

## ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT THE GLORY?

Gen 1 <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup> And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

There is a model in scripture as to how God's glory is manifest.

### I. THE RELEASE OF GOD'S SPIRIT

1. The Word of God must first be spoken.

Though the Spirit of God hovered over an earth without form and void He would not move upon it until the Word of God was spoken.

Hebrews 11 <sup>3</sup> Through faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

2. The pattern of the spoken word of God in Vs 3-5

The pattern for each of the days of Creation is established here.

- (a) **the creative word** "and God said..."
- (b) **the report of its effect** "..and there was light"
- (c) **God's evaluation of it** as "good,"

3. The release of the Spirit to act upon God's word is to bring "order" or a prepared detailed manner in which God himself will dwell among us.

The Holy Spirit's moving brought order to all of creation.- Unity and placement came from His activity on the planet.

4. God will not dwell in chaos. He demands preparation.

Illustrations of preparation and order as a requirement of a visitation of God's presence.

- a. The tabernacle

- b. The temple
- c. Elijah calling fire out of heaven. Laid the wood in order, cut the sacrifice, etc.
- d. Man must approach a visitation of God by meeting God's demand of preparedness and order.

## **II. AFTER THE SPIRIT HAS ESTABLISHED ORDER THE GLORY COMES!**

1. God's first creation is light. Light is a manifestation of his presence.
2. God after 6 days releases his glory upon man.  
God literally breathes his breathe into lifeless dirt and it becomes a living soul.  
He then makes a woman. They are naked and unashamed.

The animals had fur, the fish had scales, the birds had feathers.  
Yet man was naked and all lived in the harmony of their creation.

### **The glory of God was there clothing.**

Psa 8<sup>4</sup> What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? <sup>5</sup> For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast **crowned him with glory and honour.**

Crowned is the word "atar" which means to "surround or encircle".

## **III. THE GLORY OF GOD BRINGS BLESSING OR JUDGMENT.**

1. Adam and Eve while in obedience had fellowship with God in the garden.  
They lived having all their needs met. They lived in harmony with beast of the field and all of creation.
2. Adam and Eve sin. The glory that has clothed them has departed.  
When God seeks them out for fellowship they have discovered their nakedness.

When God comes they are cast outside of Eden never to return.

Examples of blessing and judgment.

Moses follows the pattern, and is rewarded with visitations of God in which he gives divine law, and has personal favor with God.

Abraham offers sacrifices, obeys the word of the Lord and he is rewarded with a visitation of God that gives him an eternal covenant.

The sons of Aaron disobey the pattern and offer strange fire before God and the fire of God comes from the tabernacle and destroys them.

This judgment came upon those who heard his word and had walked in his presence.

Whenever sin enters into the presence of God's glory there is an immediate reaction.

Some will be blessed others will be judged.

In the N.T. the glory came in the upper room. Ananias and Sapphira are struck dead for lying about their offering.