

Can You See His Glory?

The Bible declares that the whole earth is filled with the glory of God (see Num. 14:21). When the people of God reflect who Christ is, we manifest His glorious presence before the world.

God's glory is here. But we will need to open our spiritual eyes in the midst of the darkness around us in the earth, in order to see and know that this is true.

In 2 Kings 6, Elisha prayed that his servant Gehazi's eyes would be opened to see that they were not left alone to face the Syrian army that was surrounding them. The Scripture says that "The Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha" (v. 17, NKJV).

Today God is raising up a people who will believe Him and see His glory manifested in the earth. Why? Because it is harvest time.

We must "Lift up [our] eyes, and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest" (John 4:35).

As the people of God, what must we do in order to reflect Him? How do we become a living manifestation of His glory?

GOD'S GLORY REVEALED The glory of God—His presence, who He is, His promises made real—is revealed when we obey His Word. An example of this is given in John 2, when Jesus displayed His glory at the wedding in Cana.

Mary, Jesus' mother, told Him that the wedding hosts had run out of wine. His response to her was: "'What does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come'" (v. 4).

Then Mary told the servants, "'Whatever He says to you, do it'" (v. 5).

Jesus had the servants fill the stone pots with water and then draw some out to give to the guests. As a result of their obedience, the people saw a miracle that day—the water was turned into wine.

This was the beginning of Jesus' miracles that manifested His glory! But why did He choose to perform the miracle after saying that His hour had not come?

I believe the answer is found in Mary's words: "Whatever He says to you, do it." He was compelled by the servants' obedience.

Whatever the Word of God says to do, do it, and you will see the glory of God show up in your life! The whole earth will see the glory of the Lord when you and I begin to do what the Word says. We will become the manifestation of the glory of His Word.

John wrote of Christ: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God" (John 1:1). He further stated: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory" ().

God wants His Word to be evidenced in us. We were predestined to be conformed into the image of His Son—who is the Word of God (see Rom. 8:29). Our heavenly Father made us to house and display His glorious Word to the world.

LIVING LETTERS Speaking to the church at Corinth, Paul told them: "You are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart" (2 Cor. 3:3).

I believe that in Moses' day, the stone tablets that contained God's laws symbolized the hardness of the people's hearts. But now, wrote Paul, when the Word is preached, the Spirit of God writes the words upon our hearts. That is glorious!

God wants you and I to be living epistles of His Word. We should hear the Word, do the Word and manifest the glory of His Word!

When we look into the mirror of the Word, we should begin to reflect the image of Christ and experience one manifestation after another (see v. 18). For example, when you read in Isaiah 53, "By His stripes we are healed" (v. 5), you should be healed! When you read in Ephesians 5, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her" (v. 25), you should begin seeing your husband loving you and experiencing the glory of God in your marriage!

What does it mean to give God glory, after all? It means that you take the Word, apply it, do it and see God's promises fulfilled in your life. You give God glory when you become that living epistle—the Word manifested in your human flesh.

GLORY, COME FORTH! Perhaps one of the most awesome depictions of the glory of God is found in John 11—the story of Lazarus.

Mary and Martha sent for Jesus because their brother, Lazarus, was sick. When Jesus heard, He said, "'This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified through it'" (John 11:4).

I know we all go through some tough times in life. But God is not glorified in your being sick, defeated, in debt or having a bad marriage.

When Jesus arrived at Lazarus' tomb, He asked for the stone in front of it to be rolled away. Then He prayed to the Father and began to cry out with a loud voice, "'Lazarus, come forth!'" (v. 43).

In order to manifest the glory of the Lord, you must open your mouth and call forth those things for which you are believing God. Say to your circumstances, "Money, a good marriage,

healing, come forth!"

When Lazarus came out of the tomb, he was bound and wearing grave clothes. Though he still looked dead, he came forth.

Your marriage may look dead. You may be broke. You may look and feel sick. It doesn't matter; go to the Word of God.

Speak the Word over your finances, your marriage and your health. See the glory of God revealed in your life.

Jesus prayed: "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them" (John 17:22). We have the same glory that Jesus has. Therefore, we have everything we need to display His glory in the earth.

Now, child of the Most High God, lift up your eyes. Christ in you is the hope of glory (see Col. 1:27). Walk in obedience and seize every opportunity to manifest.

Read a companion devotional.

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