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Then Cometh the Glory

We sometimes struggle when we try to define the Glory of God. Most times we associate God's Glory with bright lights because that's what was seen at the birth of Jesus. I learned long ago not to make the mistake of limiting God to one definition. Let's expand our comprehension of God's Glory. The Glory of God is the manifestation of God's presence. Now we all know that when God manifests Himself supernaturally events happen.

John 2:5 The mother of Jesus said unto the servants, whatsoever Jesus says unto you, do it.

The first miracle Jesus performed was at the marriage feast in Cana. He told the servants to fill six water jugs with water and when they poured them out it was a high grade of wine. This is the Glory of God, the guests may not have seen the Glory but they all tasted it.

John 11:40 Jesus said to Martha, did I not say to you that if you would believe you should see the Glory of God?

Jesus stood at the tomb of Lazarus along with His two sisters Mary and Martha. He had to remind Martha as well as us, if she and we will believe we will see His Glory. Martha struggled to believe because Lazarus had been dead four days and he was pretty ripe. Jesus demonstrated there are no

limits, no boundaries when it comes to His Glory. Jesus called Lazarus to "come forward" and immediately he appeared at the entrance of the tomb totally wrapped in traditional burial clothes. Then Jesus told the people to unwrap him and set him free. There is a revelation for us here, people who are spiritually dead cannot get free on their own, they need the church.

Ephesians 3:21 Unto Him be Glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages.

If Jesus is welcome in your church and He is permitted to move you will see His Glory. I dare say most churches don't know the Jesus in the Bible, they know about the Jesus their denomination has presented to them. The church I was raised in did not know Jesus and they taught me what they didn't know. If Jesus is not a member of your church you will need to fabri-

cate your own glory.

2 Corinthians 3:18 We with clear vision behold like in a mirror the Glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from Glory to Glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

When we become like our natural father, it is said that we are a chip off the ole block! When we begin to see Jesus as He truly is we begin to resemble Him in our attributes. The Glory of God is not a "once in a lifetime" event, God intends to demonstrate Himself whenever His people gather in His Name. As we go from Glory to Glory or encounter to encounter we are changed into His image. Several times I have been told that I was just like my natural father. Why can't people see that I'm just like my heavenly Father? They do not recognize who I emulate because they do not know Him.



They may not readily understand but they will know it's the goodness of God.

Mystery Solved

From the very beginning God had a plan to destroy the works of the devil and get man restored to Himself. The Apostle Paul called God's plan a **mystery**. The mystery was hidden for generations, it was not hidden from us, it was hidden for us. At some point in Paul's life he was caught up into heaven and given some major revelations. The revelations were entrusted to Paul because the Lord wanted them shared with ALL believers, Jews and Gentiles. As Paul began to preach the revelations a messenger of satan was dispatched to stop him. The devil sent men to beat Paul and even kill him but God sent His grace and Paul was divinely protected.

Colossians 1:27 God would make known what the riches of the Glory of this mystery among even the Gentiles; which is Christ in you the hope of Glory.

I think this revelation is more clear to the devil than the people of God! The devil is doing his damndest to keep this revelation a mystery and keep God's people from understanding it. It is by no means complicated, when a convert invites Jesus into their life, He becomes their hope of seeing Him manifest the supernatural. The Glory has been all around for centuries but we don't recognize it until we first recognize the Glory giver. I have seen His Glory, I watched Him save, heal, deliver, prosper, protect and transform lives right before my eyes.

Haggai 2:9 The Glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former saith the Lord, and in this place I will give prosperity.

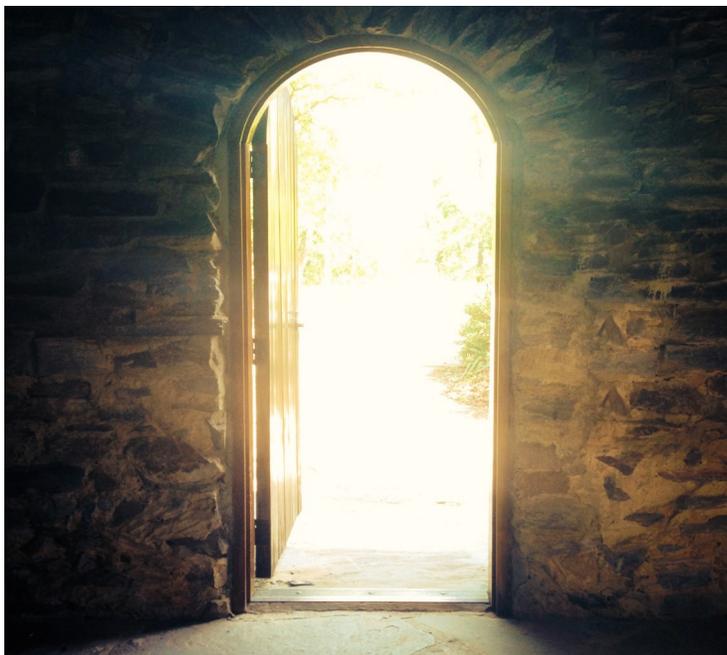
We see the Glory in the miracles performed on behalf of Israel but God says He will do more in the new covenant church. Remember what He told Martha? If we will believe, we will see this Glory. The more I read His Word the easier it becomes to believe because the Holy Spirit is the teacher of the church. We have seen demonstrations of God's Glory, but we haven't seen all of it yet. The Glory comes in degrees and it is intensifying. Oral Roberts, the great healing apostle, said before he went home to heaven, the healing anointing is coming back big time.

Isaiah 60:2 The Lord will arise upon you and His Glory will be seen upon you.

I don't know if these folks will understand the Glory of the Lord but they will see it upon those who believe. Not everyone accepted the miracles of Jesus but they couldn't stop them except in their own lives. We need to nurture and honor Christ in us the hope of Glory in the earth today. Some men will be testifying of the Glory and promoting it, while others will be out to discredit it in their ignorance. Paul said this: if they be ignorant let them be ignorant.

Isaiah 60:3 The godless folks will come to your Glory.

We have a responsibility to the world to let God's Glory come upon us and remain with us. Many new believers will be converted when they see His Glory. They may not readily understand but they will know it's the goodness of God. Glory to God.



Can You Have the Glory?

I dare say most churches know nothing about the Glory of God. I grew up in a church that defined the Glory as sharp bolts of light that surround God. But remember what I wrote in the first page, God's Glory is His manifest presence. God wants to display His Glory in all the churches that call Him Lord in sincerity. Some churches would be destroyed by the Glory of God, they would make a "religion" out of it.

man. God must drive out all the "riff raff" before He can be appreciated and received. Who are these spots and riff raff that hang out in His church?

Jude 1:10, 12 These speak evil of those things they know nothing about. These are spots in your feasts of charity, they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear of God.

Mark 4:15 These are they by the wayside, where the Word is sown; but when they have heard, satan comes immediately and takes the Word that was sown in their heart.

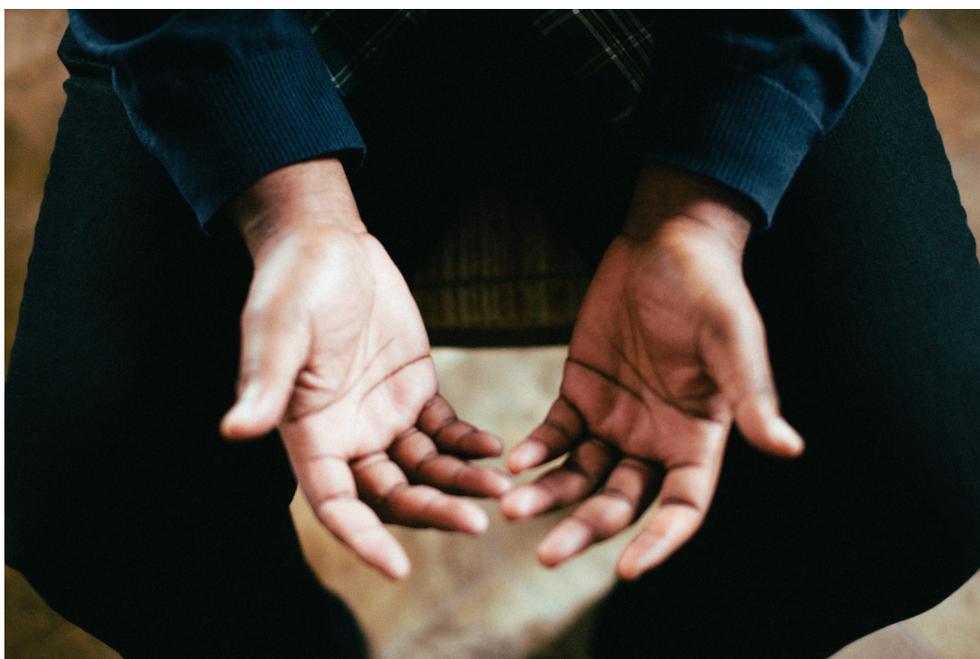
When people join themselves to a church but they have no foundational Word, they can become spots and blemishes. They resist and argue with those who love the Word of God. How is the devil able to

steal the Word out of peoples hearts? It's because they don't value it, when you value something, you protect it and guard it from thieves. When folks in a church place a high value on God's Word, they will become a Glorious Church. If a church

welcomes spots and riff raff, the sincere saints who seek God's presence will need to move to a new body.

The early church recorded in the book of Acts was a glorious church. The Glory was so rich in manifestation that when Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Ghost they dropped dead. Great fear came on the whole church, this is why the spots must go before the Glory comes. I often wonder how many of us can survive the Glory of God and how many don't want to try. Irregardless, the Glory is here and He's intensifying.

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Ephesians 5:27 That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such things; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

The Lord has been busy grooming His church into a house that will welcome Him and His Glory. Some houses of "worship" scarcely acknowledge God at all! Their religion is so scripted there is no place for God let alone His Glory. God could walk down the aisle in a pure white suit, with His Name monogrammed on the front and they would treat Him as a mere

Spots and wrinkles are people who hang around in churches taking advantage of the benefits but having no regard for the things of God. These folks don't care even one iota about the Glory of God, in fact, they speak against it. God says those folks have no place in the glorious church He is preparing for Himself. I have met many of these folks and most of them are pretty nice until it comes to obeying the Spirit of God. They become very critical of people and things they don't understand. Their way is the right way and they cannot be persuaded any other way.

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Time to Clean Up

The glory of God is here and He is intensifying, I have seen and am hearing about great moves of the Spirit. Are you ready for a move of the Spirit? Are you prepared to be in His presence? The glory comes in degrees and as we become more serious about His presence we will witness more of His divine presence.

Malachi 3:2 Who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when he appears? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap.

God has been preparing His people but not everyone is all that interested in cleaning up their act. Many want the presence of God but on their own terms, those days are gone forever. It's God's game and we play by His rules or we don't play at all. When I was a little kid I loved playing outside

in the dirt, I didn't want to get "cleaned up". Perhaps some church folks are that way, they love what they're doing and they don't want to clean up.

2 Corinthians 6:14 What fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what

communion has light with darkness?

This passage of Scripture has been in our Bible for over two thousand years, have you been caught off guard?

It's time to clean up.

