

PRAYER STUDY 37
"The Glory of the Lord"
Habakkuk 2:14

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Characteristics of His Glory

1. Bright Light: Revelations 21:23-*And the city[the new Jerusalem]had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did light it, and the Lamb is the lamp of it.*
2. Smoke: Revelations 15:8a-*And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power...*
3. Weightiness: 2nd Chronicles 5:13 & 5:14-*It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praise the Lord, saying, "For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever"- that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord. So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord had filled the house.*
4. Rushing Wind: Ezekiel 3:12-*Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, "Blessed be the glory of the Lord from His place."*
5. Cloud: (see 2nd Chronicles 5:14 above) and Ezekiel 10:4-*Then the glory of the Lord went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house, and the house was filled with a cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the Lord's glory.*
6. Fire: Exodus 24:17-*And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.*

Things that Encourage His Glory

1. Being Filled with the Holy Spirit: Acts 7:55-*But he[Stephen], being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.*
2. The Build-up of the Zion Company of Believers in the Last Days: Psalm 102:16-*When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His Glory.*

Things that Hinder His Glory

1. Sin: Romans 3:23-*All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*
2. Unbelief: John 11:40-*Jesus saith unto her, "Said I not unto thee that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?"*
3. Being Ashamed of Jesus: Mark 8:38-*Whosoever, therefore, shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father, with the holy angels.*

Purposes of His Glory

1. To strengthen the believer in the inner man: Ephesians 3:16-*That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man.*
2. To bring you the joy of the Lord: 1st Peter 4:12-13-*Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to test you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. But rejoice inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that, when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy. And 2nd Corinthians 4:17-For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.*
3. To cause you to be a reflection of His Glory to others: Isaiah 60:1-3-*Arise; shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*

Then saith Jesus unto His disciples, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whosoever will save His life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose His life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man shall come *in the Glory of His father* with His angels, and then he shall reward every man according to his work.

Matthew 16:24-27