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Lesson 1

Come Into the Glory

In recent years, we have experienced many moves of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit has been restoring truth to the Church in recent times in greater and greater measure. There have been seasons of refreshing and seasons of revival. Many, no longer satisfied with “church as usual,” have been coming into a fresh revelation and relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. During these recent moves, many have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, been filled with the power from on high, and have started to operate in all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Many have learned how to hear the voice of God and have begun to prophesy. In these moves of God, many have begun to experience healing and other supernatural miracles in their daily lives and ministries.

However, we believe there is always more. We believe that if any word can best describe the move of God that we are coming into today, is the word “glory.” The purpose of this study is that each one of us will come to a fuller and fuller knowledge and understanding of the glory of God. That we will all discover the overwhelming, life-changing joy of living in the glory realm. And as God’s glory arises upon us, many others will discover and experience with us the awesome presence of God as He continues to manifest Himself as The God of Glory.

Prophecies of Glory

➤ By Haggai

The prophet Haggai saw the restoration of God's glory. He said it would be greater then the former.

Haggai 2:1b,3,7,9 ... the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying ... 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing? ... “I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts.

“The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts.”

➤ By Isaiah

The prophet Isaiah heard the angels exclaiming to one another that the earth was already full of the glory of the Lord.
Isaiah 6:1-3 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

By Habakkuk

The prophet Habakkuk prophesied of the coming of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. God’s glory is already here. It is the knowledge and understanding of that glory that is to come.

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

WHAT IS THE GLORY?

God is a God of glory. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of glory, and Jesus, the King of Glory, was the manifestation of that glory. So it’s important to know what this glory is; how we can define it.

Presence of God

The glory is the manifested presence of God. And this glory is shown throughout the Bible, this glory is manifested in many different ways.

The Hebrew and Greek definitions for glory are similar. The glory is a splendor, a brightness, or shining light – Referring to effulgence (the outshining from a luminous source).

Shekinah

The Hebrew word, Shekinah, means “the bright cloud of God’s presence.”

Like a consuming Fire

Exodus 24:15 -17 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. Now the glory of the L ORD 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. The sight of the glory of the L ORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.

Cloud by Day – Fire by Night

Exodus 40:34-38 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the L ORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the L ORD filled the tabernacle. When the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys. But if the cloud was not taken up,
then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

**Doxa**

The Greek word, *doxa*, means “glory.” *Doxa* is a most glorious condition, an exalted state, the perfect state of blessedness promised to believers in Christ. It is the perfect Excellency of Christ and His Kingly majesty.

The Word says that we are now on a journey from glory to glory, or from *doxa* to *doxa*.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**Kabod**

The word most frequently used for glory in the Old Testament was the Hebrew word, *kabod*, which means “weight,” or “to be heavy,” referring to the considerable superiority, dignity, splendor, magnificence, greatness, excellency that renders God to be worthy of our praise and worship.

**Not Able to Enter**

2 Chronicles 7:1,2 Now 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.

**Stopped the Ministry**

2 Chronicles 5:13,14 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, saying: "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

**Weight of Glory**

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

**Power to Lift**

The prophet Ezekiel said that he was actually lifted up and brought into the inner court. The Spirit can lift us up from
the natural realm into the glory realm, but this is also from one “natural” place into another “natural” place.

Ezekiel 43:5 The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

➢ Could Not Stand

When they brought the Ark of the Covenant (the presence of God into the Temple) the priest could not stand to minister because of the kabod, glory that had filled the temple.

➢ Causes Trembling

Daniel wrote,

Daniel 10:10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

➢ Causes Falling

The prophet Ezekiel wrote,

Ezekiel 44:4 ...behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD; and I fell on my face.

Often, when the kabod glory is being manifested, we find it impossible to stand.

When the temple guards came to arrest Jesus, He asked, “Whom are you seeking?”

They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus said to them, “I am He,” and the Scripture says that they drew back and fell to the ground. (John 18:4 – 6)

➢ Can Come as Cloud

At the dedication of Solomon's Temple the glory came as a cloud.

1 Kings 8:6 Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim.

vs. 10,11 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, So that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

➢ Can Come as Fire

At the end of Solomon's prayer of dedication the fire of God fell.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 Now 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.”

Two Aspects of Glory

➤ Non-communicative Glory

There are two aspects of God’s glory – that which He retains for Himself (non-communicative glory) and that which He communicates to mankind (communicative glory).

Isaiah 42:8a I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another …

That is why we must be careful to give Him the glory due His name.

Psalm 29:2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name...

Psalms 96:7,8 Give to the LORD, O kindreds of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. Give to the LORD the glory due His name;

Matthew 6:13b ... For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

➤ Communicative Glory

Communicative glory is the glory which He created mankind to experience and manifest on this earth.

Ichabod

Ichabod is the opposite of kabod. It means the glory has departed.

When the Children of Israel sinned and the Ark of the Covenant, representing the glory of God, was captured by the Philistines,

Eli’s daughter-in-law named her child Ichabod, saying “The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark has been captured (1 Samuel 4:21,22).

It’s a shameful thing that ichabod, the glory has departed, is true in the lives of so many Christians and in so many churches today. We will never be all that we were created to be until the glory that we were created for has been restored.
POWER AND GLORY

According to Scripture, God’s power and glory are manifested together.

Psalm 63:1,2  O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; … So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

Psalm 145:11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power.

Matthew 6:13b  ... For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Mark 13:26  "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Jude 1:25  To God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

Revelation 5:13  And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

Revelation 15:8a  The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power ...  

Revelation 19:1  After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power to the Lord our God!

As we move into the glory realm, we can expect to operate in more power.

THE GOD OF GLORY

The Father

➢ Great is His Glory

David wrote of the greatness of God’s glory.

Psalm 138:5b  For great is the glory of the LORD.

➢ Father of Glory

The apostle Paul called Him, the Father of glory

Ephesians 1:17  that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

➢ The God of Glory

In Acts, He is referred to as the God of glory.

Acts 7:2  And he said, “Men and brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,
The Holy Spirit

➤ *The Spirit of Glory*

The apostle Peter referred to the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of glory.

1 Peter 4:14 ... for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you....

The Son

There are over fifteen passages that refer to Jesus and the glory.

➤ *The King of Glory*

David prophesied about Jesus as the King of glory.

Psalm 24:7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

➤ *The Hope of Glory*

The apostle Paul said that Jesus in us was the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

➤ *The Lord of Glory*

The apostle James referred to Jesus as the Lord of glory.

James 2:1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.

➤ *Glory Could Be Seen*

John 1:14 And the Word became 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.

➤ *Glory Manifested in Miracles*

The apostle John said that Jesus’ glory was manifested in miracles.

John 2:11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

➤ *The Light and the Glory*

Jesus is both the light and the glory.

Revelations 21:23-26 And the city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it, and the Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.
God made His light shine in our hearts to give us the knowledge of His glory.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the brightness of the Father’s glory.

Hebrews 1:1-3 God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power,

Jesus was transfigured in glory.

Luke 9:28-32 And it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. Then behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

Jesus was raised by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the apostle Paul referred to this as the glory of the Father.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

The apostle Luke wrote that Jesus will come back in glory.

Luke 21:27 “Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

God’s glory is revealed in each of His perfections: wisdom, power, knowledge, mercy, judgment and love. God’s glory denotes the honor, majesty and the regal splendor of the Lord.

This was seen by Daniel.
Daniel 7:9,10 "I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened."

Vs. 13,14 "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed."

Angels Manifest God’s Glory

The angels were created to manifest His glory.

Revelations 18:1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

Luke 2:9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.

CREATED FOR GLORY

Adam and Eve were created for God’s glory. They were clothed in His glory and were to extol His glorious perfections on this earth.

When they sinned, they died spiritually, the glory departed. They were no longer clothed in glory; and they were ashamed and hid from God because they were naked.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

God did not leave mankind in this state. The apostle Paul tells us that in Christ all are made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Bringing Sons to Glory

Jesus, through His death, is bringing many sons and daughters to glory. As our creator, He is restoring us to our created purpose.

Hebrews 2:9-10 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory ...
Everyone who is a believer was created to show forth the glory of God.

Isaiah 43:7 ...everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

We are to be to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:11,12 in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

**Earthen Vessels**

God has chosen to reveal His glory to others through us, His earthen vessels.

Isaiah wrote about this:

Isaiah 60:1,2 Arise, shine; For your light has come! and the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

And the apostle Paul told us more about it.

2 Corinthians 4:6,7 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

**Three Levels of Glory**

We see three levels of glory.

**The Glory** – Where many are today experiencing His glory with great joy and wonderful manifestations.

**Intensified Glory** – Where we go sometimes today. This is a greater level of glory where we experience greater and marvelous manifestations of the glory realm.

**The Greater Glory** – This is the end-time glory where the knowledge of His glory will fill all the earth as the waters cover the sea. Where the glory of Jesus will be mirrored in us.

The apostle Paul wrote of this,

2 Corinthians 3:18 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.

Our desire should be that Jesus, in all the manifestations of His glory would be seen in us.

There will come a desire to experience a glory that not only blesses us, but a glory and a power that will draw all men to Him. That is the purpose for which we were created.
QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

1. Write your own description of glory using at least three scriptures.

2. How are power and glory linked in scripture?

3. How is Jesus portrayed in connection with glory? Give three examples.

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