completion of the temple represents what Jesus, the Prince of Peace, said as His final words before dying on the cross—“It is finished!” (John 19:30). The finished work of our “Prince of Peace” furnished all that was needed for His “temple” (church) on earth.

Great detail is given concerning all the “furnishings” that were put in place in Solomon's temple, and these furnishings all represent the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Jesus furnished all that was needed so His “temple” or His Bride—the church would be thoroughly equipped for its mission and ministry. Again, Jesus told us “*He would build His church.*”

*Every house is built and furnished by someone, but the Builder of all things and the Furnisher of the entire equipment of all things is God (Hebrews 3:4, AMP).*

He bestowed gifts on men... His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), that they should do the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church)... *That it might develop until we all attain oneness... (Eph 4:8, 12-13, AMP).*

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Solomon, like his father David, stood in the position of a “King and Priest.” Solomon prayed a priestly prayer of intercession and offered up sacrifices for the sins of God’s people at the dedication of the temple unto God. This too is representative of Jesus our “High Priest” who intercedes on behalf of His people who have dedicated their temples unto Him. *Therefore He (Jesus) is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25, NKJV).*

What is so striking about the account of the dedication of Solomon’s temple is the parallel between that event and what happened in the “upper room” on the day of Pentecost when the Church was “birthed.” We are told that after Solomon prayed and interceded for the people the fire of God came down... *When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple... (2 Chronicles 7:1-3, NKJV).*

Please remember that in this temple ceremony described in (2 Chronicles 5:2), the one hundred twenty trumpeters were one with the singers (representing true worshipers). This is significant because astonishingly enough, there were also one hundred twenty followers of Jesus who had gathered in one accord in the upper room!

*These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers...And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty)...(Acts 1:14-15, NKJV).*

The one hundred twenty in the upper room who were in one accord were worshiping God through prayer and

supplication when the fire of God fell upon them, just as it had fallen during the time of Solomon’s temple ceremony. The release of God’s fire upon those in the upper room is associated with the sound (of glory) which can only be heard in the realm of the spirit—the same sound came forth as a result of the unity in the spirit that was present in Solomon’s ceremony *...the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD (true spiritual worship)... (2 Chronicles 5:13, NKJV, parenthesis mine).*

The fire of God represents the sanctifying power of God’s glory that must be a reality in our lives if we want the glory of God to be seen in us.

*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it (the sound of God’s glory in the form of His Holy Spirit) filled the whole house where they were sitting... Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them... And (then) they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:2-4, NKJV).*

Here we see that a “sound” came forth. The word sound is the Greek word (Strong’s 2279) *echos* (ay'-khos), from which we get our word “echo.” An echo is produced as a reflection from something. Therefore, the sound was a reflection of God’s glory that manifested as a “*mighty—rushing—wind.*” In their Greek meanings these words tell us that the Holy Spirit brought forth an energizing force (Strong’s 5342, 972, 4157). This energizing force from the Holy Spirit produced the “*tongues of fire.*”

This fire of God represents the believer’s sanctified tongue. The Bible tells us that the tongue controls our entire being and affects the course of our natural life. If our “tongue”

is sanctified, from it will come forth the wisdom of God; otherwise it will bring forth fire from hell which brings cursing and destruction. The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell... *But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. (James 3:6, 8, NKJV).*

*Every true worshiper must receive this fire of God, if they are to fulfill their priestly ministry of being God's trumpeters (proclaimers—announcers) of the Gospel of salvation... "For everyone will be seasoned with fire... (Mark 9:49, NKJV).*

After the fire fell upon the "temple" of the one hundred and twenty in the upper room—the glory (God's Holy Spirit) then filled their temple. The fire of God not only brought forth a sanctified tongue it also cleansed them of all fear and doubt, so that when the "glory" of God's Holy Spirit filled their temple...their mission of proclaiming (trumpeting) Jesus Christ and His Gospel became very apparent. Thus the glory of God sent them out among the people. In other words the apostolic anointing came upon them (apostolic means sent one). Thus the glory was manifested through them by the preaching of Christ that came forth from their sanctified tongues. God's glory was very apparent in them, because it had an effect upon those who heard the sound of glory coming from them. Many were amazed at their ability (dunamis power) to speak and release God's glory through (trumpeting) the message of the Gospel—to which about three thousand people responded.

God was truly glorified by the response of those who gratefully received the Gospel message of repentance and salvation from sin.

*And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were ... all amazed and marveled...Now when they heard this (the proclaiming of the Gospel), they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" ... Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them (Acts 2:6-7, 37-38, 41, NKJV).*

The glory of God's fire also caused the people at the dedication of Solomon's temple to respond in a worship posture of humble submission and thanksgiving to God because of experiencing His glory upon their temple... *When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever" (2 Chronicles 7:3, NKJV).*

The word worshiped used here is the Hebrew word *shachah* (shaw-khaw') which as previously stated, is worship that comes through obedient submission to God. The people, who bowed their faces to the ground in worship at Solomon's temple, represent those who gladly received the word and submitted themselves to the message of repentance and baptism on the day of Pentecost.

Thus true followers of Jesus Christ will allow God's fire or His sanctifying power to come forth so they can be "vessels of honor" that show forth His praises and release His glory in the earth. This means we must be willing to allow God to consume our lives as a living sacrifice and burn up all that

offends God in our carnal (beastly) natures; just as the fire that fell from heaven consumed the sacrificial “beasts” upon the altar at Solomon’s temple dedication.

Without experiencing the fire of God and being filled with His glory, we will lack the power and authority to do the work of our ministry. This also means that without the baptism of fire, any attempts to “minister or serve” God will be done through our might (authority and talents), and not by God’s Spirit. God gets no glory from the works of our flesh.

When God’s true glory is present, His illuminating power (fire) makes very apparent all that needs to be seen and dealt with as preparation for the blessing of His restoration work. God’s judgments will consume and destroy all that hinders true worship and His glorious works. *“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory” (Revelation 18:1, KJV).*

### Moses and Aaron – Ministers of God’s Glory

The following account reveals another pattern for ministers of God’s fire and glory.

*“Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering, the burnt offering, and peace offerings. And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people and fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it,*

*they shouted and fell on their faces” (Leviticus 9:22-24, NKJV).*

Notice first that Moses and Aaron ministered together in order to bless the people. This represents the (kingly) apostolic and (priestly) prophetic ministries working together in the unity of the Spirit. This is the true foundation for God’s power and glory. *“We are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets” (Ephesians 2:20, NLT).*

It is important to see some of the typology found in the three offerings which were made as preparation for the release of God’s glory and fire.

- **First was the sin offering.** This tells us that the first step, as said before, is to deal honestly with every sin issue God reveals to us.

*“Give the Israelites the following instructions for dealing with those who sin unintentionally by doing anything forbidden by the Lord’s commands. He must bring to the Lord a young bull with no physical defects. He must present the bull to the Lord at the entrance of the Tabernacle, lay his hand on the bull’s head, and slaughter it there in the Lord’s presence” (Leviticus 4:2-4, NLT).*

The sin offering was made for those who sinned “unintentionally.” This is the Hebrew word *shegagah* (sheg-aw-gaw` ). It describes “acts of which the sinner is conscious, but the sinfulness of those acts is not known and becomes known at some point after they are committed” (CWSO 7684). For instance, we can willingly embrace wrong beliefs without knowing they are wrong or false. This will not affect our right standing with God if we do not know the truth. Christ’s blood covers that sin. *“If you see a Christian brother or sister sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life” (1 John 5:16, NLT).*

This verse is telling us that if we see a fellow believer unintentionally embracing something false that we know is “not right,” we should pray and God will give that person life. The word “life” is (Strong’s 2198) *zao* (dzah'-o), which is the same Greek word used in (Hebrews 4:12) that says “the word of God is quick and powerful...” This means God will bring that person a “quickening” that will cause them to come alive to the truth—when it is given to them. Many times we try to barge in and bombard people with the truth regarding their ignorance to sin or certain wrong beliefs, attitudes or practices without first allowing the Holy Spirit to prepare their hearts through our priestly prayers of intercession for them. However, when at some point the person is made aware of what is false or wrong (sin) it must be confessed as sin and there must be a changing of the mind (repentance-renouncing) the sin (beliefs—attitudes—actions).

The sin offering also covered sins that are not premeditated. The (CWSD) says these are *behaviors, beliefs or attitudes that just happen and afterwards are realized to not be right*. In other words, this offering was made because even though we don’t plan on sinning—we still do. Every sin erects a death structure if it is not seen and repented of. All sin causes a separation from some aspect of God’s glory in us. That is why it is so crucial to give God’s people the truth when they are in error because sin, like leaven, will grow and it will lead to a place of darkness and death in them. However:

*... the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken*

*them captive to do his will” (2 Timothy 2:25-26, NIV).*

The phrase “In the hope that God will grant them repentance” can also be rendered ...“in the hope (fully expecting) that at some time God’s offer to repent will be accepted and will result in leading them to the knowledge of the truth” (Vs. 25). People who are in sin are held captive by demonic forces which keep them from understanding the truth until God’s glory makes it clear so they may repent. When God’s glory brings illumination (by our gently instructing and teaching them) then we are to hope (fully expect) that repentance will lead them to the knowledge of the truth. I can tell you from many years of experience as a deliverance minister, that in order to get people free from demonic oppression, they need to truly be made aware of all that is “not right” and repent (renounce) all sin. Sin is the food source that feeds and empowers demons and their deceptions in people’s lives.

- **Second offering was the burnt offering** ...“The priest must remove all the fat around the bull's internal organs. Then he must burn them on the altar of burnt offerings” (Leviticus 4:8, 10, NLT). This offering represents death to the flesh. It means to take authority over the desires of our fallen human nature and put them to death. When Aaron offered up the burnt offering, a fire from God came down and consumed the “fat.” What God regarded as most pleasing to Him in the burnt offerings was the burning of the fat that encased the internal organs. *The fat symbolizes a heart that has become insensitive to God; and the internal organs of the burnt offering represent the heart of man* (CWSD 2459, 7130). In other words, fat symbolizes self-indulgent sins of the flesh that encase the heart and cause it to become hardened. Thus it pleased God to see this stripped away and destroyed by His fire. The heart symbolizes “life” therefore the sacrificial gift of the internal

organs (our heart) represents our heart becoming a living sacrifice unto God. It is also important to see that the burnt offering was a daily sacrifice!

*“The altar will be exceedingly holy, and whatever touches it must be holy. It will be a fragrant offering to the Lord, an offering made by fire. This is to be a daily burnt offering given from generation to generation” (Exodus 29:37, 41-42, NLT).*

The altar represents the place (or attitude) of sacrifice from where we worship God within our spirit according to the truth. To worship God means to serve Him through our obedience to the Spirit of truth who abides within us. So there must be a continual death to our flesh upon this altar before we can allow God to be the supreme power in our lives. Notice that the fire on the altar for the burnt offering was never to go out. This means we must never quench the cleansing sanctifying fire of God’s Holy Spirit because it is that aspect of His glory that consumes what is unholy in our heart. *“The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out” (Leviticus 6:13, NKJV).* We are also told this same thing in the New Testament Scriptures. *“Quench not the Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 5:19).* This is how we “stay on fire” for God!

God told Moses that the daily burnt offering was something every generation was to keep continually. All of the natural people who are alive on the earth and those who are born during the one thousand year reign of Christ, who do not rebel at the end of that time, will continue in this eternal covenant of the daily burnt offering (death to their natural flesh). The millennial reign of Christ with His Bride (the true Saints) will be the greatest time of revival ever known in the history of this world. Those who live through the great

tribulation and on into this millennial reign of Christ, and any who are born then, will have to submit to the rule and reign of Christ. In order to have their names written in the book of life during this period, they also will have to repent of their sin (as a daily burnt offering). This is why God said the daily burnt offering would continue eternally... *“This is to be a daily burnt offering given from generation to generation” (Exodus 29:42).*

It is amazing to see in the Word, after experiencing one thousand years of true peace on earth and freedom from Satan and his demonic forces, that some will still rebel! They will join Satan in his last attempt to fight against Christ when he is let out of his prison for a short season before he finally ends up in the lake of fire. Here again we see the all-consuming fire of God that will deal with these rebels.

*“When the thousand years end, Satan will be let out of his prison. He will go out to deceive the nations from every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle a mighty host, as numberless as sand along the shore. But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them. Then the Devil, who betrayed them, was thrown into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever” (Revelation 20:7-10, NLT)*

Those who live through the great tribulation and those who are born during this one thousand year period, and do not rebel in Satan’s last rebellion, will go on to live a natural life as long as they remain sin free through the cleansing by blood. They will not have a glorified body like those of the true saints. Therefore, these natural people will still be subject to sickness and death, unlike like the saints who were

translated in the first resurrection (see 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-54). Those without glorified bodies who continue to live in obedience to God, will be given the right to eat from the trees of life that line the river bank of the City called the New Jerusalem. They will also be given the right to enter into the celestial city of God. "Coursing down the center of the main street....

*On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations (natural people)...Blessed are those who do His commandments (live in obedience to God), that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:2, 14, NKJV parenthesis mine).*

Again the daily burnt offering represents dying to sin on a daily basis. This will be required throughout eternity for those who remain in their natural state. The Apostle Paul said he died daily at this altar of sacrifice which represents death to his will while in his natural flesh.

*"Then the Son will present himself to God, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything...For (whom) I die daily" (1 Corinthians 15:28, 31, NKJV, parenthesis mine).*

When we are willing to die to the tendencies of our sinful human nature, it will be made to conform to the life of Christ that lives within our tabernacle of God. "For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh" (2 Corinthians 4:11, NKJV).

It is important to understand that how we live our life now while on earth is going to determine our eternal destiny and position in God's eternal kingdom, which Jesus will establish upon this earth. God has a role for those in His millennial kingdom and eternal rule, who are willing to seek Him and know Him intimately now while on this earthly journey. The saints of God will be vessels of His glory carrying that glory from the throne of God in heaven to the nations of the earth; for which task we will need glorified bodies. However if we are not sanctified (dedicated) temples filled with His glory that bring glory to God (making God very apparent to others) while here on earth; we will not receive a glorified body and be numbered as one of God's saints—a faithful child of God who is a "son brought to glory" by the sanctifying fire of God in their life.

*For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings... For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren (Hebrews 2:10-11, NKJV).*

The word "captain" in this verse is (Strong's 747) *archegos* (ar-khay-gos'), and according to the (B/D/B) refers to a leader that furnishes something— and in this case Jesus is that "leader" who is "furnishing" salvation which results in being perfect—meaning mature and complete. This verse also tells us that the saints of God who are brought to a state of "glory" can only obtain this salvation of perfection "through sufferings." If we want the glory of God we must suffer the same sufferings that the "captain of our salvation" endured. Suffering always precedes the receiving of God's glory! If we are "one" with Him, we must suffer with Him...

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. *From Suffering to Glory For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Romans 8:16-18, NKJV)*

- **Third was the peace offering**... this was essential in the preparation for God's glory and fire through the ministry of Moses and Aaron. The peace offering was also an aspect of the burnt offering for sin. The first offering (sin offering) represented our confession of sin—the second offering (burnt offering) represented our forgiveness of sin and this third offering (peace offering) represents our restoration from sin. One of the literal definitions for the word "peace" means to be restored. Sin hinders and stops our communication with God, but confession and forgiveness will restore our fellowship and communication with Him. The burning of incense on the golden altar in the Holy Place represents our priestly unbroken spiritual communion with God. He commanded that this incense (spiritual communion) was to be burned continually. *"And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations" (Exodus 30:8, NKJV).*

This continually burning incense represents the eternal presence of God in our heart and our communion with Him. In order to keep it burning, the priest had to make sure he was cleansed before he entered the holy place of the golden altar.

*"Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the Tabernacle, and wash them with water. Clothe Aaron with the holy garments and anoint him,*

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*setting him apart to serve me as a priest" (Exodus 40:12-13, NLT).*

Sin causes this perpetual fire of God's presence and communion with Him to be quenched.

*"Quench not the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:19, NKJV).*

*"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you" (Ephesians 4:30-31, NKJV).*

Communion with God is to be continual communication with Him. We are told to *"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17)*, and a few verses later we are told to *"abstain from every form of evil" (vs. 22)*. That is why the priests had to make sure they were "cleansed" before entering their priestly ministry.

### Repairing Our Altars

When lying signs and wonders are received as the power and glory of God's fire in the eyes of people who are deceived, they are not seeing it as strange fire—coming down upon an altar that needs to be repaired. In the confrontation between Elijah and the false worshipers, in order for God's holy fire to come down upon the altar and consume his offerings, Elijah had to repair that altar because the false prophets had brought it to ruin. *"Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come near to me.' So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down" (1 Kings 18:30, NKJV).*

God's fire comes because of a properly erected and prepared altar. But if the altar in the lives of God's people is

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not properly erected and is in need of repair they become candidates for strange fire. As mentioned before, an altar has a two-fold representation. First it represents a place of death to our will, and secondly, it represents a place of worship that results in communion (communication) with spiritual forces. Those who worship at false alters yield their will to false gods (demons) and enter into false communication with demons. God's altar represents dying to our fleshly will and entering into communion with Him

*"...The altar will be exceedingly holy...I will meet the people of Israel there, and the Tabernacle will be sanctified by my glorious presence. Yes, I will make the Tabernacle and the altar most holy" (Exodus 29:37,43-44, NLT).*

There were two altars found in the Old Testament tabernacle that are important representations for us.

- **The first altar was the "altar of sacrifice"** ... where cleansing by fire and shed blood took place (Exodus 27:1-8). God told His people that this altar of death or sacrifice was to be made according to His specifications. *"If you build altars from stone, use only uncut stones. Do not chip or shape the stones with a tool, for that would make them unfit for holy use" (Exodus 20:25, NLT).*

This command of the Lord about leaving the stones in their natural form reveals much about the church. The Bible calls us "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5, NLT). Like the stones on the altar, God takes us just as we are, in our natural sinful state, and allows the blood from the sacrifice to run down on us just as it ran down the stones on the altar. This symbolizes giving us life by our faith in the sacrificial blood of Jesus, because we are willing to die to our old sinful nature, and sacrifice our fleshly appetites and self-made images. When this is accomplished we will become true priests unto God. If,

however, WE try to alter, reshape or reform our natural sinful nature (represented by the stones) by "cutting" (using our self-righteous efforts), God says we are not fit for use. He alone builds us individually into His holy people. So we can be part of the glorious church without spot or wrinkle, we are transformed by Him alone. *"You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5, NKJV).*

- **The second altar was called the "Golden altar."** Gold represents what is genuinely valuable and pure. This altar was in the holy place where the burning of incense took place and where the golden candlesticks were kept burning. Access to this altar was only for the pure in heart. *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8, NKJV).*

When we are cleansed on the altar of fire and shed blood, we can enter into receiving pure, valuable and undefiled communication from the true and Holy Spirit of God. Because of being sanctified and cleansed we can clearly discern God's pure revelation. When ministers and professing Christians do not allow God's cleansing fire to come forth and judge their sins, they are rejecting Christ's blood which must be applied to their sins. Then the holy fire of God becomes a destructive force of judgment because their sin is willful. In other words, when a person is not willing to repent, their sin is not covered by the blood sacrifice of Christ.

*"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries" (Hebrews 10:26-27, NKJV).*

Both altars represent our worship before God which is to be in spirit and in truth.

*"True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24, NKJV).*

Again, the first altar of the blood sacrifice deals with our sin and puts us in right standing with God. We worship God at this altar "in spirit and in truth" by allowing His Holy Spirit to deal with our sin. This is where we crucify our flesh by truthfully confessing our sin and appropriate the blood of Christ so we can be forgiven. But we must confess all of our sins at this altar of truth if we want to be cleansed. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us*" (1 John 1:9-10, NKJV).

At the second altar of incense is we receive revelation truth. When what is unholy is allowed to be part of worship at this altar, doctrines from demons can be communicated to those who offer up strange fire. This is the result of not being fully cleansed at the first altar. Those trying to worship God when they are not free of defiling issues will be hindered in their ability to spiritually hear and clearly discern. In other words, there is no entry into the Holy Place of true communion (communication) with God until sin issues are dealt with. Many professing Christians are involved in offering up strange fire in their attempts to worship God in a priestly ministry – because of having sins they are not willing to allow God's glory to reveal so they can deal with them. Those in this condition cannot hear with their spiritual ears and are deceived into thinking their worship is spiritual when in reality it is nothing more than passionate soulish worship. Any communication which is "heard" and "felt" by them is

coming from their soul and not their spirit. We must remember what happened to the sons of Aaron who offered strange fire in their priestly ministries.

*Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron ... offered strange fire before the LORD... And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD... the LORD spoke, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified (Leviticus 10:1-3, KJV).*

Unsanctified professing Christians who try to worship God get involved with strange fire—fire from hell which is unholy communication (James 3:6). These unsanctified false worshippers are having communion (communication) with seducing—lying spirits. *They worship by offering up sacrifices of prayers and the singing of songs but it is false worship and is unacceptable and detested by God...they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons (1 Corinthians 10:20, NKJV).*

I was taught a false doctrine in the 1970's and 80's by several ministers in the Charismatic movement which commonly taught, "Sin does not affect our relationship with God because our fellowship with Him is based on our faith (belief) in Christ alone." What a dangerous idea! If faith is merely to believe in Christ, we may end up with a false sense of security because even devils believe that Jesus is God. *"You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble!" (James 2:19, NKJV).*

Many ministers in the Charismatic movement firmly believe that the old sin nature is gone and is no longer an issue in our lives. They usually explain that we struggle with sin only because our minds are not renewed to the truth that we are new creations in Christ. This sounded good! But is it Biblical? No it is not – because the new creation we possess is

our new Christ-like nature. But this new nature does not automatically rule our lives nor does it do away with our old sin nature! The Word of God clearly says that we still have a sin nature that we must contend with every day. In other words, until we are changed after we receive our new glorified body, we must die daily to our old sinful nature. This is what the daily sacrifice represented and why the Apostle Paul said he died daily. Our flesh has its own agenda and it wants to stay alive at any cost but we must face the same daily decision of death Jesus faced when He bore His cross. He said, *“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross daily, and follow me” (Luke 9:23, NLT).*

We cannot preach faith in Christ without preaching the cross of Christ as a daily reality in our lives. It does not matter how much truth from God’s Word we absorb in an effort to renew our minds. Our minds cannot become renewed by more information from the word of God. They can only be renewed by more revelation from the Holy Spirit concerning the word of God. Renewing our minds is a work of God’s glory through the presence of the Holy Spirit in our temple. It is not a work of our human intellects (soul) that can learn and recite Bible verses.

Real transformation cannot happen apart from confessing all of our sins at all times. I was taught another doctrine of demons for many years that said, “God doesn’t want us to have a sin-consciousness because it compels us to live in fear and condemnation.” In one respect this is true. God does not want us living in condemnation for sin that has been confessed and pardoned by true confession and repentance. But we must be conscious of all sin at all times and be willing to call it honestly for what it is. If not, we WILL

live under great condemnation (and rightly so) for *“every wrong is sin” (1 John 5:17, NLT).*

If we are not “sin and cross-conscious” Christians, we will struggle with sin’s self-destructive issues which consist of insecurity, guilt, anger and pride. Then we will look to self-enhancement gospels to make us feel better and feel “self-empowered” to clean up our “old man.” The new person we are supposed to become who is “Christ like”—cannot be created by our human self-empowered efforts. Our part is that of yielding our will to the will of God as it is revealed to us by the glory of His Holy Spirit. This is the only way we can get rid of our sin nature.

*“... that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to (by yielding to) the deceitful lusts... and be renewed (by) the spirit (in) your mind... and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:22-24 NKJV parenthesis mine).*

Living as a “sin and cross-conscious” Christian was the Apostle Paul’s main objective for his life and ministry. *“For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2, NKJV).*

We cannot excuse our sin and simply wipe it out by saying “God knows we all miss it” or “nobody’s perfect” or “we’re all just human.” These things are facts. But the truth says we still must humble ourselves and confess our sin whenever we sin. This message of the cross is the message Satan hates first and foremost. Since he is replacing it with more appealing messages about our authority, blessings and destiny, the message of the cross has lost its focus. Yes, these things are all truths. But they are only attainable through a living a crucified life in Jesus Christ.

*“For Christ sent me... to preach the Gospel not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect... Christ the Power and Wisdom of God (cf. Isa 29:14) For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:17-18, NKJV).*

### **God Has Placed His Name in His Temple**

In His prayer of intercession Solomon stated that the temple is where God has placed His NAME (2 Chron 6:20). Because God’s name literally refers to His honor – authority – character, this means we as vessels of His glory are to make very clear these aspects of His being. We are to present our bodies, which is the Greek word (Strong’s 4983) *soma* (so`mah) referring to our whole being (spirit – soul – flesh) as living sacrifices to God. When we enter our ministry as kings and priests unto God – our life is no longer our own! Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? *...For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NKJV).*

The true children of God Glorify Him by becoming a living sacrifice (dying daily to self) and this can only be done through being guided by God’s glory which means being led by His Holy Spirit; and not led by the ungodly impulses or reactions of our soul or flesh (Rom 8:14). God’s word tells us that He has chosen Zion as His earthly residence... *For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place (Psalm 132:13, NKJV).*

The word Zion represents the church and is also a veiled reference to God’s glory that leads and guides the true church; because the word Zion is the Hebrew word (Strong’s 6725) *tsiyuwn* (tsee-yoon’); *which has the sense of conspicuousness* (something very apparent i.e. glory) and is also defined as *a guiding pillar* (such as the pillar of fire that guided the children of Israel in the desert). God totally provided for His people who followed the “guiding pillar” that was seen as “fire and a cloud” (Ex 13:21). It is interesting to me that God’s guiding pillar of glory manifested as a “cloud.” This always reminds me of the words to an old Hymn that I used to sing as a child, that said, *“The things of this world will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.”* When we follow the Spirit God’s glory in us will cloud over the things of this world...will not be our focus. Our spiritual insight and discernment will become very clear when God’s glory is in our temple. God will see to it that we will be fed the “Bread of Life” if we are willing to become poor by this world’s standard. Poor people do not have a lot of this world’s goods. Those who are blessed of God are poor in spirit and they will not seek to accumulate this world’s goods but rather seek to have the bread of life which brings the fullness of God’s glory and grace into their lives.

*In (Ps 132) God says ... "This (Zion) is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it... I will abundantly bless her provision (food); I will satisfy her poor with bread... I will also clothe her priests with salvation, And her saints shall shout aloud for joy (Psalm 132:14-16, NKJV).*

## Conclusion

So much more could be said about the Glory of God, however what has been put forth in these pages is abundant proof that God's glory involves much more than many of the questionable manifestations that were discussed in previous sections of this booklet.

God wants more than ever for His true glory to be released through His true church, so He may be truly lifted be up and seen for who He really is—for He is THE KING OF GLORY!

*Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle... Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in... Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory (Psalm 24:8-10, NKJV).*

We must be willing to “lift up our heads” this literally means we must bring forth what is ruling over our “gates” (minds). Gates literally refer to “mindsets” or “opinions” that we hold. We must be willing to do battle so the “gates of hell” will not prevail against us. We do this by using God's word to expose and cast down every imagination (strongholds) that is contrary to God's word, and make our thoughts subject to His word. This can only be done by “lifting up” or bringing forth the “everlasting” (eternal) DOOR. According to (Jn 10:9), Jesus said he was the “door” that would lead us to His “pasture” (feeding place). When we feed upon the Word (Jesus), God's glory will make very clear the truth and it will teach us all we need to know (1 Jn 2:20, 27). If we are willing to become God's temple and His living scarifies and seek

Him—the King of Glory will abide in us and hear us when we stand in our priestly ministry and pray. Yes we must pray!!

*Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice... if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land... Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place (2 Chronicles 7:12, 14-15, NKJV).*



A Prayer from God's word...

(Psalm 26:6-8 – Psalm 145:10-13 – Romans 11:36)

O LORD...I will wash my hands in innocence; I will go about  
Your altar, that I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving,  
And tell of all Your wondrous works.

LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the  
place where Your glory dwells.

All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints  
shall bless You.

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of  
Your power,

To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts, And the  
glorious majesty of Your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion  
endures throughout all generations.

For by You and through You and to You are all things,  
to You O God be glory forever and ever.

Amen!!

By Karen E. Connell

### **IF POSSIBLE...Even the Very Elect Will Be Deceived**

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