

His Glory To Be Seen

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Exodus 33:18-22 (AMP)- Then Moses said, "Please, show me Your glory!" 19 And God said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the Name of the LORD before you; ...

Leviticus 9:22-23 (NKJV)- Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering, the burnt offering, and peace offerings. 23 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,

Exodus 24:15-17(NKJV)- Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. 16 Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.

Psalms 106:20 (AMP)- Thus they exchanged [the true God who was] their glory for the image of an ox that eats grass.

John 1:14 (NIV)- The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)- So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (ESV)- So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

My Friend,

The Lord wants His glory to be seen through you and within you! He wants His honor and splendor to be upon your life! Yes, YOUR LIFE! He loves you that much! This glory of God to be seen is the manifestation of His power. It's a consuming fire, even a cloud by day. It is His character and His nature revealed! My friend, Moses asked to see God's glory just as we can ask today! Moses knew that he couldn't do what the Lord asked of him on his own and neither can we. And in Exodus 33, we discover the Lord wanted His brilliance and majesty to be seen. He agreed to Moses' request because the glory of God was Him...it was and is His presence! The Lord's presence is the manifestation of the healing and the miracles we see. His presence is a consuming fire burning off all the impurities within our souls. The Lord's glory is His presence of the fullness of His character. It is His goodness, His compassion, His mercy, and His lovingkindness. His glory can be seen and it can be experienced. Are you ready for such majesty to appear? Are you ready for the God of the universe to show up and show out in your marriage, in your health, and in your life? He is willing for His glory to be seen in your life, I know, because the Lord asked me to put this devotion together FOR YOU!

The Israelites were blessed to witness incredible manifestations of His glory. They saw the fire on the mountaintop. They experienced the cloud by day resting at Moses' tent door as they worshiped God at theirs. They ate the bread of heaven, quail from the sea, and drank the water from a rock all given by the God who provides. The Israelites were protected from all of the plagues of Egypt that led to their exit and the parting of the Red Sea which brought them to the beginning of their walk with God. So many miracles, so much power, and so much glory! So why then did they exchange this glory, their glory of God, for other idols? I believe, whether intentional or not, it was for their own comfort and desires. Don't you think we do that too though? We focus on what is quicker or easier to get the results we need, even relying on ourselves instead of our God. We tend to rely on what we have always known instead of God whose ways are different from ours. But, my friend, the Lord is trustworthy and will be faithful with our lives. We can trust Him and, truly, we can't do life without Him. When we try it our way, we end up living with anxiety and pressures that shouldn't be ours! We need the Lord every day of our lives and His glory to be made visible in every way! Is that possible, you might be asking, and the answer is yes! We can see that glory in a life given over to our God, a life humbled at the mighty hand of God, surrendered to His plan and majesty. The Israelites didn't value this glory probably because they wouldn't let go of their inner slavery. It can be scary to trust God above all we know. Most of them followed their emotions more so than the God who showed them so many miracles and so much glory. And we are the same today following what makes us comfortable. We may need to appear right or to be accepted but, my friend, to see His glory manifest in our lives, we must trust Him. He is our comfort and our acceptance, and only He needs to be right! Our God is good and He wants you to see that goodness in everything you do!

So how do we see this glory in our own lives? How does His glory manifest? Remember when I said His glory is His presence? Our Heavenly Father gave us His presence tangibly here on earth more than 2000 years ago and it remains with us today! My friend, Jesus is the true glory of God made manifest! Our Jesus is the perfect character and nature of God put in human form! He was the fullness of the divinity of God made flesh! Jesus was 100% human while still being 100% God! We certainly don't understand that kind of math but He truly was the manifest glory of God on this earth and is now with us! **Our journey to the fullness of His glory shining in the midst of our lives is letting go of our lives and taking up His.** Surrendering our flesh for the receiving of His Spirit. It's allowing Him to be Lord and King in our lives and, from that, we have the ability to endure all things, to get through all things, and to have victory in all things! We have the victory in Him! Don't lose hope...keep pressing into Him and His goodness! Keep your eyes on Him, literally, and watch His glory be seen in your life! Live for Him only, my friend. The glory the world brings fades fast but His remains! Live your life today for the King who loves and accepts you! Rely on the Lord's mercy, grace and compassion, faithfulness, justice, and forgiveness! He is the One that makes His glory to be seen!

Activation

To think of living with a cloud by day and fire by night, that kind of glory of God seems impossible for us but it's not! We, of course, don't need the cloud and fire now because we have the Holy Spirit who leads, guides, and counsels us. But what we do need is His manifest presence. We are called to walk in and live life led by the Spirit, not by our flesh. When we surrender our hearts to the Lord's hands, He can do mighty work through and for us. He wants His glory seen, my friend, for you but also for His kingdom! He wants our lives to be victorious so that we can lead others to that same life. You are reading the words written by a woman who gave it all up for my God who saved and restored me to life, wellness, and victory! You are reading the words written by a woman who was desperate for healing and freedom and Jesus brought it to me! Now my life is surrendered and I've taken on His life! He wants the same for you! Know that anything that is plaguing you in your life can be healed and restored and He is ready to do that! His presence is what He wants you to live in! Ask Him today to show His glory in your life! Ask Him in prayer to show you His glory just like Moses did! He will speak to you and He always answers (maybe not when we want but definitely when it is time)!

Study these scriptures, my friend, and talk to the Lord about His glory! It's not just about knowing what all the words mean. We truly need His revelation and understanding in our hearts! This walk with God is about relationship, not head knowledge or simply knowing where the books are within the bible. He wants us to know the fullness of Him and He is ready to show you!