

Prayer Focus

February 22 – 28, 2021

Glory Revealed

We carry the testimony of what Jesus has done in our lives, and bear witness to this testimony, and in doing so, His glory rests on us.

If we allow Him to inhabit us and are fully set apart to Him; if we are aware of His Presence, seek intimate union with Him, and abide in Him – we are vessels carrying His Presence and His glory. Everywhere we go. Let that sink in.

What does Hosting the Presence of the Living God entail? Death. Death to self.

"Often people treat Jesus as a weekend guest. They love Him, but only give Him access to particular rooms of their heart, and life. Some of the areas in their lives are under their control—no-go zones where they hide all the clutter they accumulated over the years.

Are they saved? Yes. Will they go to heaven when they die? Certainly. They are living in the grace of God. But are they carrying and operating in His glory? No. Here's why. God demands that our lives be consecrated to Him. He wants and must have access to and dominion over every facet of our lives. He cannot place His glory on someone who is not totally and completely surrendered. This is why many believers do not carry the glory of God and do not live operating in His manifest power.

Over the years, I have learned it is easy to receive, walk in, and carry the grace of God. It is a gift, freely given to those who ask for it. However, it is entirely different to receive, walk in, and carry the glory of God." --Todd Smith, pastor of Christ Fellowship Church, "Become a Habitation for God's Glory" cited in Sid Roth's *mishpochah*, no.2102, March 2021.

Consider how essential the Presence of God was to the Israelites in the desert. The ark of the covenant/testimony "housed" God's Presence. Once placed in the Temple, only the High Priest could approach and enter the Holy of Holies, once per year.

"Even though many Christians desire to experience the glory of God, I must add it does not come easily. In fact, the steps to His glory are a process, and at times the journey can be very difficult and even painful. In order to experience God's glory, we must pray, and prayer requires discipline. Then, an alter needs to be erected. These two are the easy elements. Here is where it gets difficult—a sacrifice is needed. Not only needed, but it must be placed upon the altar. We must climb upon the altar and allow the fire of God to burn us until death." --Todd Smith, pastor of Christ Fellowship Church, "Become a Habitation for God's Glory" cited in Sid Roth's *mishpochah*, no.2102, March 2021.

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have boldness to enter into the Holies by the blood of Yeshua. He inaugurated a new and living way for us through the curtain—that is, His flesh. We also have a Kohen Gadol [High Priest] over God's household. So let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the unwavering confession of hope, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:19-23 (TLV)

Refiner (feat. Chandler Moore and Steffany Gretzinger) – Maverick City Music TRIBL Music

https://youtu.be/UGFCbmvk0vo

When we die to ourselves and live for Jesus, the Glory of the Lord will arise over us.

"Arise, shine; For your light has come! The glory of ADONAI has risen on you. For behold, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness the people. But ADONAI will arise upon you, and His glory will appear over you. Nations will come to your light, kings to the brilliance of your rising." Isaiah 60:1-3 (TLV)

Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe - Cover The Earth (Official Lyric Video)

https://youtu.be/EEM3eCRfW-g

<u>Pray</u>

• Abba, may we, the body of Messiah, be awakened to the awesome responsibility and opportunity to carry Your glory on this earth. Fill us with Your supernatural love for each other, for the lost; let Your Spirit arise on us, Lord God.

• Thank you, Lord Jesus, that You have given us Your glory.

"The glory that You have given to Me I have given to them, that they may be one just as We are one." John 17:22

• Abba, we surrender ourselves fully and completely to You. Help us to understand that we must be fully consecrated to You in order to carry Your glory and to become one.

"I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice--holy, acceptable to God--which is your spiritual service. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1-2

• Father, we long to be one in You, that the world may believe that You sent Jesus.

"I pray not on behalf of these only, but also for those who believe in Me through their message, that they all may be one. Just as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You, so also may they be one in Us, so the world may believe that You sent Me." John 17:20-21