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What is the Glory?

What is glory of God? My friend, you are about to embark on a tremendous study of the very nature and essence of God, Himself. This subject, as you will soon see, can at times seem as vast as the ocean, or God Himself. But remember it is no small thing trying to define and understand the nature and characteristics of almighty God.

There are many places in Bible that talk about the glory of a thing or the glory of God, it is another thing altogether to attempt to define and understand the *glory of God*. Glory is definitely one of the more difficult subjects to clearly define in the Bible.

The word glory is used extensively throughout the Bible. In some places it speaks of the splendor of an object or thing. Sometimes the glory of God can refer to the honor that God receives from the praise and worship of His people. While in other places the word glory speaks of God Himself.

Below is the Webster's Dictionary definition of *glory*. I have also included the definitions of the words *glorify* and *glorious* because these words are derivatives of the word *glory*.

Glory *n.* Great honor, popular praise, renown; splendor, as, the *glory* of the hills; that in which one glories. – *vi* [-ried] To rejoice in, exult.

Glorify *vt.* To honor, reverence, adore, as, to *glorify* God; to give radiance, as, her smile *glorified* her face; to make glorious, elevate by praise, as, to *glorify* the commonplace.

Glorious *adj.* Honored, illustrious; resplendent, as, a *glorious* occasion.

Notice that the dictionary uses the word *honor* in one form or another to define each of these words: *glory*, *glorify* and *glorious*. Because the dictionary uses the word honor to define these three words, I believe it would help us to take a quick look at the definitions of honor. I have included Webster's Dictionary definitions of the word *honor* in its noun and verb form.

Honor *n.* 1. A fine sense of what is just and right with readiness to apply it to one's own conduct in relation to others. 2. Great respect. 3. Wide and good reputation. 4. Any token of recognition for distinguished services or high merit. 5. A title

accorded holders of certain civil offices, as: His Honor the Mayor.

Honor v. To treat with respect, revere; to bestow honors upon; to recognize, as a business obligation and meet it, as, to *honor* a claim; to recognize as correct and pay, as, to *honor* a draft. Syn.

Respect, esteem. To *honor* is an outward act; to *esteem* is to hold in high regard.

Throughout the New Testament there are primarily two Greek words that are translated into the English word *glory*. It is interesting to note that these same two Greek words are also translated extensively as the word *honor* in the New Testament.

In the same manner, throughout the Old Testament the primary Hebrew words that are used to translate the word *glory* are also used extensively to translate the word *honor*. (By the way, our English word *honor* is spelled *honour* in the King James Version of the Bible.) Remember that the word *glory* and the word *honor* have, in many cases, been translated from the very same Hebrew and Greek words.

When we look at the Hebrew and Greek dictionaries, we find that the word *glory* conveys,

for the most part, the same ideas as the word *honor*: ideas of reverence, respect, dignity, and esteem as well as the idea of what is upright, just, right, true, honest, good, and noble.

As I stated before, there are times when Scriptures talk about the *glory* of God as it refers to the *honor* that God receives from the praise and worship of His people. Here are a couple of examples found in the scriptures.

1 TIMOTHY 1:17

17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

REVELATION 5:12

12 ... "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

The Hebrew words *kabad* and *kabowd* which are translated *glory* and *honor* in the Old Testament also convey the idea of weight and heaviness. Hence, lawyers like to call an honorable witness to testify because his words are very heavy and weighty in a court of law.

The Hebrew definitions of *glory* and *honor* also add the idea of wealth and the idea of a significant and/or positive reputation that is worthy of reverence, respect, dignity, esteem, and majesty. These words can also convey the majesty and splendor of a person or thing. In fact, the first time we see the word glory used in the Old Testament it is referring to these ideas.

GENESIS 31:1

1 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory [wealth]. (KJV)

I think that it is also important for all of us to learn, as Jacob did, that when we honor the Lord and give His Word first place in our lives, we will begin to experience for ourselves the blessings of the Lord. As we make it a point to honor and glorify the Lord with our substance the Lord will bless us with honor, glory and wealth as He did Jacob.

PSALMS 84:11

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace [favor and blessings] and

glory [honor]; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly [honorably].

There are many ways that glory and honor can be used but in the end both of these words, in most cases, are basically describing the same spiritual concept. Both of these words help us to further understand the character and nature of our God. They help us to see His heart and motives toward us and they can help point the way to the next level in our walk with the Lord.

The next time you see the word glory in a Scripture realize that it is very possible that it could also be translated as honor. Try reading the Scripture a second time, translating *glory* to *honor* or *honor* to *glory*, and see if Holy Spirit reveals any additional insight to you.

Honor, Love and Glory

Now when you think of the word *glory*, what comes to your mind? Personally, when I hear the word glory I think of the story of Moses at the burning bush on Mount Sinai. The bush appeared to be on fire but was not consumed. However, the bush was not actually on fire, it was the glory of God's manifested presence in a form that resembled fire. There are many other accounts in the Bible that reveal the glory of God's manifested presence as fire or a pillar of fire. At other times the glory of God's presence has even appeared as a cloud, smoke, lightning and brilliant light.

But when we get right down to it, what exactly is the glory of God? Even Moses wanted a revelation of God's glory. In fact, Moses made one of the boldest requests found anywhere in the Bible. Take a look at this passage.

EXODUS 33:18-23

18 And he [Moses] said, "Please, show me Your glory."

19 Then He [God] said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be

gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."

21 And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock."

22 "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by."

23 "Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

Although God's manifested presence and power seen in the earth is known as His glory, it is truly God's character that shines forth the essence of His glory and nature. I find it interesting to note that when Moses requested to see God's glory, God replied, in Exodus 33:19, by saying, *"I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you."* When Moses wanted to see God's glory, God responded by allowing Moses to see His backside while God proclaimed His goodness and character to him. Moses wanted to see God's glory, however, God really wanted Moses to see His heart.

EXODUS 34:5-8

5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

7 "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

8 So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.

After Moses had this mountaintop experience with God, he came down the mountain to the camp of Israel. When Moses came into the camp the people looked at His face and it shined with glory from being in God's presence. Moses face shined so much with God's glory that the people where afraid of him. Therefore, Moses put a veil over his face in order to talk with the people.

EXODUS 34:29-35

29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

30 So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

31 Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them.

32 Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

34 But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded.

35 And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

In almost every place we find the *glory of God* manifested in presence or power in the Scriptures it is almost always directly or indirectly associated with an act of God's *love* and *honor* towards His covenant people. God's glory would manifest for the purpose of helping and caring for the needs of His people.

For example, when God led the children of Israel with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, these were manifestations of God's glory and presence. God's manifested presence in the form of the cloud protected the children of Israel from the hot desert sun. The pillar of fire by night gave the children of Israel light for the camp. We can see another example of God's manifested glory when He blocked Pharaoh's army with a pillar of fire and then parted the Red Sea to rescue His people from the hand of Pharaoh and the Egyptian army. The parting of the Red Sea was a manifestation of God's glorious power and an act of God's love to save His people from the Egyptians.

We can find many other examples throughout the Bible, as in the Old Testament account of the crumbling of the walls of Jericho, when God manifested His glorious power to honor His

covenant people with the land He had promised to them.

In the New Testament we can also see examples of God's glorious power and presence manifesting ultimately as an act of love to His covenant people. One example of God's glory can be seen when Paul was converted on the road to Damascus. A glorious light from heaven shone around Paul and he was blinded for three days. Not only did Paul get saved, but he stopped making havoc and persecuting the early church that God so loved.

We can also see examples of God's glorious power when He set Paul and Silas free from prison by causing an earthquake. This demonstrated God's love not only for Paul and Silas, but also His love for all the people that would be reached through their ministries.

ACTS 16:25-26

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

The more that I have continued to study and meditate on the subjects of *honor*, *love* and *glory*, the more I am convinced of the divine union they share. In fact, I have a good example to help correlate these concepts and their relationships.

The Lord showed me that the concept of *honor* is like unto our heavenly Father, the concept of *glory* is like unto the Holy Spirit and the concept of *love* is like unto Jesus our Lord. Our heavenly Father represents God's *honor* seated on a throne high and lifted up. The Holy Spirit represents the manifested *glory* of God's presence and power, and Jesus represents God's *love* demonstrated to mankind.

They are all three individuals yet at the same time they all three God, united together working in perfect harmony. These three: *honor*, *love* and *glory* make up the nature and essence of God. They flow together harmoniously as One. All of God's many character attributes flow out of these three manifestations of God's nature. In fact, God does not merely have honor, love and glory, rather, *God is honor*, *love* and *glory* personified.

Here is another way to understand the relationship between honor, love and glory. Think of a looking

at a mountain from three different perspectives: you see one mountain, yet you see a completely different view of that same mountain from each angle. In fact, if you took a photo of a mountain from three angles, depending on the mountain, it could look like three completely different mountains. This does not mean there are three mountains though. It means there is one mountain with three facets, which appear completely different.

God desires to manifest His *honor*, *love* and *glory* today through the lives of His covenant people. We call these manifestations though the lives of individuals “the anointing.” There is a relationship between the glory of God, the love of God, and the power and anointing of God. All of God’s power and anointing flow out of His glory. Therefore, if you want a stronger anointing in your life as a Christian or a minister of the Gospel, then begin to honor the Lord and love people in a greater way on a daily basis. The more we make a point to honor the Lord and other people in our daily lives, the greater God’s glory, power and anointing will rest upon us.

The anointing is the glory and power of God on us, working through us to demonstrate God’s love and

honor to other individuals. We can see this demonstrated in the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus walked in God's glory and anointing without measure. In fact, Christ is not Jesus' last name. The word *Christ* means "the Anointed One of God." Although Jesus was the Son of God, He came to earth as a man, and He ministered to people as a man anointed with the glory of God by the Holy Spirit. The anointing that was upon Christ manifested in power and in miracles, which He performed. Jesus was greatly anointed with the power and presence of God because He greatly honored, loved and glorified God and His Word completely.

1 SAMUEL 2:30

30 ... for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.

I remember a time in my life shortly before I came to know the Lord. God had sent many people across my path to witness to me but I rejected their witness of Jesus because I had been taught that anyone who talked about Jesus was a Jesus freak. At the time, I was a sixteen-year-old runaway doing drugs. When I ran away from home I journeyed about ninety miles to a beach city in

Southern California where my father had a boat. I had been making money by cleaning and detailing cars in local neighborhoods, which helped me purchase a van that I lived in at the time. I had the keys to the showers at the boat dock, so I was all set.

One day, I had cleaned about three or four cars and had made about \$120. At the time, that was a lot of money for me to live on and buy more drugs. After I had finished my work one day, I decided to go down to the beach and check out the local scenery (girls); after all, I was a sixteen-year-old hot-blooded heathen.

When I got to the beach a beautiful young lady about my age passed by me walking on the beach I noticed something strange about her. I did not know what it was but her face seemed to glow. I was determined to sweet-talk her into my van. I began to move in for the kill. I started talking to her and after a while I made some provocative suggestions. She told me that she did not do those kinds of things because she was a Christian.

Now, as I stated, God had already sent many Christians to me and, as far as I was concerned at the time, I thought they were all a bunch of Jesus

freaks. But this girl whom I met on the beach, even though she witnessed to me, I still found myself drawn to her. But I was determined to get her into my van and persuade her to my way of thinking. I thought to myself that I would let her get this Jesus stuff off her chest, then I would make my move. I had no idea what I was in for. This girl talked to me about Jesus for at least two hours as we sat on the curb in front of my van. Finally, she asked me if I wanted to accept Jesus as my Lord. I told her that I did not want to give up my drugs and money to serve some Jesus. In the end she went her way and I went mine. I did not receive the Lord Jesus that day but I did receive Him about a month later when I had spent all my money, used up all my drugs and my van had broken down. But it was this young lady's testimony and the testimony of several other witnesses that paved the way to my salvation.

I told you this story because I now know that it was the glory of God on this young lady to which I found myself so attracted. Even though I did not realize it at the time, I believe that I actually saw the glory of God emanating and shining from this girl's face and I was not even born again. I'm sure that what I saw was very similar to what the children of Israel saw when they looked at Moses,

although to a lesser degree. I did not know what it was at the time but I knew there was something about her that glowed. But now I know that it was the glory of God on her countenance.

I believe that God wants us to become vessels of His glory to such a degree that His glory can actually be seen on our countenance and draw others to the light of Jesus. God wants us to become vessels of honor that are fit for His *glory* so that He can, in turn, reach out and touch a lost and dying world through us.

I believe we can all have are own mountaintop experience with God, when we make up our mind to seek God with all of our heart. And when we make up our mind to seek the heart of God, His presence, power and anointing will not be far behind.

Partakers of God's Nature

Our God is the great heavenly Father of all. As the great heavenly Father, He seeks to demonstrate and share His *honor*, *love* and *glory* with His children. Our heavenly Father, like all fathers, desires that His children seek to follow in His footsteps and in His ways. However, to follow after Him we must first come to know Him as little children come to know their father. Knowing God intimately as Father starts with first knowing His ways and His heart as revealed in His Word.

MATTHEW 18:2-4

2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,

3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

The Bible reveals to us that God is love but the Bible also teaches us that glory and honor are in God's presence, which is really another way to say

that God is honor and God is glory. Or we could say that God is honor, love and glory personified.

1 JOHN 4:8

8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 CHRONICLES 16:27

27 Glory and honour are in his [God's] presence... (KJV)

No good father would ever want any less for his children than he would want for himself. In truth, I think most parents would like to see their children do better in life than they have done themselves.

MATTHEW 7:11

11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

If a king has a child, the prince or princess is not made to sleep outside in the doghouse. Rather, their place is with their father, the king, inside the castle. So it is with our heavenly Father. He wants us to stop living with doghouse mentality when He has already provided a place for us at His table.

Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: (KJV)

Unfortunately, many of God's children are ignorant of the fact that from the beginning God intended mankind to be like Him and learn to be partakers with Him of His divine nature. However, many of God's children have failed to realize what God intended for them to have for various reasons, here are a few.

Some Christians have failed to receive because they are just plain stuck in the quagmire of religious thinking. While many others attend churches famous for teaching nothing! That is, many churches teach everything but the Word of God, leaving their parishioners with little to no knowledge about their inheritance or what God's Word has to say about it. And still others have failed to receive all that God has in store for them because of a lack of faith and failing to act on the promises of God they already know.

2 PETER 1:2-4

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

What do you think it means to be a partaker of God's divine nature? In order to answer that question, I think we first have to ask what is God's divine nature?

God's divine nature is the essence of Who He is, and God has shown Himself to be honor, love and glory personified. From His divine nature of honor, love and glory, flows His goodness, kindness, truthfulness, joy and peacefulness, to name only a few. In short, God wants us to become partakers of His honor, love and glory, which is the only way we will ever escape the corruption that is in this world.

Now I can already hear some of you thinking to yourselves, "Brother Lee, I thought God would not give His glory to another." "How can you possibly

think we can be like God?” “Isn’t that blasphemy?” “After all, haven’t you read these Scriptures?” Yes, actually I have read those Scriptures but maybe it is time that we all took another look.

ISAIAH 42:8

8 I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.

On one hand, it is true that God will not give or share His glory with those who would try to usurp or compete with Him for the praise and worship due to Him alone. Nor will God give or share His glory with someone that would attempt to take the honor and glory for something that God did Himself.

For example, say that a minister was used by God to do great signs, miracles and healings. Yet at some point, he forgets that it is God doing the work of healings and miracles and he begins to take the credit for his success instead of giving all the glory and honor to God. At that point, the minister has crossed the line. He has taken for himself the glory and honor that rightfully belongs to God alone.

Now on the other hand, God will, at times, give a certain amount of His glory and honor to people as He sees fit. You can see examples of this in the lives of Moses and David and many others mentioned in the Bible. But if anyone attempts to take more honor and glory than God chooses to give them, then they are opening themselves up to the devil through pride and lust. And the Scriptures teach us that God resists the proud and that pride goes before a fall.

PROVERBS 16:18

18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

PROVERBS 29:23

23 A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor [glory].

I can show you by the Scriptures that God does in fact, want us to become partakers of His honor, love and glory. However, we must learn how to walk with God and that starts with humility and a willingness to follow God. We also have to be willing to adopt God's ways of doing things.

1 PETER 5:5-6

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to [honor] one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt [honor and glorify] you in due time,

If there is one thing that I have learned about God over the years it is this: God is in the restoration business. Ever since the day that Adam and Eve committed high treason against God, God has been in the process of working out His foreknown plan of restoration and redemption for mankind.

When we talk about the idea of restoration, it first helps to understand what restoration means. Restoration means to return something to its original state. However, for us to understand what God had in mind, as it relates to mankind, we must first look at the original state in which God had created man. Then we will see the image that God has in mind when it comes to restoring mankind.

Can you imagine a person trying to restore a car without having an image of what the car originally looked like? It would be impossible. It is no

different when it comes to having our lives restored. Granted, we are not the ones that actually do the restoration in our lives, but as with almost all things in God's dealings with man, we have a part and God has a part. That's what it means to become a part-aker.

We can better cooperate with God as a partaker of His divine nature, when we are able to see the vision that God has in mind for our restoration. But this first requires that we understand what God's original image for mankind was, so that we can be in agreement with Him. This is important because if we do not believe that God wants us to be healed in our bodies, the truth is we will never be healed. Likewise, if we do not believe that God wants us to become a partaker of His glory, then we will never partake. Being a partaker requires us to believe and use our faith to receive the promises of God. As for the original image and state of man, let us see what God's Word reveals to us about it.

First, the Scriptures reveal to us that God created man in his own image, ultimately, so God could have a being like unto Himself that could be a partaker of His divine nature: honor, love and glory.

GENESIS 1:26-28

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.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Man is the only being that God has created that can truly commune with God on His own level. In the same way, man can only truly commune with another man. As a man cannot truly commune with a dog on the same level, anymore that God can commune with the angels on the same level. Man was created in God's image just a little lower than God Himself and man is the only being that can truly receive as well as reciprocate God's honor, love and glory.

PSALMS 8:4-6

4 What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?

5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

The word translated “angels” in Psalms 8:5 in the King James Version and the New King James Version of the Old Testament, is not an accurate rendering of the original language in this context. The Hebrew word translated “angels” in this Scripture is the word “*elohiym*.” While the word *elohiym* in the original Hebrew can mean “angels” it can also mean “God.” In this Scripture and context, “God” is the proper translation. The word *elohiym* has also been translated “God” in many other Scriptures throughout the Old Testament. Here is the definition of the word *elohiym* as it is found in the Stong’s Dictionary.

430 'elohiym (el-o-heem'); plural of 433; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally

applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative:

KJV-- angels, X exceeding, God (gods)- dess, -ly), X (very) great, judges, X mighty.

The word *elohiym* in Psalms 8:5 has been translated “God” in many other translations of the Old Testament, such as the American Standard Version, New American Standard, and the Revised Standard Version, to name only a few. Below is the Revised Standard Version rendering of Psalms 8:4-6, which is an example of the way this verse should be translated.

PSALMS 8:4-6

**4 What is man that thou art mindful of him,
and the son of man that thou dost care for him?**
**5 Yet thou hast made him little less than God,
and dost crown him with glory and honor.**
**6 Thou hast given him dominion over the
works of thy hands; thou hast put all things
under his feet, (RSV)**

I believe the reason this verse was rendered “angels” in the King James Version is most likely due to a lack of understanding by the translators at the time or, because of the religious mindset of their day. Keep in mind that the King James

Version of the Bible was written about four hundred years ago shortly after a time we call the Dark Ages. It was called the Dark Ages, due to the lack of man's illumination and understanding of God's Word, as the general public did not have access to the Scriptures, which were confined to monasteries and the Scriptures were only read in Latin.

Now I would like to point out another important observation of Psalms 8:5. Not only did God make man in His own image (Genesis 1:26-28) but God also made man a little lower than Himself. Then God took the same glory and honor that is in His presence (1 Chronicles 16:27) and crowned man with it. Then God made man a ruler, like Himself, over the works of His hands.

In man's original state in the day that God had created him in the Garden of Eden, man was clothed with the glory of God. This means that man was clothed like God, "with fire from his waist up and from his waist down." This was not natural fire, but the supernatural glory fire of God, like Moses observed at the burning bush. Man only found himself naked after he had lost this supernatural, glory clothing when he sinned against God.

EZEKIAL 1:26-28

26 And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it.

27 Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around.

28 Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

Now we can see from these Scriptures and Psalms 8:5 that man was crowned with glory and honor – so much so that it was even his original supernatural clothing. Man, like the animals, was originally clothed from the inside out. Originally man never had to wear external clothing.

Unfortunately, the day that Adam sinned against God he lost much more than only his clothing, he

lost the Garden, he lost the presence and fellowship of God, and he lost the glory and honor that was bestowed upon him by God. Plus, Adam gave His dominion and rule to the devil and the curse of death invaded his spirit, soul, and body.

In fact, this is the very reason that Jesus told Nicodemus in the gospel of John that a man must be born again.

JOHN 3:1-6

1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Man must be born again because he is spiritually dead. Therefore, man's spirit must be reborn or revived with the life of God in order to be fit to once again be a vessel of the honor, love and the glory of God.

MATTHEW 9:16-17

16 "No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.

17 "Nor do they put new wine [the glory God] into old wineskins [dead human spirits], or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine [the glory of God] into new wineskins [born again human spirits], and both are preserved."

The problem started in the Garden of Eden. God told Adam and Eve they could eat the fruit from all the trees in the Garden of Eden but the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil that was in the middle of the Garden, He specifically told them NOT to eat.

GENESIS. 2:17

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

What happened? Adam and Eve did not drop dead immediately as from eating a bite of poisonous fruit. This phrase “you shall surely die” in the Hebrew is actually two Hebrew words. The first word is "mowt" and the second word is "taamuwt". Both of these words are derivatives of the same root word and both convey the idea of death.

The phrase “you shall surely die” would have been better translated, “in death you shall die” or “in dying you shall die.” But in the King James Version and many other translations, the first word is translated you shall surely then the second word is translated die.

It is important for us to understand what happened to Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God. We know that they did not immediately die physically the day that they ate the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. In fact, the Bible records that Adam lived for more than 900 years. So what really happened? The truth is that they first died spiritually, and as a result of dying

spiritually, they ultimately died physically. Hence “in dying you shall die.”

Disobedience to God is called sin. Sin separates us from God. Separation from God is called spiritual death.

ROMANS 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death [dishonor, hatred and corruption], but the gift of God is eternal life [honor, love and glory] in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God, not willing to leave His man in a state of spiritual corruption, eternally separated from Him, planned in the fullness of time to send Jesus, His only begotten Son. Jesus took the penalty of spiritual, mental and physical death for all men because all men had died spiritually, mentally and physically in Adam.

In fact, Jesus was able to avoid inheriting the sin nature of mankind only because God personally impregnated the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit. This allowed Jesus to bypass the cursed bloodline of Joseph, as Joseph was a descendant of Adam, as are we all. Mary, as a woman, only carried the seed of God. It is a known fact that a woman never

shares her blood with her unborn baby. In fact, the mother and her baby can both have different blood types. Jesus got his blood directly from God the Father and this allowed Jesus to have pure, undefiled blood, free from the corruption and curse of sin. Because of this, Jesus was able to sacrificially shed His sinless blood on our behalf as a substitute that was acceptable to God for the judgement of mankind's sin.

In the end, Jesus suffered death just like Adam – spirit, soul and body – in order to fully restore and redeem man back to the original state that God had intended for him. The main difference being that Adam died because of his own sin, whereas Jesus died for the sins of us all.

1 JOHN 4:9-10

9 In this the love [honor, love and glory] of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

10 In this is love [honor, love and glory], not that we loved [honored, loved and glorified] God, but that He loved [honored, loved and gave His glory to] us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

The good news of the gospel is that God, who is honor, love and glory personified made a way for all men to be restored to their original state that God had intended from the beginning. This all happens at the new birth, when the Holy Spirit comes within us. The Holy Spirit who is honor, love and glory recreates our human spirit by the power of God, which is honor, love and glory and at the same time brings with Him back into our spirit all the nature and essence of God which is honor, love and glory.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4 whose minds the god of this age [dishonor, hatred and corruption] has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God [honor, love and glory], should shine on them.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ [honor, love and glory], he is a new creation; old things [dishonor, hatred and corruption] have passed away; behold, all things have become new [honor, love and glory],.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit [honor, love and glory] is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

1 PETER 1:23

23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed [dishonor, hatred and corruption] but incorruptible [honor, love and glory], through the word of God [honor, love and glory] which lives and abides forever,

JOHN 5:24

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word [honor, love and glory] and believes in Him [honor, love and glory] who sent Me [honor, love and glory] has everlasting life [honor, love and glory], and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life [honor, love and glory].

God's process of restoring man's honor, love and glory begins with the instantaneous new birth of man's spirit, by the Spirit of God, restoring man's original nature which is honor, love and glory, as it

was in the beginning. This also restores the broken relationship between God and man.

The next stage in the process of restoration can take our entire lifetime in this earth. It is accomplished by receiving the washing of the water of the Word of honor, love and glory, which ultimately will renew man's mind. This restores God's ways and purposes, which are honor, love and glory, to our understanding and thinking.

ROMANS 12:2

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

EPHESIANS 4:23-24

**23 and be renewed in the spirit of your minds,
24 and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God [honor, love and glory] in true righteousness and holiness. (RSV)**

The process of restoration will be completed at the last trumpet, at which time we will receive a glorified body exactly like man had in the beginning and exactly like Jesus our Lord currently possesses.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:52-55

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible [body] must put on incorruption, and this mortal [body] must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

When everything is restored, God still intends man to be crowned with His honor, love and glory, as well as, exercising the dominion of a king. God desires man to rule and reign with Him in honor, love and glory forever.

REVELATION 1:5-6

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him

that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (KJV)

Because of the selfless sacrifice of Jesus, we are now able to call God, our heavenly Father. We have also been made kings and priests and joint-heirs with Jesus.

ROMANS 8:14-18

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God [honor, love and glory], these are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ [God], if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory [honor, love and glory] which shall be revealed in us.

Did you notice the statement in verse 17 that said, *“that we may also be glorified together”* and the statement in verse 18 that said, *“compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us?”*

JOHN 8:58

58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

It helps to remember that Jesus Christ is the Second person of the Godhead. In other words, Jesus Christ is God. That means that we are heirs of God the Father and joint heirs with God the Son.

Do you have any idea what it means to be a joint heir with Christ? As joint heirs with Christ Jesus we become partakers of God's Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:2-4), which we know is His honor, love and glory. It also means you get the same inheritance Jesus gets! Now that does not necessarily mean that you are going to get the same reward, because our rewards are based on our works not on our inheritance. There will be some people in heaven who will have greater reward than others, but we all share the same inheritance as sons of God.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus did not consider it robbery to be equal with God and neither should we. That does not mean that we walk around full of pride, rather, like Jesus we need to learn to humble ourselves before God. Neither does that mean that we have to deny our new heritage as heirs of God and joint heirs with

Christ Jesus. For some of us, this may mean that we need adjust our thinking to realize who we are in Christ and strip off any doghouse mentality we may still have from the world. It is not prideful for us as sons and daughters of the King to acknowledge our birthright and our place in the family of God. As children of the King we are destined to rule and reign with Him forever and ever.

REVELATION 22:5

5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

As part of our birthright God desires to restore dominion back to us, as in the beginning. As Christians we should know that God has already given us dominion and authority over the devil. But our Father also wants us to receive His honor, love and glory for the purpose of learning how to properly rule and reign over our circumstances in life as kings, then turn around as priests dispensing honor, love and glory to a lost and dying world.

REVELATION 3:21

21 To him who overcomes I [Jesus] will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Here we are even told that if we overcome in this life we will be granted the right to sit with Christ on His throne. God has many great things in store for those who love and honor Him. Make sure that you do not miss out on anything that God wants you to have.

Make no mistake about it, when we are born again, we become heirs of almighty God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus, and because of that, you and I are now able to be a partakers of His divine nature: honor, love and glory.

Would you like to know Jesus?

Read this page carefully, then pray.

ROMANS 10:9-11

9 If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." (NKJ)

Understand that salvation is not just reciting a prayer but salvation is opening your heart to Jesus and making Him Lord of your life.

Now pray: Jesus, forgive Me for My sins. I turn from My sins and I receive you, Jesus, as My Lord and Savior. I ask you to come into My heart and take control of My life. I believe you took My place and died for Me on the cross and I believe that God raised you from the dead. I thank you for saving Me and revealing yourself to Me in a personal and intimate way. In Jesus name. Amen.

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