

## CHAPTER TWELVE : INDWELLING GLORY

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Sin causes us to fall short of what God originally intended for us. We were designed for the glory. God's original intent was for us to walk in the glory of God. We were designed to walk in and reveal the glory of God on the earth. We were designed to be carriers, dispensers and displayers of the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 11:7,12

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.

12 For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.

Genesis 1:26,27

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Both man and woman were created in the image of God. We were created in God's image and likeness to manifest His glory.

Adam and Eve walked in an intimate relationship – communion – with God. God visited and communed with them in the garden.

These 4 factors characterized life in the garden:

**Relationship** – they walked in intimate communion and worship of God.

**Submission** – they walked in obedience to His command not to eat of that one tree.

**Responsibility** – they had a God-given mandate to be fruitful, multiply, subdue, have dominion and to fill the earth with people in the image and likeness of God – who will manifest His glory.

**Dominion** – they were given authority to guard the garden – to protect the garden from an obvious enemy who seemed interested in intruding the garden. Man was given dominion – the power to subdue and rule – and fill the earth with the glory of God.

Their ability to walk in and manifest the glory of God, to subdue and have dominion flowed naturally out of who they were and as they walked in and fulfilled the first three – maintained intimate relationship with God, walked in submission to Him, and fulfilled responsibility He had given.

They had no other 'weapon' to exercise authority on the earth – no Word of God, name of Jesus, blood of the Lamb, etc. These came into effect later on after the Fall.

At its very core our ability to manifest His glory and exercise authority on the earth - flows naturally out of who we are as sons and daughters of God - and as we walk in an intimate relationship with God, walk in submission to Him, and fulfill responsibility He has given us. The 'weapons of our warfare' we use are tools to express the authority that flows from these.

## Restored in His Image

Sin caused us to fall short of the glory of God, and disturbed the original plan. However, the Lord Jesus came into this world and through what He did for us on the Cross and His resurrection, He has brought us in to becoming sons and daughters of God.

As a new creation in Christ, our inner person is now created in the image and likeness of God (Ephesians 4:24).

You and I are designed to walk in and manifest the glory of God – to put on display who God is and what He does.

### 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

45 And so it is written, "THE FIRST MAN ADAM BECAME A LIVING BEING." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

Since we are born again of "the last Adam", "the second Man" or "the heavenly Man" we are like Him and we will bear the image of the heavenly Man.

### Verse 48

"...as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly."

"...those who are of heaven are like the one who came from heaven." (Good News Bible)

### 1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

Our life in this world is the same as His. We are to walk as He walked (1 John 2:6). We see in Scripture that in the Incarnation, when the Lord Jesus walked on the earth, He walked in the glory of God and manifested (displayed) the glory of the God.

## The Perfect Example - Glory in the Person of Jesus

Hebrews 1:3

3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

The Lord Jesus is the shining out of God's glory and the exact representation of His Person (the nature of God, who God is). His "being the brightness of His glory" does not mean that the Lord Jesus in His earthly form went about with bright blinding light radiating out of His being. This means that the Lord Jesus in His life and through what He did was the expression of God's glory and the exact, correct and accurate representation of the Person of God in bodily form.

When the glory of God is displayed, we get an accurate representation of the Person of God.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

We know the glory of God in the Person of Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus displayed and made clearly visible to us the glory of God.

John 1:1,2,14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

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.

The Lord Jesus walked on the earth in "the glory as of the only begotten of the Father". We refer to this as the "Sonship glory".

John 17:5

And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Jesus had Eternal Glory with the Father before the incarnation. But in the incarnation He walked on the earth as a Man, in Sonship glory. Following His resurrection, He received once again the Eternal glory which He always had with the Father. The Eternal Glory is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. The Sonship glory is not. The Sonship glory is the extension of the Person of God that can be contained in a human body. It is the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form.

Colossians 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

Colossians 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

The Lord Jesus walked in Sonship glory, which is the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form. Jesus Christ, His life on earth, is the perfect example of a life that did not fall short of the glory of

God. He is the perfect example of a life that lived manifesting the glory of God. The Lord Jesus was a carrier, displayer and dispenser of this Sonship glory, the fullness of God which He walked in here on earth.

**John 1:16** And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

The Sonship glory and the fullness that Jesus walked in, He dispensed to others, so that they received of His fullness.

## Sonship Glory Manifested Through Jesus

As we follow the life and ministry of Jesus through the Gospels, we see how Sonship glory was displayed and dispensed.

### *Grace and truth*

**John 1:14**

**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.

Grace (character, virtue) and truth (integrity, purity, holiness, light, wisdom) manifested the glory of God. People see the glory of God when they see "grace and truth" displayed through our lives.

### *Healings, miracles, and the supernatural manifest the glory of God*

**John 2:11**

**This** beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

Healings, miracles, and the supernatural manifest the glory of God

Jesus was able to meet whatever need He was confronted with in His assignment. He did this as a Man walking in the Sonship glory.

**John 11:4,40**

**4** When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

**40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

The healing of the sick and the raising of the dead were all ways through which the glory of God was displayed.

In addition to the healings and deliverances, there were many other supernatural things that took place in the life of Jesus that all displayed the glory of God.

Water was turned into wine.

He multiplied fish and bread.

He walked on water.

He calmed winds and waves.

He cursed a fig tree and it withered away.

He walked unharmed through a mob of violent people (Luke 4:28-30).

He and His disciples along with their boat were supernaturally transported (John 6:16-21).

Fish were supernaturally multiplied and caught in a net.

Money was supernaturally brought into the mouth of a fish

## **Sonship Glory, His Fullness Given To Us**

**John 17:22**

**And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:**

Jesus walked in "sonship glory", the glory that man as a son of God, was designed to walk in. Before He left the earth, He made Sonship glory available to all who would believe and follow Him.

The Church, which is His Body, and His completeness, is filled with Himself. He fills every part of His Body with Himself.

**Ephesians 1:23** which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

As believers we are to filled with all the fullness of God.

**Ephesians 3:19** to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

All of us, every individual saint, must grow up to a mature person, which is the full measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Christ-likeness in all its fullness is what each of us have to grow into.

**Ephesians 4:13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

The Church Jesus is coming back for is a "glorious church", that is a church filled with glory or full of glory.

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

## Carriers And Dispensers of His Glory

As believers we are carriers, dispensers and displayers of Sonship glory. This is what we are growing into. We are becoming a people who will learn how to walk as Jesus walked. We are becoming a people who will grow up in all things to be like Him, walking in Sonship glory, walking in the fullness of God, living lives full of grace and truth, manifesting the glory of God through healings, miracles, mighty signs and wonders, so that others can receive of the fullness we have been given.

God has chosen His people to be carriers, dispensers and displayers of His glory. We must learn about this, and journey into this.

## His Glory Displayed Through Earthen Vessels

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

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.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

We always remember that we are earthen vessels and everything we have, carry and dispense is of God and not of us.