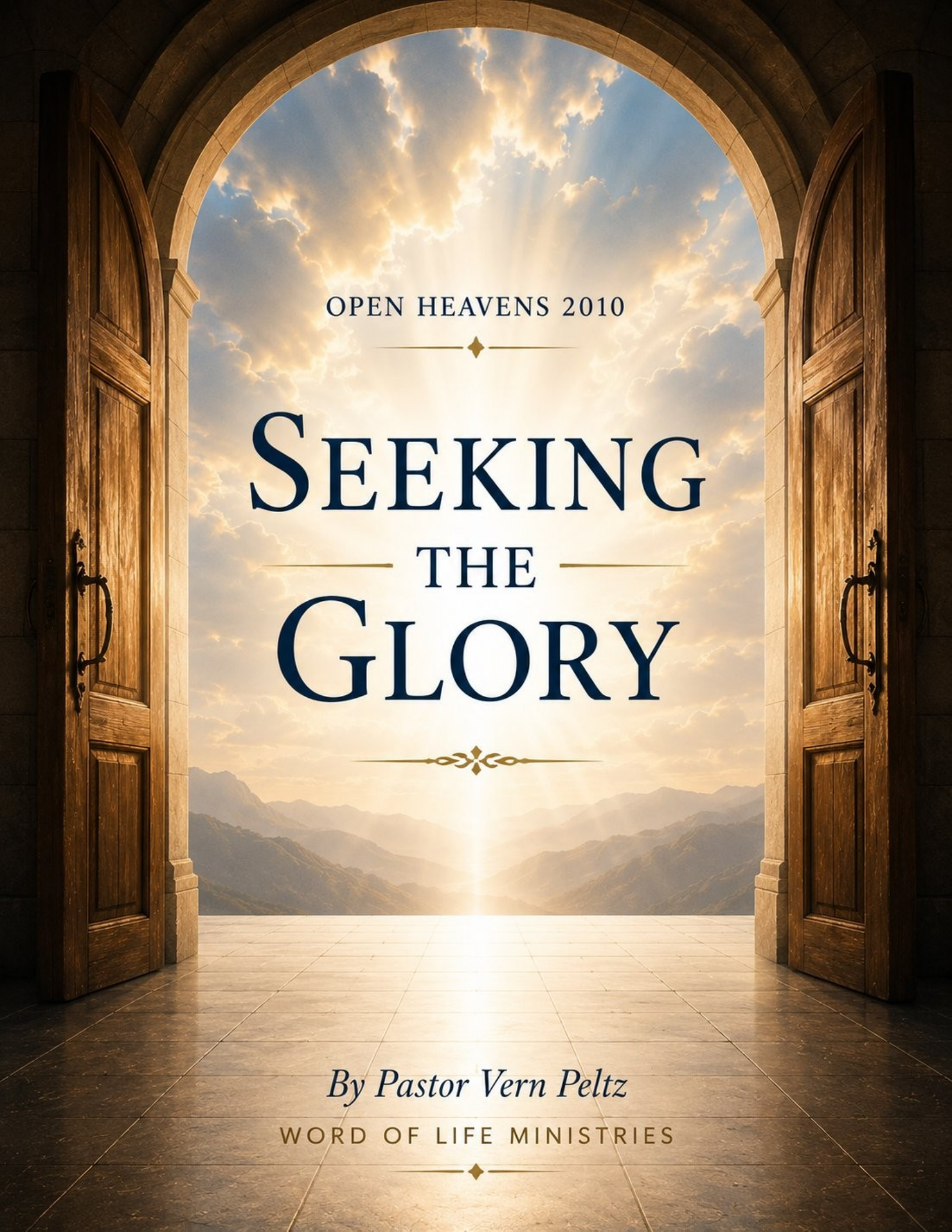


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SEEKING
— THE —
GLORY

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Preface

This booklet is a continuation of the first 'Open Heavens' Booklet. It covers an entirely different subject, but it's built on the same premise — operating under an 'Open Heaven'.

I thought it would be good to at least include the foundational basis of an 'Open Heaven' from the first booklet. The information in the Preface pages has been copied from the 1st Open Heavens Booklet.

Open Heavens

What is Revival? What does it look like? Scripturally speaking, a description of what Revival is and what it looks like would be — Revival is and looks like the Spirit of God is free to work and move on a people or an area/region.

Revival comes, a Move of the Spirit comes — when God opens up the realm of the Spirit - removes the obstructions - and manifests in Power and Might. This can be a sovereign act of his will. Or it can be in response to his people pulling on him for it.

When Open Heavens truly manifest in a person, church, region - there you will find the thing that seems so elusive to most Christians. There you will find a Moving of the Spirit of God, or what we often call - Revival.

Lord, our Heart's Cry is that either sovereignly, or because of our hunger and longing to see you show yourself strong in this earth - Our Heart's Cry is: Move Among us in Power, Might, Signs, Wonders, Miracles, and the Super-Natural. We're not content to mostly talk about the awesome God we serve, and occasionally see you do something. We yearn for the God we talk about to really DO all the things you said you desired to do among your people.

We Invite You, Come and Visit us with your Glory.

What is an Open Heaven?

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- An open heaven is when God is spiritually unrestricted in his ability to move and work in our lives. His Blessing Flows Freely. The Land is Free from Curse. Things of the Spirit are easily brought into the physical realm.

What is a Closed Heaven?

- A closed heaven is when God is spiritually restricted in his ability to move and work in our lives. Curse Develops. The Land and Heaven become Hard and Unresponsive. Prosperity wanes. Demonic activity becomes strong and seemingly unbeatable.

How Can God Be Restricted Spiritually?

He's God, isn't he? He can do what he wants, can't he? Isn't what he wants to do up to him? Well, the answer to the first question is: Yes. The answer to the next two questions is: No. God has set up principles, guidelines, and rules. We call them 'Spiritual Laws'. He operates under laws the same way he expects his creation to.

One of his greatest laws is: he gave man a free will. He's created us with the right to choose our future and destiny - both physically and spiritually. God will never violate a human beings free will. He won't force us, stop us, restrain us, push us, over-rule us, take our choices away and make them for us. He gave us the right to Freedom of Choice. He will never do anything to violate our Freedom of Choice.

When we choose life, blessing, obedience, love, doing it God's way - he is FREE, UNRESTRICTED to work in our lives. By our choices and actions, we've invited him in to our life to help us with it. However, when we choose death, curse, disobedience, ungodliness, etc. - he is BOUND, and RESTRICTED from being able to work in our lives. By our choices and actions, we've refused him access to our life. He can't and won't help us. Our choices of Obedience or Disobedience, Stubbornness or Submission, Humbleness or Pride, Love or Hate, Etc. is what will cause the Heavens to be Closed. (God is restricted from working in our lives) Or our choices will cause the Heaven's to be Opened. (God is free to work in us)

What Causes the Heavens to be Open, or Closed?

A. OPEN HEAVENS COME FROM:

1. Faithfully Obeying God. Loving and Serving God with All our heart and soul. (Deut. 11:13-15)
2. Obeying God. Carefully Following his commands. (Deut. 28:1-2, 12)
3. I Kgs. 8:35-40 - Prayer and repentance causes God to hear from the spiritual heaven, and come and heal the land which means the physical heaven must again be open.
4. II Chr. 7:13-14 - If God's people will humble themselves, pray, seek God's face, (his presence & being in his face go together) and turn from wickedness, then the heavens will open, and the land will be healed.
5. Mal. 3:8-12 - Obedience to God.

B. CLOSED HEAVENS COME FROM:

1. Not listening to God. Not doing his commands. Rejecting his laws. Violating Covenant. Stubbornness toward God. Pride. (Lev. 26:14, 18-20)
2. Turning away from God. Serving other gods and worshipping them. (Deut. 11:16-17)
3. Not Obeying. Not Following. (Deut. 28:15, 23-24)
4. I Kgs. 8:35-40 - Sinning against God closes the physical heaven.

5. Rev. 11:6 - To be a witness to (get the attention of) the rebellious unbeliever.

Why Does God give an 'Open Heaven' to us?

God is sovereign. He can choose to do any righteous, holy, and good thing. Which is true. But there is always something that motivates God. If there is one thing we find screaming at us in scripture, EVERYTHING GOD DOES, HE DOES FOR A REASON. When we step back and try to see the BIG PICTURE - what is God trying to accomplish?

As we find that, and make God's motivation - our motivation and purpose - the 'Open Heavens' will continue to flow easily.

A. We've talked about what closes and opens the heavens

B. Why does God offer an Open Heaven to us?

1. The answer we gave was so that we could live under his fullness and blessing in an 'Unrestricted' manner. That is absolutely true.
2. But now I want to push it a little deeper.

C. Why does God offer an Open Heaven to us? For What Purpose?

1. THE BIG PICTURE. WHAT GOD IS ULTIMATELY AFTER.
2. The things of God are 'FOR' us, but they're never to be made all 'ABOUT' us. We can never think or feel like we're the end or fulfillment of what God was trying to do.

D. SALVATION IS FOR THE WORLD!!!!

1. Evangelism is the Heart of the Father. (John 3:16)
2. Evangelism is the Heart of Jesus. (John 17:1-5; and numerous scriptures that say why Jesus came and died for us)
3. Evangelism is the Heart of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 4:18-19)

Introduction

This booklet is being written in an effort to give us a foundational basis for welcoming and participating with the Glory of God. That is why it's entitled: "Seeking the Glory"

I want to state right from the beginning - The title is not what it seems. Our old nature would usually want to immediately interpret that to mean - we are seeking the Glory to help us in our Christian life. We're looking for the Glory to come so it can somehow benefit us. THAT IS NOT THE REASON TO SEEK THE GLORY. We will discover in this study that that type of thinking is one of the main reasons we see so little Manifestation of the Glory. Because it's coming from a selfish core.

The Glory of God is one of those things that the flesh/old nature can have no part in. Once it becomes about us, in any aspect, we have jeopardized its manifestation, and very likely - it will not move among us. Below are three key scriptures which give principles that we will use to build this study.

"He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but He that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him." John 7:18 - KJV

"I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth." John 8:50 - KJV

"...No Flesh should glory in his presence. He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." I Cor. 1:29, 31 - KJV

The Glory is something we see far too little evidence to show that it is moving and working among us. There are numerous reasons, but it can all be summed up in one sentence:

OUR OLD NATURE, OUR FLESH GETS IN THE WAY.

So let's capsule the conclusion of this booklet right here at the beginning:

Without God, we can do nothing. (John 15:5) It is God that gives us the ability to do ANYTHING. That includes even our very breath, thought, and life. (Acts 17:25-28; Col. 1:16-17) We are designed to carry that empowerment from God, in the form of his Glory. Yet to walk in its fullness, we cannot receive or siphon off any of the credit, honor, praise, or exultation, for anything good that comes from our life.

If we will meet the condition of all Honor, Praise, Credit, Elevation, etc., is given back 100% to God, then God is able to give his Glory to man unrestrictedly. We cannot hold or siphon any of it for ourselves.

That begins a cycle where Glory is always on us, forming, creating, shaping, and producing after God. We're continually receiving it from God. And we're continually giving or reflecting it back to God. While it's with us, and on us - it produces wonderful and awesome fruit. It's ALL GOD, AND NOTHING OF US. (Gal. 2:20)

The problem comes when we begin siphoning off that Glory for ourselves. We begin to take the credit, praise, honor, exultation of what we've done. As a result, God must severely limit the amount of Glory he can give to us. Because we are trying to hold some of it for ourselves, and he will not share his Glory with man. If he were to share it with us in that type of situation, he would be allowing his Glory to be corrupted. We would corrupt it.

The reason humans violate the basic principle in which the Glory must flow, is rooted in PRIDE. Our old nature is steeped in Pride. Until we begin facing that and dealing with it, the manifestation of the Glory is severely limited.

God wants the Glory to flow to and through us.

However, the only reason we 'Seek the Glory' is so that God is Glorified!!!!

In 'Seeking', we are positioning ourselves so that God's Covenant, Spirit, Presence, Power, Anointing, and Glory are free to work and flow among us. That's why Jesus came and died. To reunite the human race with the Father, and set it back into a 'Righteous Standing' with him.

We Are Seeking To Give Him The Just Reward of His Suffering and Sacrifice!!!

So before we go into a study on the Glory, we will deal with some of the things that block us from seeing the Glory manifest among us. Obviously the core of the problem being Pride.

Why Do You Want The Glory?

The Lord asked me an interesting question toward the end of September, 09. He asked, "Why do you want these meetings?" Referring to the up-coming meetings in January, 2010 where we were planning to put emphasis on the Glory of God. I thought for a while and gave a few answers. But I could feel in my spirit, that even though the answers were scripturally correct, it was not the answer he was looking for. He was trying to lead me somewhere. After about a month of intense searching, something began settling into my spirit as the correct answer to the question. This is one of the things I discovered

There's a cycle that sets up.

- (1) ALL GLORY BELONGS TO THE FATHER.
- (2) He gave it to Jesus, and Jesus was very concerned that in the end ALL THE GLORY WENT BACK TO THE FATHER.
- (3) Through Jesus, we also receive the Father's Glory. And just as Jesus did, ALL THE GLORY GIVEN TO US MUST BE GIVEN BACK TO THE FATHER.

The following scriptures help show this cycle.

A. First of all - Jesus made it clear that his primary purpose was to Glorify the Father. He would do it through himself. And he would form a people to do it after him

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father." John 14:12-13 - NIV

"Right now I am storm-tossed. And what am I going to say? 'Father, get me out of this'? No, this is why I came in the first place. I'll say, 'Father, put your glory on display.'" A voice came out of the sky: "I have glorified it, and I'll glorify it again." John 12:27-29 - Message Bible

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 'This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.'" John 15:7-8 - NIV

B. There are also many scriptures that talk about Jesus receiving Glory, and being Glorified, because in doing so, he would give the Glory back to the Father, and the Father would be Glorified. He would do it first to set the example. Then we were to follow that example. Below is a couple of those scriptures

"When he had left, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is seen for who he is, and God seen for who he is in him. The moment God is seen in him, God's glory will be on display. In glorifying him, he himself is glorified—glory all around!'"
John 13:31-32 - Message Bible

"Father, the time has come. Glorify your son, that your Son may glorify you. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do." All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them." John 17:1, 4, 10 - NIV

C. Lastly is the Glory that the Father gives to us, so that we may Glorify both Jesus and the Father through what Jesus has done

"And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified." Rom. 8:30 - NIV

"We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." II
Thess. 1:12 - NIV

"If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised ("glorified" - KJV) through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." I Pet. 4:11 - NIV

It's a cyclical flow that sets up. As we will see later,

- (1) ALL GLORY BELONGS TO THE FATHER.
- (2) He gave it to Jesus, and Jesus was very concerned that in the end ALL THE GLORY WENT BACK TO THE FATHER.
- (3) Through Jesus, we also receive the Father's Glory. And just as Jesus did, ALL THE GLORY GIVEN TO US MUST BE GIVEN BACK TO THE FATHER.

The flow of the Glory is designed to flow from the Father, through Jesus, to us. While it is on us, working with and in us, it does wonderful and marvelous things. Then we are to give it ALL back to Jesus and the Father.

Again I state this so we have it firmly in our thinking right from the beginning. The problem comes in when we have the Glory come, wonderful and marvelous things are done, and a small portion of the Glory gets siphoned off before the remainder of it is given back to God. This is done (1) by humans TAKING some of the credit, honor, praise, etc. that resulted from the wonderful and marvelous things that happened. Or (2) it happens when humans don't take the Glory, but ALLOW some of the credit, honor, praise, etc. to be attributed or given to them. They don't stop it.

Now we have a problem. The scriptural principles we looked at earlier have now been violated. The result: the Glory flow to us is greatly decreased, and even stops. Because we are not giving 100% of it back. We have siphoned some of it for ourselves. God will not tolerate that.

With that established, the first thing we need to look at is how we as humans siphon the Glory. There is one realm that keeps surfacing in the search for that answer. It has to do with Humility and Pride. So We'll look at that next.

PRIDE

Pride is a very difficult thing to recognize in ourselves. The reason is because it is so deeply embedded and engrained into our flesh and old nature. In our flesh and old nature, it is 'Very Natural' to be proud. Why is it this way? It goes back to the origins of pride. The fall of Lucifer.

The following passage of scripture in Isa. 14 talks about the fall of Lucifer. It is like many other prophecies in that it carries a dual fulfillment. The smaller part of the prophecy is speaking to the physical man who was the king of Babylon. The greater part speaks to the spiritual force behind the Babylonian kingdom. That force was Satan himself. When it comes to Babylon, that follows all the way through time into the book of Revelation. Here again we see the Babylonian kingdom at war with God. Here again Satan is at the core of the whole thing. (Rev. 17-18) This section of scripture in Isaiah has some details in it that could not fit a man. It can only fit one being: Satan. In this passage we find the description of the birth of sin, which was very obviously PRIDE.

"On the day the LORD gives you relief from suffering and turmoil and cruel bondage, you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon: How the oppressor has come to an end! How his fury has ended! The LORD has broken the rod of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers, which in anger struck down peoples with unceasing blows, and in fury subdued nations with relentless aggression. All the lands are at rest and at peace; they break into singing. Even the pine trees and the cedars of Lebanon exult over you and say, "Now that you have been laid low, no woodsman comes to cut us down."

The grave below is all astir to meet you at your coming; it rouses the spirits of the departed to greet you— all those who were leaders in the world; it makes them rise from their thrones— all those who were kings over the nations. They will all respond, they will say to you, "You also have become weak, as we are; you have become like us." All your pomp has been brought down to the grave, along with the noise of your harps; maggots are spread out beneath you and worms cover you.

How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations. You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.

Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: "Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, the man who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?" Isa. 14:3-17 - NIV

In Ezek. 28, we find the same scenario. A dual fulfillment prophecy. The spiritual force behind the kingdom being Satan. Things being said that could not apply to a man, but must apply to Lucifer. It gives revelation of what happened to Lucifer that caused him to sin and fall from his position.

"The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: " 'You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in

beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.' " Ezek.

28:11-19 - NIV

Sin began in Lucifer. It was the sin of PRIDE.

When Adam and Eve fell from their position of innocence and righteousness, they submitted themselves to the nature of Satan. His nature was full of the sin that caused him to fall - PRIDE. That nature now flows through the human race. (Rom. 5:12) It integrates itself into the very fibers of our being.

That results in two deposits being made in every human being:

- (1) We are totally degenerate & depraved without God. (Rom. 5:12, 19; cf. Gen. 3:5; Eph. 2:1-3; II Tim. 2:26; I Jn. 3:4)
- (2) We can't see ourselves clearly and accurately. (Prov. 12:15; 21:2) This is still true even after we are born-again. Because we're still living in a degenerate body, it clouds our ability to see things clearly. (I Cor. 13:12) Thank God, that darkness can be ever increasingly removed via the Glory. (II Cor. 3:16-17)

As a result, especially to begin with, Pride can be very difficult to recognize in OURSELVES. We know it's always easier to see sin in someone else than it is to see it in ourselves. (Matt. 7:3-5) BUT WE MUST SEE IT IN OURSELVES if we are going to be able to effectively deal with it. Because of that, quite a bit of effort has been taken to shed some light on this sinful spiritual force called Pride. We must recognize it and begin dealing with it before the Glory can manifest with any intensity in our lives.

If we honestly feel we believe:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in

me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John 15:1-8

If we honestly believe that we can do nothing without Jesus' (God).

If we honestly believe Jesus was in the same position as us when he was on the earth because he was a man. If we really believe he set the example for us:

"Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these."

"By myself I can do nothing..." John 5:19-20, 30

If we honestly believe those things, then this section on Pride should be fairly easy to understand and comprehend.

The problem is, most of us do not believe that we are helpless, useless, worthless, have no abilities, are stupid, and have no value whatsoever - outside of being made in God's image & likeness, and because of his Love for us. The greatest bulk of the human race feels WE HAVE VALUE, ABILITIES, GIFTS, INTELLIGENCE, Etc. It's because of OUR HARD WORK, DISCIPLINE, INTUITION, EFFORTS, STRENGTH - THAT WE ARE WHO AND WHAT WE ARE.

THAT IS THE LIE!!!!

THAT IS PRIDE!!!!

THAT IS WHY THE GLORY DOESN'T MANIFEST TO ANY GREAT DEGREE.

IT'S OUR STINKING PRIDE.

Even though we're made in God's image and likeness, without him feeding life to us on an ongoing basis, we couldn't breathe, think, move, etc. WE COULD DO NOTHING!!!!

In fact WE'D CEASE TO EXIST - spirit, soul, and body. We literally disappear and be no more.

"The God Who produced and formed the world and all things in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in handmade shrines. Neither is He served by human hands, as though

He lacked anything, for it is He Himself Who gives life and breath and all things to all [people].

For in Him we live and move and have our being..." Acts 17:24-25, 28 - New Century Translation

"For it was in Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him [by His service, intervention] and in and for Him. And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together)." Col. 1:16-17 - Amplified

WE HAVE NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF!!!! WE CAN'T TAKE CREDIT FOR ANYTHING!!!
Here are 4 scriptural truths concerning every human being.

- (1) In yourself, you are nothing. (Gal. 6:3)
- (2) In yourself, you know nothing. (I Cor. 8:2)
- (3) In yourself, you have nothing. (I Cor. 4:7) We were given everything, and then we exchange it with someone else (give it to them) for what they'll give to us in exchange.
- (4) In yourself, you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

There's nothing we are that we haven't been given the power to be. There's nothing we have that we haven't been given. There's nothing we know that we haven't learned from someone. There's nothing we can do that we haven't been given the ability to do.

So it will do us ALL well to get a good hold on this spiritual force called Pride. It is hindering what God is wanting to do in our lives. We must begin getting Pride diminished and eventually out of our lives.

Prophecy: 10/16/2005 Below is a portion of a prophecy given at Word of Life.

"Press into me, come close to me, come into me as you never have, and I will supernaturally make connections, I will supernaturally open opportunities and I will supernaturally do a work through you. It will not be you, it will be done through you. It will be done for those who are crying out, for those that need me. And it will happen through you and with you. But remember it's not you. The moment you begin taking credit and thinking "it's me," you will lose it and you will have to start all over to regain the ground you lost. Guard pride, guard pride, guard against pride. It is an enemy from the beginning of when sin was found and conceived and it is an enemy that has grown and grown and grown and grown and it is very large and strong now. It pulls on every human being, guard against pride, guard against pride, and oh I look forward to the day when my Father will raise his hand and he will say "Enough!" And Pride and everything of that kingdom will shrink and be absorbed into one spot where it will be held, never to escape again for eternity. But as of this moment, guard your heart, guard your heart."

This prophecy is dealing with God wanting to take us into supernatural realms we have never experienced. I believe it was preparatory for where the Lord has been leading us. It's obviously a preparation for where he's taking us now - "Seeking the Glory".

Definitions of Pride

A. Holman Bible Dictionary

PRIDE: Undue confidence in and attention to one's own skills, accomplishments, state, possessions, or position. Pride is easier to recognize than to define, easier to recognize in others than in oneself. Many biblical words describe this concept, each with its own emphasis. Some of the synonyms for pride include arrogance, presumption, conceit, self-satisfaction, boasting, and high-mindedness. It is the opposite of humility, the proper attitude one should have in relation to God. Pride is rebellion against God because it attributes to self the honor and glory due to God alone. Proud persons do not think it necessary to ask forgiveness because they do

not admit their sinful condition. This attitude toward God finds expression in one's attitude toward others, often causing people to have a low estimate of the ability and worth of others and therefore to treat them with either contempt or cruelty. Some have considered pride to be the root and essence of sin. Others consider it to be sin in its final form. In either case, it is a grievous sin .

"Boasting" can be committed only in the presence of other persons (1 John 2:16 ; James 4:16). "Haughtiness" or "arrogance" measures self as above others (Mark 7:23 ; Luke 1:51 ; Rom. 1:30 ; 2 Tim. 3:2 ; Jas. 4:6 ; 1 Peter 5:5). This word refers primarily to the attitude of one's heart. First Timothy 3:6 ; 6:4 ; and 2 Timothy 3:4 use a word literally meaning "to wrap in smoke." It emphasizes the plight of the one who has been blinded by personal pride. Pride may appear in many forms. Some of the more common are pride of race, spiritual pride, and pride of riches . Jesus denounced pride of race (Luke 3:8). The parable of the Pharisee and the publican was directed at those guilty of spiritual pride, the ones who "trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others." (Luke 18:9). James 1:10 warns the rich against the temptation to be lifted up with pride because of their wealth.

B. Hebrew words and definitions. (Old Testament)

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries H1347 From H1342; the same as H1346: - arrogance, excellency (-lent), majesty, pomp, pride, proud, swelling.

Brown-Driver-Briggs' Hebrew Definitions BDB Definition: H1347 1) exaltation, majesty, pride 1a) majesty, exaltation, excellence 1a1) of nations 1a2) of God 1a3) of the Jordan 1b) pride, arrogance (bad sense)

Brown-Driver-Briggs' Hebrew Definitions H2087 Definition: 1) pride, insolence, presumptuousness, arrogance

Brown-Driver-Briggs' Hebrew Definitions H2102 Definition: 1) to boil, boil up, seethe, act proudly, act presumptuously, act rebelliously, be presumptuous, be arrogant, be rebelliously proud 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to act presumptuously 1a2) to deal arrogantly (with 'al') 1a3) to defy proudly (with 'el') 1b) (Hiphil) 1b1) to boil, seethe, act proudly 1b2) to act presumptuously, act insolently

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries H1363 From H1361; elation, grandeur, arrogance: - excellency, haughty, height, high, loftiness, pride.

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries H1361 A primitive root; to soar, that is, be lofty; figuratively to be haughty:—exalt, be haughty, be (make) high (-er), lift up, mount up, be proud, raise up great height, upward.

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries H1466 The same as H1465 ; exaltation; (figuratively) arrogance:—lifting up, pride.

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries H7830 From an unused root apparently meaning to strut; haughtiness (as evinced by the attitude):— X lion, pride.

Brown-Driver-Briggs' Hebrew Definitions H2103 Definition: 1) to act proudly, be presumptuous 1a) (Aphel) to act presumptuously

C. Greek Definitions (New Testament)

Thayer's Greek Definitions G5243 Thayer Definition: 1) pride, haughtiness, arrogance 2) the character of one who, with a swollen estimate of his own powers or merits, looks down on others and even treats them with insolence and contempt A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number: from G5244

Thayer's Greek Definitions G5244 Thayer Definition: 1) showing one's self above others, overtopping, conspicuous above others, pre-eminent 2) with an overweening estimate of one's means or merits, despising others or even treating them with contempt, haughty

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries G5187 From a derivative of G5188 ; to envelop with smoke, that is, (figuratively) to inflate with self conceit:—high-minded, be lifted up with pride, be proud.

Thayer's Greek Definitions G5187 Thayer Definition: 1) to raise a smoke, to wrap in a mist 1a) metaphorically 1a1) to make proud, puff up with pride, render insolent 1a2) to be puffed up with haughtiness or pride 2) to blind with pride or conceit, to render foolish or stupid 2a) beclouded, besotted

Thayer's Greek Definitions G5188 Thayer Definition: 1) to cause or emit smoke, raise a smoke 2) to smoke

Scriptures on Pride

A. Understand something. The nature of Pride is to deny its existence, and/or blame someone or something else for any problems, etc

With that in mind, as you read the following sections - GUARD YOURSELF from thinking or saying things like: That's Not Me - I Don't Do That So I DON'T HAVE PRIDE. The very fact you're trying to find a way out is the Devil's nature in you. IT'S PRIDE.

Just because you don't have every characteristic listed, is not proof you are without pride. I pray you don't have every characteristic of pride listed. It would be much better for you.

B. What is it? What does it appear like, or exhibit itself like?

1. Lev. 26:14-39 - This chapter is full of characteristics of pride. Verse 19 identifies the source of all these characteristics. It is Pride.
 - Pride keeps us from listening to God.
 - Pride keeps us from doing his commands.
 - It causes us to reject his laws and decrees.
 - It causes us to violate his covenant.
 - Pride causes us to be hostile toward God.

- It keeps us from receiving God's correction.
2. Ps. 10:2-11 - Pride causes us to prey on the weak.
- It causes us to brag about the things we want in life.
 - In it, we will bless the greedy.
 - Pride causes us to not seek the Lord or have room for him in our thoughts.
 - The wicked prosper in their proud condition.
 - In our haughtiness, we don't pay much attention to God's laws
 - Pride sneers at the people who are its enemies.
 - It feels nothing can shake it.
 - Pride thinks it will always be happy and without trouble.
 - The proud curse, lie, and make threats. Trouble and evil are under the tongue.
 - Pride takes advantage of the innocent and watches for victims.
 - Pride takes advantage of the helpless.
 - Pride says God has forgotten about them, doesn't see & doesn't care.
3. Ps. 12:2-4 - Lies, deception, and flattery go with pride.
- The proud depend on their mouth for victory.
4. Ps. 31:18-20 - It lies. Speaks contemptuously and arrogantly against the righteous.
- Pride plots against others.
 - Pride works in strife with the tongue.
5. Ps. 36:11 - The proud pursue others, and drive them away.
6. Ps. 59:12 - Pride sins with its mouth and lips via words.
7. Ps. 73:1-12 - The Proud often prosper.
- They seemingly have no problems with their bodies and health.
 - They seemingly don't have the trouble of others.
 - In these they are proud.
 - Violence and violating others surrounds and covers them.
 - Pride is always looking to have more in life.
 - Its conceit feels it can do and accomplish anything.
 - Pride scoffs at and oppresses people.
 - Pride talks like it is a god and can rule and judge people and the earth.
 - Because of its arrogant display of how well it's doing in life, people follow it and try to obtain what it says it has.
 - Pride questions God's abilities and knowledge.
 - Pride seems to have it easier than others. It increases in money.
8. Ps. 94:1-7 - Proud people come across jubilant.
- They speak arrogantly and boast.
 - They crush the righteous. Oppress and afflict them.
 - Killing the widow, alien, and fatherless. (taking advantage of them)
 - They say the Lord doesn't see what's going on, nor does he care.
9. Ps. 119:51 - Pride derides, (to laugh at in contempt or scorn; make fun of) has contempt for, and ridicules people. (123:4)

10. Ps. 119:69 - Pride forges lies against people.
11. Ps. 119:78 - Pride wrongs people without a cause.
12. Ps. 119:85 - Pride digs pitfalls for people and tries to trip them up.
13. Ps. 119:122 - Pride opposes others.
14. Ps. 131:1 - Pride thinks it knows the answers to even the biggest issues in life.
15. Ps. 140:5 - Pride lays snares, nets, and traps for people.
16. Prov. 13:10 - It breeds quarrels.
17. Prov. 14:3 - It talks foolishly.
18. Prov. 16:19 - Pride tries to take spoil/plunder.
19. Prov. 21:4 - A haughty look and a proud heart are sin.
20. Prov. 21:24 - Pride is a scoffer and is a controller.
21. Prov. 25:27; 27:2 - Pride is Glory seeking.
22. Prov. 28:25 - Pride stirs up strife.
23. Isa. 3:16-24 - Pride in women can be exhibited by carrying themselves in a way where their head is held high, flirting with their eyes, having their hair fixed in fancy ways, drawing attention to their bodies with jewelry, seductive clothes, perfumes, and handling themselves seductively. (Specifically read "The Message Bible"; "New Century Version", the "Contemporary English Version"; and the "Holman Christian Standard Bible".)
24. Isa. 9:9-10 - Pride believes and says it can take care of itself and better itself.
25. Isa. 16:6 - Pride has conceit and insolence. (Webster: 'insolence': "Boldly disrespectful in speech and behavior; impertinent; imprudent; arrogantly contemptuous; overbearing")
26. Isa. 16:49-50 - Pride was exhibited in overabundance of food; prosperous ease; idleness; not helping the poor and needy; and abominations. (Sexual sins - homosexuality, sodomy, etc.)
27. Jer. 13:8-10 - Pride refuses to listen to God, is stubborn, and goes after other gods to serve and worship them.
28. Jer. 13:15 - Pride does not listen or pay attention well.
29. Jer. 48:29-30 - Pride speaks and makes itself known. It carries insolent wrath.
30. Jer. 49:16 - Pride deceives us.
31. Ezek. 16:50 - Pride causes us to go into abominable/detestable kinds of sin. (Specifically sexual sin)
32. Dan. 5:22-31 - It refuses to learn from other's destruction.
 - Pride sets itself up against God and his sovereignty over man.
 - It takes and uses things to bring praise and service to itself.
 - It worships other gods.
 - Pride does not honor God, even though he holds our life and all our ways in his hand.
33. Hos. 5:3-7 - v. 5 states that Pride in a person is the witness that testifies all the other characteristics that go with and are an outgrowth of pride are present.
 - Pride produces and gets involved with all kinds of sin.

- Prostitution
- No acknowledgment of the Lord.
- Unfaithfulness to the Lord.
- Illegitimate children.

34. Hos. 7 - v. 10 again states that Pride is the witness that testifies against us that all the rest of our sin is actually there. (Pride is the source of all sin)

- Deceit.
- Thievery and Robbery.
- Pride doesn't realize that God is aware of and remembers everything we do.
- Pride entertains people it considers important with wickedness/lies.
- Adultery is a characteristic of pride.
- Drunkenness and Mockery.
- Pride schemes against those in authority.
- Pride does not submit to or heed authority and law enforcement.
- It does not call on God for anything.
- Pride strays from God, rebels, and lies against him.
- Pride doesn't cry out to God, but rather turns away from him.
- Pride thinks and devises evil (sin) against God.
- It refuses to turn to God but will turn back, shift, and change to get out of it.
- Pride uses insolence and rage of the tongue. (Webster: 'insolence': "Boldly disrespectful in speech and behavior; impertinent; imprudent; arrogantly contemptuous; overbearing")

35. Zeph. 2:8, 10 - Pride insults, taunts, make threats, and mocks.

36. Zeph. 3:11-13 - Pride does wrong, lies, and deceit is in its mouth.

37. II Cor. 10:18 - Pride commends itself.

38. I Tim. 3:6 - Pride lifts us up (Conceit).

39. I Tim. 6:4-5 - Pride is puffed up and conceited, even though it is ignorant.

- It loves controversy, disputes, and strife about words; arguing.
- It results in and produces envy, jealousy, quarrels, dissension, abuse insults, slander, and evil suspicions, protracted wrangling, wearing discussion, and perpetual friction.
- It has corruption of mind, is bereft and destitute of the truth, and imagines godliness or righteousness is a source of profit; a money making business; a means of livelihood. (Amp)

40. I John 2:16 - Pride of life boasts about what it has and what it does.

C. What is the end result of having it? What are the after effects of it?

1. Lev. 26:14-39 - God judges it, resulting in discipline and punishment.
 - The heavens are closed above us because of it.
2. II Sam. 22:28 - God's eyes are on the haughty to humble them and bring them low.

3. II Chr. 33:24-26 - Pride keeps us from responding to God's kindness towards us and his speaking to us.
4. Job 35:12-13 - God will not listen or pay attention to us, or answer our prayers.
 - He considers our pleas to be empty because of it.
5. Ps. 10:4 - Through the pride of the countenance, the wicked will not seek God.
6. Ps. 12:2-4 - Lies, deception, flattery. The mouth is used as a weapon.
7. Ps. 40:4 - Pride causes us to go into falsehood and lies.
8. Ps. 59:12 - Pride causes us to have a sinful problem with our speech/mouth.
9. Ps. 73:13-20 - For the righteous, pride in others can cause us to wonder why it prospers, and God doesn't deal with it. The righteous can only understand God's handling of it - via getting into his presence and getting close to him.
 - Pride puts people onto slippery ground resulting in ruin.
 - They are destroyed all at once, and consumed with terrors.
 - The Proud are despised by God as people with fantasies and displaying an outward show.
10. Ps. 74:7 - They actually feel they will get away with their proud ways. God won't do anything about it.
11. Ps. 86:14 - Pride causes people to attack each other.
12. Ps. 119:78 - They will be put to shame.
13. Ps. 123:4 - Must guard your heart or the contempt the proud show for you will get into your mind, will, and emotions.
14. Ps. 124:5 - Without the Lord's help, the proud coming against us will sweep us away.
15. Ps. 138:6 - God keeps his distance from and watches the proud from a distance.
16. Prov. 3:34 - God scoffs and mocks the proud. (Could be us if we're proud)
17. Prov. 11:2 - When pride comes, then comes shame. (Shame follows pride)
18. Prov. 13:10 - Pride is the source of quarreling with others.
19. Prov. 14:3 - It causes us to talk foolishly.
20. Prov. 15:25 - The Lord will destroy the house of the proud. The Lord makes judgments. This is the way it is. Then the consequences follow. The sin, negative, demonic, etc. moves in and destroys following the judgment. God is not responsible for the judgment, he just calls it the way it is. What it is, it is. If God calls something sin, death will immediately set in. (Ex. Prov. 16:18; Rom. 6:23)
21. Prov. 16:5 - The Lord detests the proud. (They are an abomination to him)
22. Prov. 16:8 - Pride will cause our destruction and down fall.
23. Prov. 16:18-19 - Pride results in destruction and a fall. They take spoil/plunder for a while.
24. Prov. 18:12 - A proud heart will cause a man's downfall.
25. Prov. 21:4 - It leads us into sin.
26. Prov. 28:25 - Where there is pride, there is strife.
27. Prov. 29:23 - Pride will eventually bring us low/down.

28. Isa. 2:11, 17 - The proud looks and haughtiness of men, will be brought low & humbled. Only the Lord, and he alone will be exalted.
29. Isa. 9:9-10 - It causes us to believe and say we can/we will take care of ourselves and better ourselves.
30. Isa. 16:6-14 - God will judge those with pride and proud speech. (Moab) (25:11)
31. Isa. 23:9 - The Lord brings people down who have it. (Tyre) (28:1-4 - Ephraim)
32. Jer. 13:8-27 - God judges the pride and destroys the people who have it.
33. Jer. 48 - (v. 29-30 - Pride the source) - God will judge and destroy the people.
34. Jer. 49 - (v. 16 - the focus) - God will fight against, judge and destroy the people.
35. Ezek. 7:10-14 - God's wrath comes on the people because of their arrogance.
36. Dan. 5:18-21 - Nebuchadnezzar lost his throne, human companionship, and mind, because of pride. He lived with and ate grass with cattle until he acknowledged the Most High God is sovereign over the kingdoms of men.
37. Dan. 5:22-30 - Early death can come because of Pride. (Belshazzar)
38. Hos. 5:3-15 - The deeds of pride do not allow people to return to God.
- God will not be found of us when we seek him. He's withdrawn.
 - Illegitimate children.
 - Pride causes judgment from God until an admission of guilt.
39. Hos. 7:12-13, 16 - People who persist in pride will be judged.
40. Obad. 3 - Pride deceives us, so the more pride we have the more deceived we are. When that spirit is on us, we will follow it in trying to deceive others. Hence, Pride & Lies.
41. Hab. 2:5 - Pride is restless. Does not like to mind its own business. It is never satisfied. Has control issues with people. (Amp.)
42. Zeph. 2:8-11 - God judges and destroys the perpetrators of Pride.
43. Zech. 9:6 - Philistines judged because of Pride.
44. Zech. 10:11 - Assyria judged because of Pride.
45. Zech. 11:3 - Wailing comes because Pride is judged.
46. Mal. 3:14-15 - We must guard our hearts or we will begin to think that the proud have it made. They're happy, favored, prospering. They do things that test the Lord, yet they are escaping unpunished.
47. I Tim. 3:6 - Pride lifts us up (Conceit), and then we are judged.
48. II Tim. 3:2,5 - It can be a cause for being turned away from fellowship.
49. James 4:6 - God will oppose you if you have it.
50. I Pet. 5:5 - God will oppose you if you have it.

***** Obad. 3, 10-15, 18b - WE MUST GUARD OUR HEARTS REGARDING THE TROUBLE AND CALAMITY OF OTHERS, OR IT WILL BRING OUR DESTRUCTION. If we stand at a distance and watch as others are destroyed, look down on them or feel good about what is happening to them, or possibly get involved in their downfall - if we do these things, we will also be destroyed.**

D. When we have pride, God will fight against us. Humble us

1. Lev. 26:17-19, 24-39 - He will set his face against us and be hostile toward us.
2. II Sam. 22:28 - God's eyes are on the haughty to bring them low.
3. II Chr. 33:24-26 - God will turn his wrath on us.
4. Ps. 12:3 - The Lord will cut off our proud speech.
5. Ps. 31:23 - The Proud God pays back in full.
6. Ps. 73:18-20 - He causes us to slip, come to ruin, and be destroyed.
7. Ps. 101:5b - God won't put up with people who have haughty eyes & a proud heart.
8. Ps. 119:21 - God rebukes the proud. They are cursed.
9. Prov. 6:17 - God hates Pride.
10. Prov. 15:25 - The Lord tears down (destroys) the proud person's house.
11. Prov. 16:6 - The proud will be punished.
12. Job 26:12 - By understanding, he cuts the proud to pieces. (KJV)
13. Isa. 2:11, 17 - The proud looks and haughtiness of men, will be brought low & humbled. Only the Lord, and he alone will be exalted.
14. Isa. 2:12 - The day of the Lord will deal with the proud, lofty, and exalted. They will be humbled and brought low.
15. Isa. 3:16-24 - God will take away everything they are so proud about, and their beauty will be turned to ugliness. (Specifically read "The Message Bible"; "New Century Version", the "Contemporary English Version"; and the "Holman Christian Standard Bible".)
16. Isa. 10:32-34 - The Lord will cut down the proud.
17. Isa. 13:11 - God will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and proud.
18. Isa. 24:4 - The haughty are caused to languish.
19. Jer. 49:16 - God will bring the proud down. (Edom)
20. Jer. 50:29-32 - God is against the proud & will recompense them for their work.
21. Ezek. 30:6-8 - Egypt is brought down by God.
22. Dan. 4:37 - God humbles those who walk in pride.
23. Mal. 4:1 - The day will come when the Lord will burn up the proud; leaving them neither root nor branch. (Isa. 5:21-25)
24. Luke 1:51 - They will be scattered by God.
25. Rom. 1:30, 32 - The proud will be judged and are worthy of death.
26. James 4:6 - God opposes the proud. ("Resists" - KJV: "To range oneself against; to oppose")
27. I Pet. 5:5 - God opposes the proud.

E. What can be done to appease God?

1. Lev. 26:40-41 - Confess our sins and humble ourselves.
2. II Chr. 33:26 - Repent of the Pride.

3. Prov. 8:13 - Fear God. The fear of the Lord is to hate Pride.
4. Daniel. 5:18-21 - Acknowledge God is sovereign over man's kingdoms.
5. Hos. 5:15 - Admit your guilt to God.
6. James 4:6-10 - Submit yourself to God.
 - Resist the Devil.
 - Come near to God.
 - Wash your hands of sin.
 - Purify your hearts from double-mindedness.
 - Grieve, mourn, and wail.
 - Change laughter to mourning and joy to gloom.
 - Humble yourself before the Lord.
7. I Pet. 5:5-6 - Humble yourself under the hand of God.

F. Miscellaneous scriptures on pride

1. I Sam. 17:28 - Confidence in God can be interpreted as pride. (David & Goliath)
2. Job 9:13 - When God doesn't restrain his anger, even the proud cower.
3. Job 33:14-17 - God will use dreams to keep us from Pride.
4. Job 41:15, 34 - Speaking of Leviathan and Pride.
5. Prov. 11:2 - First is Pride, then comes shame.
6. Mark 7:22 - Pride comes from a man's heart.
7. I John 2:16 - The "Pride of Life" (KJV) - "Boasting of what he has and does" (NIV) is not of the Father but from the world.
 - The sinful world is the source of pride. (I John 2:16)
 - Then it gets into our hearts because we're fallen beings. (Mark 7:22)

Characteristics of Pride Vs. Humility

(Helps us locate our pride) The scriptures above gave us a long list of the characteristics of pride. Here is another list of its characteristics

Pride is very easily seen if we measure our visible motives or expressions. These come through our thoughts. So Pride can be identified even earlier if we pay attention to how we think. Measure these against the definitions for Pride and Humility. (Humility definitions are listed below)

In a concise definition: Pride - Is to be lifted up.

- To be puffed up.
- To be exalted or elevated.
- To be higher, greater, better, or right/correct.
- To blow smoke.
- Assuming.
- To Receive glory, honor, credit, praise.

Humility - Is to be low or lowered.

- To be deflated.
- To set in a lower position, or rank.
- To be lower, less, not self-assertive, conscious of defects and faults.
- To be realistic.
- Non-assuming.
- Does not receive glory, honor, credit, praise.

When we take those characteristics and measure the following examples against them, it is easier to see and understand what is pride and why.

1. Pride is at the root of any and all sin. Where you find sin, you find pride.
 - Humility pushed to its root reveals righteousness.
2. Pride is all about getting glory, honor, credit, praise.
 - Humility is all about passing on the glory, honor, credit, praise.
3. According to the prophecy - Starting over every few years, and starting something brand new has its roots in pride. (Usually 'excuses', 'Other people's failures/shortcomings, or 'The Lord's Leading' are our reasons why it happens to us)
 - Humility is usually followed by long track records. If it does have to start over, it keeps the reasons to itself.
4. The phrase: 'The Lord has been helping me', or 'The Lord helped me' comes from Pride.
 - If we can do nothing without the Lord, then to say we are doing some of it by ourselves (He's helping us do the rest) is taking some of the credit.
5. Giving advice when it isn't asked for. It's exalting yourself into a higher position.
 - Humility will typically only advise when asked.
6. Pride is very concerned about what other's think of it. Their evaluation or estimation of who or what it is.
 - Humility is not interested in making a reputation for itself.
7. Not respecting what someone younger has to say is Pride. It's setting yourself above the other person.
 - Humility knows it can learn from everyone. And everyone needs respect.
8. Becoming aggravated with someone because they don't do something like you do it. Here pride is stating that it knows the best way. Every other way is inferior.
 - Humility knows there are numerous ways, and wouldn't presume to think its way is the best.
9. Feeling the need to intentionally keep things hidden or secret. Generally it revolves around not wanting others to see/know where we have problems.
 - Humility knows everyone has problems, and isn't embarrassed or ashamed when some of its own problems surface. It also knows what to share, and what not to share for the benefit of other people.
10. Pride makes itself the first consideration in planning, choosing, deciding, doing things. It doesn't give much time to considering how the decisions/choices will affect others, since what happens to itself is more important.

- Humility always weighs what will happen to others in every decision/choice and is willing to alter its own plans, choices, decisions, actions for the benefit of others.
11. Pride thinks it knows the best way to do something.
 - Humility wouldn't even entertain the idea.
 12. Pride is very concerned with presentation. How well it presents to others.
 - Humility presents itself as it is, no masks, facades, no airs, etc.
 13. Pride thinks it believes the right way. If others believe otherwise they're wrong or at the very least - inferior in belief.
 - Humility wouldn't even entertain the notion.
 14. Pride believes that what it owns or buys is the best product made.
 - Humility wouldn't even entertain the belief.
 15. Pride thinks something is wrong with someone who doesn't do things, believe, live, plan, spend money, etc. the way it does.
 - Humility knows there are many good and right ways to do, believe, etc. It does not look down on other people for how they live.
 16. Pride has contempt for people who are in a life-style of sin.
 - Humility has compassion for them.
 17. Pride becomes easily offended if someone doesn't agree with it.
 - Humility doesn't promote it has the best thoughts, beliefs, line-of-thinking, etc., so it doesn't offend nearly as easily when someone disagrees.
 18. Pride does not realize nor acknowledge everything and anything we are, can do, etc. is because of God giving the ability, or by working through the person.
 - Humility realizes and acknowledges it is nothing without God.
 19. Pride is very critical, judgmental, and condescending toward others.
 - Humility tries to edify, build up, and give grace and mercy.
 20. Pride always speaks about itself. It likes to be honored and receive credit.
 - Humility does not like to speak about itself, be honored or credited.
 21. Pride speaks of itself as the source. (Glory seeking)
 - Humility acknowledges nothing good can come from itself. All good comes from the Father God.
 22. Pride likes to be the center of a conversation.
 - Humility never tries to impress others, rather be impressive by doing its best.
 - Humility can carry on a conversation without talking about itself at all.
 23. Pride likes to announce who it is. (Titles, Positions, Authority, etc.)
 - Humility does not see these as the source or the validation of anything.
 24. Pride likes to make known and display what it can do.
 - Humility does not like attention drawn to itself.
 25. Pride always wants to be seen and noticed. (Driving a vehicle, how we dress, etc.)
 - Humility does not like attention drawn to itself.

26. Pride is not genuinely interested in others views. (except to use it to make itself look better)
- Humility is genuinely interested in others opinions and what they have to say.
27. Pride thinks it knows, and believes it has the answers.
- Humility acknowledges it knows very little of anything.
28. Pride does not like to do the study, research, etc. It doesn't have to. It already knows.
- Humility is always willing to learn.
29. Pride is not a good listener.
- Humility is a good listener.
30. Pride believes what it is doing, is more important than anything else.
- Humility realizes there can always be something more important.
31. Pride feels that who it is associated with validates its importance or credibility.
- Humility understands all people are equal before God.
32. Pride is an interrupter. (Is really saying what you have to say is not worth listening to. Be quiet. I'll tell you what is really important. Self-exultation)
- Humility gives the respect by listening to others and talking in its turn.
33. Pride does not like to be ignored.
- Humility realizes it is not the center of attention.
34. Pride believes its viewpoint, belief, insight, etc. is better than others.
- Humility understands everyone's input/outlook has value.
35. Pride has to be right.
- Humility doesn't care if someone considers it right. It values Godly, not right.
36. Pride displays what it's done. (Those things that make it look good)
- Humility doesn't like attention drawn to itself.
37. Pride hides what it's done that doesn't make it look good.
- Humility does not make excuses for wrong or what others may not appreciate, but owns it and reveals it when necessary.
38. Pride belittles others because of age, experience, gender, occupation, etc.
- Humility doesn't belittle for any reason.
39. Pride is willing to do almost any important thing, if it thinks it'll get credit for it.
- Humility is willing to operate in obscurity.
40. Pride is not interested in being involved in areas that are unnoticed by others.
- Humility does not choose involvement on the basis of recognition.
41. Pride will not show it's impressed with something, or someone. It typically likes to downplay other things or people.
- Humility is quick to build up and edify.
42. Pride does not like to compliment.
- Humility is quick to compliment.
43. Pride has unnecessary secrecy which will lead into lying to sustain a secret.

- Humility brings things out into the open.
- 44. Pride gets embarrassed, offended, and hurt.
 - Humility does not try to maintain an image.
- 45. Pride gets into strife and unnecessary and/or unresolved anger.
 - Humility senses no need to be right or prove a point.
- 46. Pride struggles to disagree with someone without developing a critical, belittling attitude.
 - Humility can disagree without being disagreeable.
- 47. Pride does not willingly seek counsel or advice.
 - Humility seeks counsel and advice.
- 48. Pride will often refuse to listen to counsel or advice.
 - Humility willingly listens to counsel and advice.
- 49. Pride is a name dropper. (People I know, things I own, labels, vehicles, etc.)
 - Humility does not try to identify with fame or recognition.
 - Humility does not try to draw self-worth from other's notoriety.
- 50. Pride is a one-upper.
 - Humility is content to rejoice with another.
- 51. Pride is reluctant to talk about what it doesn't have, what it has that is no good, etc.
 - Humility openly speaks about the facts.
- 52. Pride is condescending toward others. (Can be in any area of life)
 - Humility finds a way to build others up.
- 53. Pride has difficulty congratulating others and expressing happiness for them.
 - Humility is quick to joy with the joyful.
- 54. Pride wants to be in control. It does not like to follow.
 - Humility is willing and happy to do either.
- 55. Pride always makes excuses for the sub-par.
 - Humility is not quickly embarrassed by human standards.
- 56. Pride thinks that it deserves things. (appreciation, thank-yous, the best available, its desires, etc.) It carries the attitude of 'You Owe Me' - 'I Deserve'. (Luke 17:7ff)
 - Humility expects nothing, but appreciates everything.
- 57. Pride has a 'what's in it for me' attitude.
 - Humility is not selfish.
- 58. Pride has difficulty receiving and giving Grace. (A favor that is Undeserved) Unless it somehow makes them look good.
 - Humility flows in the Grace realm easily.
- 59. Pride says, why should I have to? When it comes to lowly things, humble areas, things that it doesn't want to do.
 - Humility is willing to serve without recognition or great recompense.

60. Pride assumes that others are always interested in what it has to say. (That's why it talks about itself) Pride doesn't sense when others are not interested. It doesn't pick up on when it's time to be quiet. Pride feels others should be interested in this because it's important to me.

- Humility has difficulty talking about itself.

61. Pride does not want to be taught or corrected. It doesn't need it. It already KNOWS.

- Humility realizes there's always something more to learn, no matter what the subject. It is teachable, correctable.

62. When Pride is corrected, it often has its feelings hurt or picks up an offense.

- Humility receives correction and makes adjustments, even though it may be painful.

63. Pride does not think it needs to practice or train.

- Humility realizes it can always improve. There's always others who can do better than it.

64. Pride is an arguer, and is defensive.

- Humility does not try to or need to force its point of view.

65. Pride is Destitute of Truth in many areas, but thinks it know it all.

- Humility always seeks truth since it realizes it knows very little.

66. Pride does not easily admit "You're Right and I'm Wrong".

- Humility does not have the need to defend itself when it's wrong.

67. Pride doesn't answer questions either bragging or making excuses.

- Humility simply states facts.

68. Performance mentality is from Pride.

- Humility flows in its gifts/abilities without showiness or taking credit.

69. Pride will not follow instructions. It has a better way.

- Humility is open to receive instruction.

70. Pride assumes it knows better.

- Humility realizes others have more knowledge and wisdom.

71. Pride wants to be first, in charge, and be the boss.

- Humility doesn't enjoy being in charge, the boss.

72. Pride does not work under another person very well.

- Humility can submit to authority easily.

73. Pride says it would submit if the other person knew what they were doing.

- Humility submits to the chain of command without a critical attitude.

74. Pride cannot be demoted and still have a good attitude.

- Humility looks at the facts and works on the problem.

75. Pride does not do well with someone else getting the credit for what it did.

- Humility will not get its feelings hurt, or develop an attitude.

76. Pride does not like to serve the wishes, desires, or will of another.

- Humility has a servant's mentality. (Even if you are the boss)

77. Pride always wants to be different and special. (To stand out of the crowd)
Example: You don't really understand my situation, it's different. Example: Self-pity can go along with this. Example: Children can be taught this when they are sick. (TV - Favorite food - attention) Example: It doesn't like to have things, own things like others have.

- Humility will become all things to all people to have an influence on them.

78. Pride does not receive well. (Trying to be humble: "I can't take that" - it's not humility it's pride)

- Humility realizes we need to receive from each other because we are not self-sufficient. We need each other.

79. Pride does not take orders or follow orders well.

- Humility can set itself to the side and serve another.

80. Faith people declaring how 'I just believed God for it,' or 'I've been believing God for 3 years for it to manifest.' Then telling others, 'If you believe God the same way I did, you can receive too.' That kind of talk is rooted in Pride.

- Humility gives all the credit to God. It does not leave another feeling less-than.

81. Pride says things like: Even a woman can do that. : I could do that when I was a little kid. : I knew that when I was 3. : Even the Baptists (or Catholics, or Lutherans, etc.) know that. : You don't know that (or how to do that) yet. : Here, let me show you how to do that. Or, let me show you how it's really done.

82. Pride says things like: You know I'm a humble person. : You know I'm a servant. : You know I'd give the shirt off my back for anyone. It likes to make announcements that elevate itself.

- Humility doesn't elevate itself.

83. Pride will not allow us to confess our sins.

- Humility allows everything to be brought out into the light.

84. Pride thrives on Competition. Any competition - outside of measuring against your own personal destiny, or abilities, or the scripture - has its roots in pride.

- Humility does not measure against anyone or anything but what is of God.
- Humility has no need to be better than another person. To know more. Be right.

85. Pride loves to be encouraged in how well it is doing.

- Humility does not like to be talked about and receive praise/credit for anything.

86. Whenever there is strife, there is Pride.

- Humility is a peace-maker.

87. Pride has to have things its way.

- Humility is willing to give on its position, opinion, desires, etc.

88. Pride likes to display its accomplishments.

- Humility doesn't like to receive credit for anything.

89. Pride likes to display its abilities.

- Humility simply operates in its abilities.

90. Pride likes to display its beauty, appearance.
 - Humility realizes outward aesthetics are fleeting and temporal.
91. Pride needs others to know what it has accomplished.
 - Humility doesn't seek recognition.
92. Pride likes to be talked about in an elevating manner.
 - Humility is very uncomfortable being praised/honored.
 - Humility realizes it cannot take the credit for anything.
93. Prejudice in any form is Pride.
 - Humility considers all people equal.
94. Pride likes to exalt itself by accusing others of being guilty of it. (Mentally or Verbally)
 - Humility recognizes everyone has problems with it, but accuses no one.
95. Pride will Road-Rage.
 - Humility does not try to control others.
96. Pride drives like the highway is a race-track.
 - Humility obeys the traffic laws.
97. Pride will down-talk, or make fun of another person.
 - Humility looks for ways to validate others.
98. Pride gets embarrassed when a spouse or family member makes a comment that may create a lower image in some other person's opinion.
 - Humility doesn't embarrass easily since it's not looking for image or recognition.
99. Pride thinks we are the best church around.
 - Humility realizes God's church is a body with many parts.
100. Pride thinks we are totally right in what we believe.
 - Humility realizes we still have a lot to see, learn, and understand. It seeks change.
101. Pride thinks we might be the only ones who are 100% right.
 - Humility knows that no one has a corner on the truth.
102. Pride is very impressed with education and knowledge. (Puffed up)
 - Humility realizes the greatest is the servant.
103. Pride is bothered when it discovers it was the 2nd choice for something.
 - Humility is delighted that it was chosen at all.
104. Pride is offended if the things we like or things we're involved with are discredited.
 - Humility doesn't expect any credit, so it doesn't offend easily.
105. Pride seeks positions of importance.
 - Humility is glad to serve.
106. Pride likes to be seen or noticed.
 - Humility doesn't like attention drawn to it.

107. Pride belittles other people's work and efforts. (Often done in a complimentary way)

- Humility realizes all effort has value and will be rewarded.

108. Pride likes to brag about its sin and righteousness.

- Humility doesn't like to brag.

109. Pride Criticizes others and points out their flaws so it doesn't have to take advice or seriously listen and consider what they have to say.

- Humility doesn't set itself up as superior in any way. It knows there is something that can be learned from anyone.

110. Pride does not like to apologize. It rarely does.

- Humility realizes it does not know everything or do everything correctly. It's quick to admit where it was wrong and apologize.

Principles Concerning Pride

A. Pride and Grace are opposites. It has a very difficult time receiving Grace

- Grace is "Unmerited Favor", or "Receiving a gift that we do not deserve". Pride feels it deserves what it has received. It feels it is personally worthy of what it has.

B. Strife is the manifest presence of the devil. ("....every wicked and evil thing")

- Prov. 13:10: "Only by pride comes contention"
- Prov. 28:25: "He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife."
- Phil. 2:3 - "let nothing be done in strife or vain-glory..."

C. Gal. 2:20 principle. If we are truly dead in Christ and it is him living through us, we having nothing to be proud of. It's not us doing it anyway

D. Knowledge about things puffs us up. (I Cor. 13) That's why people with pride issues tend to be 'know-it-alls'. They like to display their knowledge concerning most anything

E. I Tim. 6:17 - Talking to the rich. (That's us) God calls us rich. (II Cor. 8) He's talking to us when God talks about the rich in scripture

- We are commanded NOT TO BE "High-minded"

- It has to do with a way of thinking. A high estimation of something or themselves.

F. Rom. 12:16 - Don't be "High-minded", overestimate yourself, or be wise in your own conceits. (Amp)

- If we feel we have to condescend to be part of anyone's life - we have pride.
- We're commanded to do so. That's Humility.
- It's a way of thinking about ourselves, in conjunction with other people.

G. Rom. 12:3 - Think of yourself soberly. (When drunk — people think they are invincible. They can take on the world) Don't think of yourself like you're drunk

- Do not think more highly of yourself than you ought.
- Remember: We are created high Ps. 8:5 (We need that in our estimation)
- We need to think highly. But not too highly. (Too highly is when we start taking credit, honor, praise, for something. Remember: Without God we are nothing.)
- We're commanded not to have a high estimation of ourselves in Christ.
- The benchmark for sober estimation is the Word.

***** We can't do anything. We can only do what God has Graced us with the ability to do. It's not: "I can do all things". It's "I can do all things through Christ."**

H. John 5:30 - Jesus never took credit for one supernatural thing that he did. He said he'd never speak on or of his own

I. Pride — one of the definitions: "To Wrap In Smoke"

To be enveloped in smoke further restricts our ability to see ourself through the glass darkly. (I Cor. 13:12 - KJV) By our blowing smoke, we've convinced ourselves of our high estimation, because we can't see ourselves. That is the principle of faith in reverse. Faith comes by hearing. We start to believe what we're saying (blowing smoke) about ourselves. We convince ourselves.

When people like to talk about themselves and their life, it's a characteristic of pride. They're Blowing Smoke about themselves.

People who are in pride will surround themselves with others who will enable them in their smoke, lies, pride. Most of the time they are of the same spirit. The end result is that they're all deceived.

J. Pride started with Satan. He's called the Father of Lies. The two of them are fundamentally bound together. At the core they are of the same substance

People who struggle with Lying, are struggling with Pride. Pride will cause Lying. Another way of revealing it: 'Pride is Believing Lies About Yourself'.

K. Humility is of God. He's called the Truth. The two of them are fundamentally bound together. At the core they are of the same substance

L. How God sees pride. We should strive to see it the same way

- Proverb 6:16-17; The Lord hates a proud look. 2nd in list is lying tongue.
- Amp. — Over-estimating yourself and underestimating others.
- Prov. 8:13; The Fear of the Lord is to hate Evil, Pride and Arrogancy.
- Prov. 16:5 - "Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord."
- Prov. 21:4 - "A high look and proud heart...is sin."

Five Ways to Quench Pride

- (1) Remind yourself that God hates pride, and what the effects of pride are. (Scriptures)
- (2) Continually feed on the Word. Make it your estimation of yourself. (Deut. 17:18ff)
- (3) Fasting and denial of the flesh. (Ps. 35:13) (Fasting helps put your flesh under)
- (4) Practice and cultivate true worship. (John 4:24 - "In spirit and truth")
 - Worship - "Like a dog licking its master's hand"
 - "to crouch or bow before"
 - Ex. - Had a rough day - I don't feel like standing, clapping, kneeling, worship - ping etc. - since I'm the focus here, since I don't want to - I don't have to. Then comes the mentality — God will understand.
 - Humility serves and lowers itself, asking: What does God want me to do? I'll do it for him and exult him above me, my flesh, my desires.
- (5) Practice and cultivate a life of thankfulness. (Rom. 1:20-21)
 - Pride thinks it deserves things. It's not thankful for what it has or gets.

The Pride and Shame Connection

We're going to take just a quick look at the Pride - Shame Connection. Pride and Shame are very closely tied together.

"When pride cometh, then cometh shame, but with the lowly is wisdom."

Prov. 11:2 - 21st Century NKJV

"Pride leads only to shame; it is wise to be humble." Prov. 11:2 - New Century Version

“When pride comes, disgrace follows, but with humility comes wisdom.”

Prov. 11:2 - Holman Christian Standard Bible

“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.”

Prov. 11:2 - NIV

A. Definitions for Shame

Brown-Driver-Briggs' Hebrew Definitions

1) to insult, shame, humiliate, blush, be ashamed, be put to shame, be reproached, be put to confusion, be humiliated 1a) (Niphal) 1a1) to be humiliated, be ashamed 1a2) to be put to shame, be dishonoured, be confounded 1b) (Hiphil) 1b1) to put to shame, insult, humiliate, cause shame to 1b2) to exhibit shame 1c) (Hophal) 1c1) to be insulted, be humiliated 1c2) to be put to shame, be dishonoured, be confounded

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries H2781 From H2778 ; contumely, disgrace, the pudenda:—rebuke, reproach (-fully), shame.

Thayer's Greek Definitions G149 1) shame, base, dishonourable

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries G152 From G153 ; shame or disgrace (abstractly or concretely):—dishonesty, shame.

Thayer's Greek Definitions G818 1) to dishonour, insult, treat with contempt 1a) whether in word, deed or thought

B. Shame-Based

Most of us who come from European ancestry are well acquainted with this connection. Most European communities are very 'shame-based'. But the Europeans are also a very Proud People. When these two get bouncing off of each other, it wreaks havoc in people and the cause of the gospel.

When we are speaking of being “Shame-Based”, we are referring to shame being used as a foundational tool for all of life.

- The people of the society become proficient at being Shamers. (Shame is used on others for a myriad of reasons. The greatest one is to - 'make themselves look better')
- Most everything is measured by it.
- Decisions are made by it.
- It is used to discipline and control.
- It becomes woven into the emotional fabric of the people.
- Self-esteem is built around it.
- You live life dreading it, and doing everything to avoid — BEING SHAMED.
- BEING A SHAME.

The deeper this form of thinking and feeling roots itself into a person, the more in bondage and without hope and faith a person becomes.

Shame is one of the most de-valuing, degrading, disgraceful statements to the person's worth and character. It wreaks extreme havoc on the emotions of the person receiving it. So in an effort to regain everything we just lost via shame - we revert to Pride. We become determined to show the world, community, relatives, parents, spouse, etc. that we have value and worth. We aren't a worthless loser, Inept, Incapable, Etc.

As we try to elevate ourselves, get some honor, respect, praise, esteem - we enter into Pride. "Pride comes before a fall, and a haughty spirit before destruction." Guess what we just did? We set ourselves back up for more shame.

The only way to break the cycle and get out from under the Shame is to get free of the Pride. Pride comes first, then shame. Once we no longer feel the need to defend our Pride, there will be nothing to be ashamed of.

Shame comes when we are too concerned what man thinks of us. That concern of our reputation is Pride.

C. Freedom From Pride

True freedom from Pride comes when we realize:

- (1) We don't answer to man/men for our lives. (Matt. 4:10; Gal. 1:10; Heb. 10:30)
- (2) Nor are we judged by man. (Rom. 14:4; I Cor. 4:3-4; Col. 2:16)
- (3) Without God, we can't do a thing. (John 15:4-5)
- (4) With God, we can do anything. (Phil. 4:13)
- (5) We're not allowed to take credit for anything he asks us to do that turns out well. (John 7:18)
- (6) So we shouldn't feel badly about anything he asks us to do that seems to turn out badly. (I Cor. 4:1-5)
- (7) We serve a God who wants us free from shame. (Rom. 9:33; 10:11)
- (8) Because it's not us anyway. It's Christ living in us. (Gal. 2:20)

The main thing I want you to realize is that, people who carry a lot of Shame, have equally as much Pride. (And Vice/Versa) And just like in the Garden of Eden, (Gen. 2:25; 3:8-11) once sin and shame entered the picture - FEAR was working right there with it.

There is a little cycle that sets up. This is what it looks like.

Rejection

(Creates a favorable environment for)

PRIDE SHAME

(They become self-perpetuating because of the Fear of further)

Rejection

The Good News is:

"All whom My Father gives (entrusts) to Me will come to Me; and the one who comes to Me I will most certainly not cast out [I will never, no never, reject one of them who comes to Me]." John 6:37 - AMP.

The Answer for Pride is Humility

A. With the concept of getting ready for the Glory to manifest, get a grasp on these verses:

"The fear of the LORD teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor." Prov. 15:33 - NIV

"Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor." Prov. 18:12 - NIV

In both scriptures, the word translated 'honor' is #3519 (in Strong's). It's the Hebrew word used the vast majority of the time that is translated 'GLORY'. It was used repeatedly in referring to the visible manifestation of the 'Glory of the Lord' in the Old Testament.

B. BEFORE THE GLORY COMES TO MAN ---- THERE MUST BE HUMILITY!!!!

That concept is repeated over and over in the Bible.

- James 4:6 - "God opposes the proud, but gives Grace to the Humble"
- James 4:10 - Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up.

C. To become humble, there will be suffering involved

1. The reason is because Pride is a sin. It's rooted in our fallen nature/flesh. (I John 2:15-17)
2. To get sin out of our lives always involves suffering. True scriptural suffering is dying to our ungodly desires. (Our flesh/old nature) (I Pet. 2:20-22; 4:1-2)

D. You will find in the New Test. that many times before the Glory would come, there would be suffering

1. Rom. 2:7
2. Rom. 5:1-5
3. Rom. 8:17-18
4. Col. 1:24-27
5. Heb. 2:9-11
6. I Pet. 1:11
7. I Pet. 4:12-14
8. I Pet. 5:10

E. What does suffer produce in us

1. Suffering does produce Godliness in us. (Col. 1:24-2:5)
2. Maturity. (Heb. 2:10)
3. Obedience. (Heb. 5:7-9)

4. Done with sin. (I Pet. 4:1)
5. Love. (I Cor. 13:4 - KJV)
6. Godly suffering produces: "Not my will, but thine be done." (Matt. 26:36-46; Heb. 12:2-4; I Pet. 4:1-2)

F. So realize, to get Pride out of our life is to get sin out of our life. This will not be a pain-free process. But it will produce Godliness in us, and get us in the position to Glorify God

Scriptures on Humble, Humility, Etc.

A. Old Testament

1. Ex. 10:3 - God asking how long it will be before Pharaoh humbles himself.
2. Lev. 26:41-42 - When we humble ourselves, God remembers his covenant with us.
3. Deut. 8:2 - They were in the desert 40 years to Humble them and Test them.
4. Deut. 8:3 - God humbled them with hunger and fed them so they would know that we don't live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from God's mouth.
5. Deut. 8:16 - God gave them manna to Humble and Test them, so that in the end it would go well with them.
6. Judg. 19:24 - Lot offered his daughters to be humbled by the town's people.
7. II Chr. 7:14 - If God's people will humble themselves.....results will come.
8. II Chr. 34:27-28 - God hears the prayers of the humble and stays judgment from them. (I Kgs. 21:29; II Kgs. 22:19-20; II Chr. 12:6-7, 12; 30:11; 32:26)
9. II Chr. 33:12, 19 - Deliverance from captives can come via humbling oneself.
10. II Chr. 33:23; 36:12 - Not humbling yourself is considered a trespass against God, and is evil in God's sight.
11. Job 22:29 - God saves the humble.
12. Ps. 9:12 - God does not forget the prayer of the Humble.
13. Ps. 34:2; 69:32 - When the Humble hear about the good things of the Lord, they are glad.
14. Ps. 35:13 - Fasting can humble you.
15. Ps. 51:17 - The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken, contrite, and humble heart. (AMP)
16. Ps. 113:6 - The Father humbles himself to regard heaven and earth.
17. Ps. 138:6 - The Father brings the humble into fellowship with him. (AMP)
18. Prov. 3:34 - The Father gives Grace to the humble. (AMP)
19. Prov. 11:2 - With Humility comes Wisdom.
20. Prov. 15:33 - With Humility come Honor. (Glory)

21. Prov. 22:4 - The reward of Humility and the Fear of the Lord are Riches, Honor, (Glory) and Life.
22. Prov. 29:23 - Honor (Glory) will uphold the humble in spirit.
23. Isa. 2:11 - Proud looks and haughtiness will be humbled. Only God will be exalted.
24. Isa. 5:15 - Mean men, mighty men, and men with lofty eyes will be humbled.
25. Isa. 57:15 - God dwells in the high and holy places, as well as with the humble. The reason he is there is to revive the spirit of the humble.
26. Jer. 44:10-11 - Without humbleness, God sets his face against us.
27. Dan. 5:22-31 - When you know to humble yourself, and don't - judgment comes.
28. Mic. 6:8 - God requires us to walk humbly with him.
29. Matt. 18:4 - Who ever will humble himself like a child, is greatest in the kingdom.
30. Matt. 23:12 - Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Luke 14:11; 18:14)
31. John 7:14-18 - Jesus setting an example of humility.
32. Acts 20:19 - Paul served God with humility of mind.
33. Phil. 2:8 - Jesus humbled himself. Took on the form of a man, and submitted himself to death.
34. James 4:6 - God opposes the proud, but gives Grace to the Humble.
35. James 4:10 - Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up.
36. I Pet. 5:5-6 - Clothe yourself with humility.
 - God resists the proud, but gives Grace to the Humble.
 - Humble yourself, that he may exalt you in due time.

B. So what is Humility? What does it mean to be humble? Here are the definitions

1. All the definitions say about the same thing. (Both Hebrew and Greek)
 - "To afflict, oppress, humble"
 - "To bow down, become low, to stoop"
 - "Weaken oneself"
 - "To depress, abase, bring low"
 - "Of low degree"
2. Humility is obviously the opposite of Pride. Once you find pride, look for the opposite and you will be in the vicinity of Humility.
3. Humility is a state of mind. It's a condition of the heart. Which is reflected in our attitudes, speech, behavior, etc.
4. A layman's definition would deal with showing our personal dependence upon God. Recognizing our sin and setting our heart on being submissive and obedient. (Isa. 6:5; Deut. 8:2; II Kgs. 22:19; II Chr. 34:37) It would include receiving no credit, honor, prestige, etc. for oneself. Instead of exalting or elevating yourself, you intentionally take the route of lowering yourself.

5. Humility - is not degrading, insulting, or speaking poorly about yourself.
 - is not pushing away praise for something you did. (belittling yourself or it)
 - not being poor, weak, helpless, downtrodden, people walking all over you. (God is the most humble being there is - He speaks truth about himself and others. He is not poor, weak, helpless, or a doormat. He does accept praise.)
 - is a sober estimation of yourself without God. (It's very low)
 6. Humility is to walk in God's truth, recognizing him as the source (layman's def.) It recognizes 'if something is good, it's God - if it's bad, it's you/of yourself'.
 7. Humility - Is not — Denying the gift, ability, fruit, accomplishment, etc.
 - It is simply an attitude and belief that refuses to take any credit, honor, praise, elevation, exalting, etc. for these things. When these things come, humility passes them on to the source.
 - Pride is simply trying to elevate yourself... (That comes from your own estimation of yourself)
 - Humility is simply trying to lower yourself.... " " " " "
 8. The degree of your humility determines the degree of your usefulness to God.
 9. "Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth." Num. 12:3 - NIV
- Who wrote that scripture? It was Moses. The very man whom it was talking about. Humility doesn't belittle or deny the quality, gift, etc. But acknowledges that it is powerless without the source - God. (Ex. 33:12-17)
10. A Few Principles of Humility.
- You don't have to be the best or know the most. A good leader (Humble person) doesn't have that problem. A Millionaire's advice: Never be afraid to ask your employees if there's a better way to do it.
- Good businessmen, hire to fill the void left by their weaknesses. Humble people realize they don't know it all, nor can they do it all. They also realize that many times others can do a better job than they can.
- Humility recognizes even perfection can be improved upon. So there is always room to grow and improve. God is infinite, so there's always more to learn than we already know.
- You can't be gracious to someone who thinks they deserve it. (Def. of Grace)
- Humility is very Gracious.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER

If we are going to 'Seek Glory' for the Father, we need to have some idea what type of being he is. Giving Glory to another is actually an expression of having an intimate relationship with them. The Father wants to give Glory to us. We are to reflect it all back to him. It's a constant flow and exchange taking place. Why would we want to do this with God. There are basically two reasons: (1) WE LOVE HIM. (2) WE FEAR HIM

We need to take a brief look at each of these qualities. It will give us a stronger basis for how the Glory operates and flows.

The greatest quality of God is not how strict and disciplined he is. It's not the fact that he created the world/universe, so he has the right to judge it. These come under the Fear of the Lord.

The Greatest Quality of God is the Fact That He Is Love. However, when the average person thinks of God, they visualize him as this mean judge who is just waiting for the chance to punish us. It's difficult to get into a Glory exchange with someone we have that perspective about.

For the Glory to flow in our lives, we must realize that first of all - GOD IS LOVE.

A. God's Love

This is an absolutely HUGE subject. To deal with it effectively would require a lot more time than we can devote to it in this booklet. So we are going to very briefly skim the surface of this topic.

In an effort to offer other perspectives than my own, for the description of Love, I'm going to quote from other sources.

International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

Definition. While the Hebrew and Greek words for "love" have various shades and intensities of meaning, they may be summed up in some such definition as this: Love, whether used of God or man, is an earnest and anxious desire for and an active and beneficent interest in the well-being of the one loved.

International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

Lovingkindness (Old Testament - Hebrew) *luv-ing-kind'nes* (*ῥῶν* , *ḥeṣedh*): "Lovingkindness" in the King James Version always represents this word (30 times), but of *ḥeṣedh* there are many other renderings, e.g. "mercy" (frequently), "kindness" (38), "goodness" (12). The word is derived from *ḥāṣadh* meaning, perhaps, "to bend or bow oneself," "to incline oneself"; hence, "to be gracious or merciful." the English Revised Version has not many changes, but in the American Standard Revised Version "lovingkindness" is invariably employed when *ḥeṣedh* is used of God, and, as a rule, "kindness" when it is used of man, as in Gen 21:23 ; Jdg 1:24 (the King James Version "mercy," the Revised Version (British and American) "deal kindly"); Ruth 3:10 ; 2 Ch 32:32 ; 35:26 (the King James Version "goodness,"); margin "Hebrew: kindness" the Revised Version (British and American) "good deeds"); Job 6:14 , etc. Of the uses of the word as on man's part toward God, the only occurrences are: Jer 2:2 , "I remember for thee the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals," etc.; Hos 6:4 , 6 , "Your goodness (the Revised Version margin "or kindness") is as a morning cloud," "I desire goodness (the King James Version "mercy," the Revised Version margin "Kindness"), and not sacrifice," which last passage may denote kindness as toward man.

When used of God *ḥeṣedh* denotes, in general, "the Divine Love condescending to His creatures, more especially to sinners, in unmerited kindness" (Delitzsch). It is frequency associated with forgiveness, and is practically equivalent to "mercy" or "mercifulness" (Ex 20:6), "showing lovingkindness (the English Revised Version "mercy") unto thousands of them that love me"; Ex 34:6 f, "slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness (the English Revised Version "plenteous in mercy")"; (34:7) "keeping lovingkindness (the English Revised Version "mercy") for thousands,

forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin" (compare Nu 14:18); Mic 7:18 , "He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in lovingkindness" (the English Revised Version "mercy"). This quality in Yahweh was one by which He sought to bind His people to Himself. It is greatly magnified in the Old Testament, highly extolled and gloried in, in many of the psalms (Ps 136 has the constant refrain, "For his lovingkindness endureth forever"). In Dt 7:12 it is associated with the covenant, and in 2 Sam 7:15 with the covenant with David (compare Isa 55:3 , etc.). It was something that could always be relied on. W. L. Walker

Holman Bible Dictionary

LOVE: Unselfish, loyal, and benevolent concern for the well-being of another. In 1 Corinthians 13 , Paul described "love" as a "more excellent way" than tongues or even preaching . The New Testament maintains this estimation of love throughout. The King James Version uses the word charity instead of "love" to translate the Greek word Paul used (agape). The word charity comes from the Latin caritas which means "dearness," "affection," or "high regard." Today, the word charity is normally used for acts of benevolence, and so the word love is to be preferred as a translation of agape. Nevertheless, the reader who comes to the agape of the New Testament with the idea of benevolence in mind is better off than the reader who comes with the idea of physical pleasure and satisfaction .

Hebrew Honey

"Thou hast in love (Chasaq) to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption." Isa. 38:17.

Chasaq means - "to join or fasten together" (Ex. 38:28)

- "to be attached, to cleave" (Deut. 10:15) This is to love with warm affection and to stick fast to any one.
- "to delight in doing, to please" (II Chr. 8:6) Love is always building up something.

Sparkling Gems From The Greek by Rick Renner

When the New Testament was being written, there were four primary Greek words to describe the concept of 'love': (1) eros, (2) stergo, (3) phileo, and (4) agape. These four words conveyed four different types of love.

(1) eros - "the sensual, carnal impulses to satisfy or gratify the sexual desires of the flesh"

- it describes "a self-satisfying, self-gratifying, self-seeking, self-pleasing type of sexual appetite.

(2) stergo - "the love that exists between parents and children, or the love that exists between members of a family"

(3) phileo - "affection"

- it carries the idea of two or more people who feel compatible, well-matched, well-suited, and complementary to each other. (i.e. the affability shared between two friends)

(4) agape - "the love of God"

The word agape is so filled with deep emotion and meaning that it is one of the most difficult words to translate in the New Testament. Trying to explain this word has baffled translators for centuries; nevertheless, I will now add my attempt to clarify the meaning of this powerful word.

Agape occurs when an individual sees, recognizes, understands, or appreciates the value of an object or a person, causing the viewer to behold this object or person in great esteem, awe, admiration, wonder, and sincere appreciation. Such great respect is awakened in the heart of the observer of the object or person he is beholding that he is compelled to love it. In fact, his love for that person or object is so strong that it is irresistible.

For example in John 3:16. Here love (agape) means when God looked upon the human race, He stood in awe of mankind, even though man was lost in sin. God admired man; He wondered at man; He held mankind in the highest appreciation. Even though mankind was held captive by Satan at that moment, God looked upon the world and saw His own image in man. The human race was so precious to God and He loved man so deeply that His heart was stirred to reach out and do something to save him. In other words, God's love drove Him to action.

You see, agape is a love that loves so profoundly that it knows no limits or boundaries in how far, wide, high, and deep it will go to show that love to its recipient. If necessary, agape love will even sacrifice itself for the sake of that object or person it so deeply cherishes. Agape is the highest form of love - a self-sacrificial type of love that moves the lover to action.

Agape is a love that has no strings attached. It isn't looking for what it can get, but for what it can give. Its awe of the one who is loved is so deep that it is compelled to shower love upon that object or person regardless of the response. This is the profound love God has for the human race, for He loved man when he was still lost in sin with no ability to love Him back. God simply loved mankind without any thought or expectation of receiving love in return.

When you love with such a pure love that you expect nothing back in return, it is impossible for you to feel hurt or let down by the response of the recipients of your love. You don't love them for the purpose of getting something in return; you shower them with love simply because you love them. It is a love that has no strings attached, a love that loves simply and purely - the God-Kind of Love.

The following is an expanded interpretive translation of I Cor. 13:4-8:

"Love patiently and passionately bears with others for as long as patience is needed; Love doesn't demand others to be like itself; rather, it is so focused on the needs of others that it bends over backwards to become what others need it to be; Love is not ambitious, self-centered, or so consumed with itself that it never thinks of the needs or desires that others possess; Love doesn't go around talking about itself all the time, constantly exaggerating and embellishing the facts to make it look more important in the sight of others; Love does not behave in a prideful, arrogant, haughty, superior, snooty, snobbish, or clannish manner; Love is not rude or discourteous - it is not careless or thoughtless, nor does it carry on in a fashion that would be considered insensitive to others; Love does not manipulate situations or scheme and devise methods that will twist situations to its own advantage; Love does not deliberately engage in actions or speak words that are so sharp, they cause an ugly or violent response; Love does not deliberately

keep records of wrongs or past mistakes; Love does not feel overjoyed when it sees an injustice done to someone else but is elated, thrilled, ecstatic, and overjoyed with the truth; Love protects, shields, guards, covers, conceals, and safeguards people from exposure; Love strains forward with all its might to believe the very best in every situation; Love always expects and anticipates the best in others and the best for others; Love never quits, never surrenders, and never gives up; Love never disappoints, never fails, and never lets anyone down."

B. The Fear of The Lord

Love flows from Humility.

The Fear of the Lord is the opposite of Pride.

The Fear of the Lord is something different than Love. In Truth, when we begin living our life for God - we are not doing so out of this intense Love for him. As we begin to mature, and the stretching, pain, and suffering of growth sets in - typically it's not our Love for God that keeps us motivated and on the straight and narrow. It's the Fear of the Lord that keeps us moving forward in the things of God. Without that Fear of God in place, we tend to become very lazy, sloppy, complacent, sinful Christians. Our line of reasoning goes something like this: God Loves Us. He'll Understand. God would never do anything that would cause us pain or bring judgment into our lives. He Loves Us Too Much For That.

As a result, our spirituality disintegrates so badly that the Glory cannot flow. So with that in mind we need to also take a brief look at the Fear of the Lord.

These two, Love for God (Matt. 22:37-38) and 'The Fear of the Lord' (Deut. 6:13; Luke 12:5) create the boundaries/ditches of the Narrow Road. (Matt. 7:13-14)

C. What are we to Fear: Abuse or Position & Power?

We live in a society that is riddled with abuse. This obviously causes fear. THAT IS NOT WHAT IS BEING TALKED ABOUT BY THE PHRASE - 'FEAR OF THE LORD'. However, the feelings of Fearing the Lord are defined as a genuine fear. (They feel much like other areas in our lives where we have a PROFOUND REVERENCE, RESPECT, AND GODLY AWE & FEAR.)

THIS IS WHY IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE REALM OF THE 'TRUE FEAR OF THE LORD' BE SEPARATED FROM THE REALMS OF ABUSE IN OUR THINKING AND UNDERSTANDING!!!! GOD DOES NOT ABUSE PEOPLE!!!!

Abuse deals with picking on and mistreating the innocent and helpless. It also deals with Devaluing, Shaming, Belittling, including Spiritual - Mental - Emotional - and Physical Injury. It leaves the person with NO WAY OUT. Nothing can ever really be done to stop the Abuse. No matter how hard one may try, an abuser will never allow a true finish and closing to much of anything. The abuser's goal is to gain control over the victim via any means. God already has control. He has no need to abuse.

God has finish lines. And they are never moved. They always stay the same. When God forgives, it will never be remembered again. When God makes a Promise, he never goes back on it, or adds any requirements to it. God has finish lines. However, God does require a reckoning, and accounting of our lives. He will judge what we've done and make decisions accordingly. That is not abuse. It's judgment.

Judgment deals with giving an individual the consequences for the choices they have made. (Rom. 6:23 - 'The wages of sin is death.') (Or on the other side of the coin of judgment you have 'But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. - Rom. 6:23) Jesus will preside over both sides of judgment. In some people it will culminate in eternal separation from God in the Lake of Fire. For others it will culminate in Eternal Life in Heaven. BOTH ARE A RESULT OF JUDGMENT. The Believer will be judged as well as the Unbeliever. However, there will be drastically different outcomes to the judgment. One will be ETERNAL LIFE and the other will be ETERNAL DEATH.

Christ's judgment will be fair, righteous, impartial, indiscriminate, without favoritism, honest, etc. Abusers care little about any of these qualities. They simply want their way/control. The true issue with judgment is Sin. Scripture makes it very clear that God will deal with SIN. It is judged, condemned and will be destroyed. Sin will not be allowed to persist in the human race and continue to destroy God's creation. God has promised that he will put an end to it. Here's where the problem comes in. You see, human beings were never the ones who were supposed to be judged along with sin. The Eternal Lake of Fire was created for the Devil and his angels - not humans. (Matt. 25:41) But when humans make the choice to live in sin, and do what the Demonic realm does, then we also will be judged with sin, and the devil and his angels. That is not Abuse. That is clearing creation of Sin and putting an end to it. In order to come out on the good side of judgment, we need to strive to be free from serving sin. As Christians, sin is not our master. Jesus is our Master. We need to live life for his will and desires. That takes care of any problems that could arise from any judgment from God.

I say all that to say this, the main issues involved with the 'Fear of the Lord' are: 'POSITION' & 'POWER'. Not abuse. (Power speaks of 'Authority' and 'Ability'. They are the original Greek words translated 'Power' in the New Testament.) Abuse actually comes from the Lack of Authority. We try to get the response we're wanting from someone/something, and when it doesn't respond to us because our Position and Power are not recognized, we Become Angry and Force That Controlled Response No Matter What It May Take. That is Abuse. It's our way of gaining control and forcing our way. God does not have to gain control or force his way. He is totally in control and everything will ultimately go his way because HE IS GOD!!! (That's part of what it means to be God)

Our job is to recognize his 'Position & Authority' as the creator of this world with such a reverence and awe that it terrifies us to even think we could end up on the wrong side of the coming judgment. That is the FEAR OF THE LORD.

Everything will ultimately be judged according to the standard he has decided. He created the whole thing, and he has the right to demand an accounting from all creation. That includes

People. (Heb. 10:26-31; II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 3:12-15, 4:5; Rev. 20:11-15; II Pet. 3:3-15; Rom. 14:10-12; Matt. 7:15-27; Matt. 25:31-46; Etc.) We sincerely need to realize that God is not an abuser. He is a loving God who gave all he had to make a way for our salvation. He wants you in Heaven more than you want to be there. THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE ABUSE TO ME!!!

D. Layman's Definition of the 'Fear of the Lord'

The Fear of the Lord is recognizing God's Position and Power. (Authority & Ability) Realizing that as the originator and creator of everything, he has the 'Position & Power' to choose how it will operate. And he can demand an accounting of all creation as to whether it obeyed him or not!!! This will happen at judgment.

FEARING GOD is realizing by our attitudes, decisions, and choices, we could end up in Eternal Damnation. It doesn't matter if the created likes that, agrees with it, wants it, or not. The end result is that God will judge all of creation according to his standards. (Acts 10:38, 42-43; 17:31; Rom. 2:16; II Tim. 4:1, 8; I Pet. 1:17, 2:23; II Pet. 2:4, 9) Recognizing that, we'd do well (Knowledge - Prov. 1:7; and Wisdom - Prov. 9:10) to do what God is asking of us with Extreme Reverence and Respect. Because God has the Position and Power to BLESS those who seek after Righteousness. He also has the Position and Power to DESTROY SIN.

If we want to be in a horrible position, all we need to do is hang on to the sin in our lives, and refuse to let it go. That will guarantee the wrong outcome for us because of the sin we're hanging on to. Recognizing that and submitting ourselves to God and determining to live this life God's way - if for no other reason, than the coming judgment of the world - is the 'Fear of the Lord'.

The awesome part is, since GOD IS NOT ABUSIVE, But he is a God of Love. Even though he didn't have to, he has made a way for us to get free from sin and get into his good graces. (John 3:16-18, 1:12; Rom. 6:23, 10:9-13; Eph. 2:8-10; I John 1:9) That way we won't have to be judged with the sin as a sinner. (Remember: Matt. 10:28)

The Fear of the Lord is something that is Very GOOD. If God wants us to have it, then it is GOOD. If Lucifer would have had it, it would have kept him out of trouble. It will keep us out of trouble also.

The Fear of the Lord will bring many GOOD things into our lives. It sets us up to walk in the Kingdom of God. It makes all the Promises and Blessings of God available to us. It will produce an unfathomable amount of GOOD in us and our lineage.

Our goal is to Mature to the point where the Fear of the Lord is not our main motivation. However, keep in mind that when we are young and immature in the Lord, the Fear of the Lord may be the biggest motivation in our lives. As we grow and mature spiritually, our greatest motivator should become our LOVE for God. We obey him and continually strive to please him because we Love him. (Luke 1:13, 30; 1:74; 12:7, 32 - Examples of being told not to fear him) This Love results from a strong and healthy Relationship - which takes time to develop.

But even as a Mature Christian. The Fear of the Lord always remains a foundational principle in our lives that we are EVER AWARE OF. We never get to the point where we are on equal standing with God in our attitude and thinking. God is NEVER our Buddy. He made the rules. He will ultimately enforce them. NEVER LET THAT CONCEPT SLIP FROM YOUR AWARENESS.

Most of all, The Fear of the Lord keeps us in a position where Jesus is our Master and not Sin. That pleases God. That's what's Most Important. (II Cor. 5:6-10)

Seeking The Glory

Now we're at the heart of what this study is about. 'Seeking The Glory'.

What are we referring to when we talk about the Glory?

A. There are 14 different manifestations of the Hebrew word “kabod” (Translated Glory) in the Old Testament

1. Material Substance. (Gen. 31:1; Ps. 49:16-17)
2. Authority and Power. (Gen. 45:13; Esth. 5:11; Job 19:9; 29:20; Ps. 4:2; 8:1,5)
3. The Visible manifestation of God. (Ex. 16:7, 10; 24:16-17; 40:34; Lev. 9:6, 23; Num. 14:10, 21-22; 16:19, 42; 20:6; I Sam. 4:21-22; I kings 8:11; II Chr. 5:14; 7:1-3; Ps. 19:1; 72:19; 85:9; 97:6; 102:16; Ezek. 1:28; 3:12, 23; 8:4; 9:3; 10:4, 18-19; 11:22-23; 43:2-5; 44:4; Hab. 2:7-9)
4. Praise and Honor. (Josh. 7:19; I Sam. 6:5)
5. God’s works and power. (Ex. 29:43; I Chr. 16:24, 28-29; Ps. 29:9; 84:11; 96:3)
6. The tongue giving praise to God. (Ps. 16:9; 21:5; 24:10; 29:1-2; 30:12; 57:8; 62:7; 96:7-8; 105:3; 108:1; 115:1; Isa. 42:8, 12; 48:11; Jer. 13:16)
7. Heaven and its splendor. (Ps. 24:7-10; 29:3; 57:11; 73:24; 149:5)
8. Honor Given to God. (Ps. 79:9; Prov. 25:2; Mal. 2:2)
9. God’s Kingdom and its splendor. (Ps. 145:11; Isa. 66:18-19; Ezek. 39:21)
10. Outward appearance. (Ex. 28:2, 40)
11. The light in which God dwells. (Ex. 33:18-22; I Tim. 6:16) In our present fallen condition, man cannot see God in all his Glory and live. God has been seen ‘out of his glory’ or ‘when he lays his glory aside’ by men many times. (Ex. 24:9-11; see “God allowing men to see him as a person”) Moses talked with God face to face. But when he asked to see him in his Glory, that request could not be fully granted. (Ex. 33:11-23)
12. Honor/Glory to men. (Ps. 3:35; Jer. 2:11)
13. Men created for God’s honor/Glory. (Isa. 43:7; 46:13; 60:2; 62:3; 66:12)
14. Man’s honor/Glory among men. (Isa. 8:7; 16:14; 17:4; 21:16; Dan. 11:39)

B. The commonly accepted layman’s definition is: “The Manifest Presence of God”. There are times in scripture where the result of the Glory is considered ‘The Manifest Presence of God’. And what happened is referred to as a display of his Glory. That is scripturally correct. It’s happened among us that way. God did something that Glorified himself, yet we never saw the Glory

However, the stronger God’s presence is able to manifest among us, the greater the possibility that we will not only see the result or product of the Glory, but we will also see the Glory manifest. That’s why it’s referred to as “The Manifest Presence of God”.

Another way of saying it is: when the Presence of God becomes so thick and heavy that it literally Manifests. Often, even in a physical way.

1. This was seen in Ex. 24:15-18. The glory appeared as a cloud and fire. With that description in mind, it is obvious that it was the Glory that accompanied the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land in the Cloud by Day, and Fire by Night. (Ex. 13:20-22) We will see this Cloud and Fire (and sometimes Smoke) appearance of the Glory many times in the scripture. The Glory can also manifest in other ways like a very bright, shining of light.
2. Now let me immediately follow that by saying, we do not want to have the Glory manifest to prove anything. "We walk by faith, not by sight." (II Cor. 5:7) However, it is something that happens when the presence of God is strong.

It's like when Jesus said, "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall be no sign given to it." This was said right after the Pharisees wanted to see a sign that would prove what Jesus was saying. (Matt. 12:38-39) Yet, Jesus also said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." (Mark 16:17) Is this a contradiction? No. It's a statement of order. Faith and belief in God must come first, then the signs follow.

The same is true for the Glory. When people seek to see a physical manifestation of the Glory, so they can say they saw it, prove something, etc. - usually nothing happens. But if people will draw near to God, seek his face, get into his presence, praise and worship him from a sincere and honest heart - God will draw nigh to them; he'll inhabit their praises, and the Glory will show up. Even in a physical manifestation.

3. However, scripture also talks quite a bit about the Glory at work in the human race, and it is not physically seen. In fact, this seems to be more prevalent than the other. This seems to be because of man's falling short of the Glory. Originally, the Glory was never to be unseen or hidden in the physical. But as a result of sin, that has happened. So even though God is at work in the world and with humans, the presence of sin, and people's refusal to push beyond the sinful realm, hinders the full manifestation of the Glory of God. Again, we will give the scriptures for this a little later.

Let me summarize this by saying, the visible, tangible Glory is usually referred to as the 'Manifest Presence of God'. (His presence is so near and thick/heavy that it is manifesting in the physical realm) This doesn't happen by accident. Much of this 'Manifestation of the Glory' is dependent on his people and their drawing near to him and fulfilling the requirements of entering into an intimate nearness with him.

"Glory" — Hebrew and Greek Definitions

A. Since we're to have this Glory and live in it, let's look at what we're talking about

B. Glory - Hebrew & Greek Definitions

1. QuickVerse Bible Dictionary
Glory - (Heb. kabod; Gr. doxa).

- (a.) Abundance, wealth, treasure, and hence honor (Ps. 49:12); glory (Gen. 31:1 ; Matt. 4:8 ; Rev. 21:24 , 26).
- (b.) Honor, dignity (1 Kings 3:13 ; Heb. 2:7 1 Pet. 1:24); of God (Ps. 19:1 ; 29:1); of the mind or heart (Gen. 49:6 ; Ps. 7:5 ; Acts 2:46).
- (c.) Splendour, brightness, majesty (Gen. 45:13 ; Isa. 4:5 ; Acts 22:11 ; 2 Cor. 3:7); of Jehovah (Isa. 59:19 ; 60:1 ; 2 Thess. 1:9).
- (d.) The glorious moral attributes, the infinite perfections of God (Isa. 40:5 ; Acts 7:2 ; Rom. 1:23 ; 9:23 ; Eph. 1:12). Jesus is the “brightness of the Father’s glory” (Heb. 1:3 ; John 1:14 ; 2:11).
- (e.) The bliss of heaven (Rom. 2:7 , 10 ; 5:2 ; 8:18 ; Heb. 2:10 ; 1 Pet. 5:1 , 10).
- (f.) The phrase “Give glory to God” (Josh. 7:19 ; Jer. 13:16) is a Hebrew idiom meaning, “Confess your sins.” The words of the Jews to the blind man, “Give God the praise” (John 9:24), are an adjuration to confess. They are equivalent to, “Confess that you are an impostor,” “Give God the glory by speaking the truth;” for they denied that a miracle had been wrought.

2. Holman Bible Dictionary

“GLORY”

The weighty importance and shining majesty which accompany God’s presence. The basic meaning of the Hebrew word *kabod* is heavy in weight. (Compare 1 Sam. 4:18 ; Prov. 27:3 .) Thus it can refer to a heavy burden (Ex. 18:18 ; Ps. 38:4 ; compare more idiomatic uses in Gen. 12:10 ; 47:4 ; Ex. 4:10 ; 7:14). On the other side, it can describe extreme good fortune or mass numbers, a use with many different English translations (compare Gen. 13:2 ; Ex. 12:38 ; Num. 20:20 ; 1 Kings 10:2).

The verb thus often comes to mean, “give weight to, honor ” (Ex. 20:12 ; 1 Sam. 15:30 ; Ps. 15:4 ; Prov. 4:8 ; Isa. 3:5). Such honor which people give to one another is a recognition of the place of the honored person in the human community. A nation can have such honor or glory (Isa. 16:14 ; 17:3). This is not so much something someone bestows on another as a quality of importance which a person, group, or nation has and which another recognizes.

“To give glory” is to praise , to recognize the importance of another, the weight the other carries in the community. In the Psalms people give such glory to God, that is they recognize the essential nature of His Godness that gives Him importance and weight in relationship to the human worshiping community. (Compare Pss. 22:23; 86:12; Isa. 24:15 .) Human praise to God can be false, not truly recognizing His importance (Isa. 29:13 ; compare 1 Sam. 2:30). At times God creates glory for Himself (Ex. 14:4 , 17 ; Ezek. 28:22). As one confesses guilt and accepts rightful punishment, one is called upon to recognize the righteousness and justice of God and give Him glory (Josh. 7:19 ; 1 Sam. 6:5). God thus reveals His glory in His just dealings with humans. He also reveals it in the storms and events of nature (Ps. 29 ; compare Isa. 6). Glory is thus that side of God which humans recognize and to which humans respond in confession , worship , and praise. (Compare Isa. 58:8 ; 60:1 .) Still, for the Old Testament, the greatest revelation of divine glory came on Sinai (Deut. 5:24). Yet such experiences are awesome and fearful (Deut. 5:25). Such revelation does not, however, reveal all of God, for

no person can see the entirety of the divine glory, not even Moses (Ex. 33:17-23).

The New Testament uses doxa to express glory and limits the meaning to God's glory. In classical Greek doxa means opinion, conjecture, expectation, and then praise. New Testament carries forward the Old Testament meaning of divine power and majesty (Acts 7:2 ; Eph. 1:17 ; 2 Pet. 1:17). The New Testament extends this to Christ as having divine glory (Luke 9:32 ; John 1:14 ; 1 Cor. 2:8 ; 2 Thess. 2:14).

Divine glory means that humans do not seek glory for themselves (Matt. 6:2 ; John 5:44 ; 1 Thess. 2:6). They only look to receive praise and honor from Christ (Rom. 2:7 ; 5:2 ; 1 Thess. 2:19 ; Phil. 2:16).

3. Easton's Bible Dictionary

"GLORIFY"

- (a) To make glorious, or cause so to appear (John 12:28 ; 13:31 , 32 ; 17:4 , 5).
- (b) Spoken of God to "shew forth his praise" (1 Cor. 6:20 ; 10:31).

C. In many cases, the words translated 'Honor' in the KJV are the same words translated as Glory, Glorify, Etc. Below is a listing of their numbers in Strong's and the New Testament references. (Only N.T. references are given, because in the O.T. every time the word honor is used, it could also have been translated Glory, Glorified, Glorify)

1. Hebrew references. (KJV)

- a. Every old testament reference to the word 'Honor' is either a word that is the same as one translated glorify, or as it is in 2 cases (#3515, and #3366) where they correspond to and come from the same Hebrew base word. And in (#1922, and #1923) they are in the same family as #1926.
- b. Otherwise, they are the same Hebrew words.

2. Greek references. (KJV)

- a. In the New Testament, there are only a few times the word 'Honor' could also be translated 'Glory'. (Most of the time there is a different Greek word used for Honor)
- b. The Strong's number that corresponds in the N.T. is #1391.
- c. The places it is translated Honor are:
 - John 5:41, 44; 8:54. - II Cor. 6:8
 - Rev. 19:7
- d. However, Jesus quoted from Ex. 20:12, and Deut. 5:16 when he told us to Honor our Father and Mother. (Matt. 15:4; 19:19; Mark 7:10; Luke 18:20) In the Old Testament the number is #3513. In the New Testament the number is #5091. This N.T. number is not one of the words that also gets translated into any of the Glory words. Whereas the #3513 word in the O.T. does get translated into a number of the Glory words.

My point is this. If Jesus used the word in the N.T. as a substitute for the Honor/ Glory words in the O.T. - obviously he thought it also carried a very close meaning

to the word Glory. #5091 in the N.T. is one of the most common words translated Honor.

3. So I think it would be reasonable to assume that in both the Old New Testaments, the words Glory and Honor are interchangeable.

What Does the Glory Look (Appear) Like?

A. When the Glory manifests in a physical way, what does it look like? Remember: We don't always see the physical manifestation of the Glory. But we can always see the results of what is being done by God and the Glory. That's why many Christians think the Glory is an invisible force, power, thing, etc. THE GLORY IS NOT INVISIBLE. It simply does not always manifest in the physical realm. When it does, here is what scripture says it will look like

There is a time coming when ALL FLESH will see the Glory. (Isa. 40:5)

B. It will appear via five general methods

1. Fire.
 - Ex. 24:15-18
 - Deut. 5:22-33
 - Isa. 4:5; 10:16;
2. Cloud.
 - Ex. 16:10; 24:15-18; 40:34-38
 - Deut. 5:22-33
 - II Chr. 5:14; 7:1-4
 - Isa. 4:5
 - Ezek. 10:3-4, 18-19; 11:22-23.
3. Smoke.
 - Deut. 5:22-33 (Called darkness. Seems as though they were referring to the obscurity of not being able to see God because the cloud blocked their vision. So it was dark to them)
 - Isa. 4:5.
 - Rev. 15:8.
4. Light.
 - Ezek. 1:27 (Amber colored); 1:28; 8:2 (Amber colored); 10:3-4, 18-19; 11:22-23; 43:2.
 - Isa. 43:1-5.
 - Luke 2:9; 9:31-32.
 - Acts 22:11.
 - Rev. 18:1; 21:11 (Jasper colored); 21:23-24

5. Rainbow.

- Ezek. 1:28; 3:12, 23; 8:4.

C. When it is seen, it's clearly visible that it can fill a place

1. Ex. 40:35. The Tabernacle.
2. Num. 14:20-23 - It will fill the earth. (Ps. 72:19)
3. II Chr. 5:14; 7:1-4. The Temple.
4. Isa. 6:3-4. The Earth and the Heavenly Temple.
5. Ezek. 43:1-5; 44:4. The Temple.
6. Hab. 3:3 - It covers the heavens.

God wants to give his Glory to his people

A. God has and is making a concerted effort to restore that Glory to his people. God wants his people to have the Glory active in their lives

1. Ps. 3:3 - God in his Glory is a shield around us.
2. Ps. 8:5 - Man is Crowned with Glory.
3. Ps. 149:5 - We're to be joyful in the Glory.
4. Isa. 28:5 - The Lord (Jehovah Sabaoth) wants to be his people's Crown of Glory.
5. Isa. 43:7 - Everyone who is called by his name has been created for Glory.
6. Isa. 46:13 - God wanted to give his Glory to Israel.
7. Isa. 55:5 - Nations will run to God's people because God has Glorified them.
8. Isa. 60:1-3, 13, 19 - The Glory is to be on and over the N.T. Church.
9. Isa. 60:21-22 - Our growth, stability, and future prosperity bring Glory to God.
10. Isa. 62:2 - Kings are to see the Glory God gives to the N.T. Church.
11. Isa. 62:3 - We are to be a Crown of Glory in his hand.
12. Jer. 13:11 - God desired Israel to be a Glory to him.
13. Dan. 2:37; 5:18 - God gives Glory to kings.
14. Luke 2:32 - Jesus was given as the Glory of Israel.
15. John 17:10 - Glory is to go back to Jesus through his people. (To have Glory go to Jesus through us, we had to receive of it first)
16. Rom. 8:18 - Glory is to be revealed in us.
17. Rom. 8:21 - Creation is to experience the same Glory that gives us freedom.
18. Rom. 9:23-24 - We were created and prepared for Glory, so God could make his Glory known via us.
19. I Cor. 2:7 - The hidden wisdom of God is ordained for Our Glory.
20. II Cor. 4:17 - Trouble/Affliction produces an everlasting Glory.
21. I Cor. 11:7 - Man is the image and Glory of God.

22. II Cor. 3:7-11 - If the O.T. law was given in Glory, and got onto Moses so that the people literally couldn't look at his face because of the brightness, how much more should the N.T. ministry of the Spirit be with Glory.

23. II Cor. 3:12-18 - So Paul spoke plainly of it, and how that now there is no veil to hide the brightness of the Glory. It is done away with in the Anointing. But we, with open faces, (no veil) behold the Word of God and see the Glory as if looking in a mirror. We should see it on us and changing us from one Level of Glory (in context: Brightness) to another level of Glory. This is fulfilling the type of Moses seeing the Law (which was the Word of God) and the Glory of it getting on his face so much that it shown. Paul is saying if that happened then, now that we have the reality of the Glory, it should happen in ever-increasing measures to us.

24. II Cor. 4:6 - God wants the illumination of the knowledge of the Glory in our hearts.

25. II Cor. 8:23 - We are to be Glory to Christ. (Speaking of giving it back to him)

26. Col. 1:26 - The Christian is to understand the mysteries and secrets of the Glory.

27. Col. 1:27 - We are to make the Glorious riches of this mystery known to the Gentiles. That mystery being: "Christ (The Anointed One and His Anointing) in you, the hope (Joyful, Confident, Expectation of) Glory." We are to be in Joyful, Confident, Expectation of the Glory coming and manifesting among us. In it, we make it known to the people who don't know God.

28. I Thess. 2:12 - We have been called into his kingdom and Glory. We're to be in it, as much as we are to be in the Kingdom.

29. II Thess. 2:13-14 - We have been chosen and called to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, and believing the truth, so that a specific end might be accomplished in us. So we can obtain and share in the Glory of Jesus.

30. II Tim. 2:10 - Salvation comes with Glory.

31. Heb. 2:7 - Man is Crowned with Glory and Honor.

32. Heb. 2:3-8 - Everything in this earth is to be under man's dominion because of the Glory given to him. When this time is done, it will be restored to that position. (cf. Ps. 8:5)

33. Heb. 2:9 - Jesus was made a man with the same position as man. The rulership crown of Glory that man was to have, Jesus now has because he suffered death, and tasted it for everyone. (Application is to present — as we die with him - Rom. 6 - 8 - We are brought into a new life to reign with him)

34. Heb. 2:10 - We are brought into this Glory through Jesus. (See Heb. 2:9)

35. I Pet. 5:1 - Peter will share in the future Glory because he's undergone Christ's sufferings.

36. I Pet. 5:4 - When Jesus returns, our literal crown of Glory will be restored to us.

37. II Pet. 1:3 - We have been called by God's Glory and goodness.

38. Jude 24 - The presence of God is Glorious. (Filled with Glory)

B. As a Human Being having been redeemed and bought by the blood of Jesus, WE ARE TO EXPERIENCE AND LIVE IN

THE GLORY man was originally designed to live in. Scripturally, that is God's desire for us

Prerequisites for receiving the Glory

A. The Bible does give us a pretty big window to look in and see what basis God looks for to manifest his Glory

B. Scriptural Prerequisites

1. Ex. 24:1-12 - Being in Covenant with God and Obedience to him.
2. Lev. 9:1-24 - Prepare by giving certain offerings. (v. 1-4)
 - Sin Offering - The sin offering did exactly what it is called. It dealt with the people's sin. Sin must be dealt with in our lives before the Glory will manifest.
 - Burnt Offering - This is speaking of burning a sacrifice as an offering. This is dealing with sanctification and holiness. This is speaking of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. (Luke 16-17; I Thess. 5:19) Fire is often referred to as a purifying/cleansing work in our lives. (I Pet. 1:7; Rev. 3:18) This is why we are able to experience ever increasing levels of Glory. They come as we are changed and purified. (II Cor. 3:16-18)
 - Fellowship Offering - Called a Peace Offering in KJV. These were any offerings to give thanks to God and manifest fellowship with him. (Dake) That's easy to apply. Are we in Fellowship with him? Are we at Peace with him? Have we allowed him to do in us what is necessary to be in Fellowship and have Peace with our God? Or if he could sit down and talk with us, are there things he'd bring up that he has issue with? Would it be a comfortable, relaxed, time of fellowship? Or would it be a strained relationship?
 - Grain Offering Mixed with Oil - Called a Meat Offering in KJV. These were always food offered to God. Grains, vegetables, or products of them. They never involved animals except that they accompanied animal offerings. (Dake)

Easton's Bible Dictionary "The law regarding it is given in Lev. 2 , and 6:14-23. It was a recognition of the sovereignty of God and of his bounty in giving all earthly blessings (1 Chr. 29:10-14 ; Deut. 26:5-11). It was an offering which took for granted and was based on the offering for sin. It followed the sacrifice of blood. It was presented every day with the burnt-offering (Ex. 29:40 , 41), and consisted of flour or of cakes prepared in a special way with oil and frankincense."

The Oil type is easy. It is speaking of the Holy Spirit.

By looking at the definition above and why this offering was given to God, the type of this is easy also. It is speaking of:

- (1) God having his way in our life. Doing his will in life.
- (2) And trusting him to supply our needs, give us his bounty and prosper us while we are doing what he wants us to do.

That's why it was based on us first of all dealing with our sin. Applying the blood of Jesus to our lives. And then lastly, the on-going sanctification and the fire of the Holy Spirit being active in us. Dying to our life - daily.

3. Ps. 24:1-10 - v. 1-2 — an acknowledgement that God is everything, the source of all. It's all about God, and without him we are nothing.

v. 3; How do we get into his presence and realm?

v. 4; We must live free from sin. - Clean Hands.

- Pure Heart.

- No Idols.

- No Presenting false as truth. (No Lying)

v. 5. — That will bring blessing and vindication from God.

v. 6; That is what a people are like who seek him, seek his face. (Notice: Seeking is also necessary)

v. 7-10 - The Result: The gates and ancient doors that are shut and block the Glory from coming in — they must lift, or open so the Glory and the King of Glory may come in.

4. Ps. 63:1-2 - Seek, Thirst, and Long for God and his Glory.

5. Ps. 64:10 - The upright in heart will get into his Glory.

6. Ps. 84:11 - Glory is given to them who walk uprightly.

7. Ps. 85:9 - Salvation comes to those who fear him so that Glory may take up residence and dwell in the land.

8. Prov. 3:35 - The wise shall inherit Glory.

9. Prov. 4:9 - Wisdom gives (brings) Glory.

10. Prov. 28:12 - When the righteous rejoice and arise there is great Glory.

11. Isa. 4:4-6 - The Holy Spirit must be allowed to operate in the realm of judging some things in our lives, and then burning out what shouldn't be there. Then the Glory comes. (flaming fire and cloud of smoke)

12. Ezek. 26:20 - Glory comes after judgment.

13. Dan. 5:20 - Glory is lost because of pride and hardness of heart.

14. Hos. 4:7 - When sin is present, Glory leaves and shame comes. (9:11, 10:5)

15. Luke 24:26 - Jesus suffered before entering his Glory.

16. John 11:40 - If we believe we can see the Glory. (It comes by faith)

17. John 17:22 - Allow the Glory to produce unity between people.

18. Rom. 2:7-11 - Seeking Glory, honor, and immortality via persistence in doing good.

- Selfishness, rejecting the truth, following evil stop Glory, honor, peace, and immortality. 19. Rom. 5:2 - Rejoice in the hope (joyful, confident expectation) of the Glory. 20. Rom. 8:17-18 - Suffering comes before Glory. 21. Rom. 8:30 - To receive Glory, we must be Called and Justified. 22. Col. 1:26-27 - Be saved and have the anointing active in us. 23. II Thess. 1:10-12 - Be worthy of the calling to Glorify Jesus. 24. Heb. 2:10 - Must be brought to the Glory through Jesus. 25. Heb. 3:3 - There is a counting worthy of more Glory. 26. I Pet. 1:8 - By faith/believing we are filled with Glory.

27. I Pet. 1:11 - Glory follows suffering.
28. I Pet. 4:13 - If we share in Christ's sufferings, we can have his Glory.
29. I Pet. 4:14 - If we are insulted and suffer abuse (Amp.) for the name of Christ, (the anointed one and his anointing) the Holy Spirit and Glory will rest on us.
30. I Pet. 5:10 - Maturity, being established, strengthened and settled - follow suffering, and are signs of Glory.
31. I Cor. 1:31 - If we are going to Glory, it must be done in the Lord. (II Cor. 10:17)

God's Glory and His People

A. Three of the basic things we must realize is:

1. God wants to display his Glory in and through man-kind.
2. God desires to manifest his Glory in and through man-kind.
3. God created the human race to do just that.

B. Man has been designed and created to have and live in the Glory of God. (Isa. 43:7)

1. Humans are created in the Image and Likeness of God. (Gen. 1:26-27) They are created to be in the God-Class of beings. (Ps. 8:5, 82:6, John 10:34 -35) When something is created to be in the same design, it will carry similar characteristics.
2. So what does God look like? Aside from the fact he has a head, hands, feet, hair, eyes, arms, etc. - Having formed us as humans to look like him - he looks like us, and we look like him. Aside from what we would call the physical characteristics, He is described as being robed in Fire. (Ezek. 1:25-28) In some places it refers to it looking like molten metal. (Ez. 8:2) As we will see later, the glory does appear as a fire in scripture.
3. So before the 'fall of man', and the subsequent "all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God" problem, (Rom. 3:23) man would have been clothed with Glory just like God. We were made to be "in his image and likeness". Part of that being like God, consisted of appearance. Our physical appearance still is shaped and formed to look like God. We too have a head, hands, feet, hair, eyes, arms, etc. But the one thing that scripture tells us was lost because of sin was the 'Glory'. We have 'fallen short of the Glory'. Sin took us out of the Glory Realm. That has many facets to it, but the one I want to emphasize here was the Manifest Glory which was visibly seen on man. Before their fall and falling short of the Glory, Adam and Eve were clothed in Glory too. Even in our fallen state, the human race still carries the Image, Likeness, and Glory of God. (I Cor. 11:7)

That Glory is seen in the spirit realm as light. That's one of the reasons we are called the "Light" of the world. For those who have seen into the spirit realm, they describe the human being as having a glow that emanates from them. Some of us give off more light than others. In witchcraft, or demon worship it is called an 'aura'.

It is simply referring to that tiny bit of Glory that God allows to flow to the human race so that we can stay alive, think, function, and have a little creative ability while we're on this earth. Without that small flow of the Glory, man would eventually cease to exist and become extinct.

4. However, in reality even for those of us who are 'born-again', we live in such a small flow of the Glory compared to what it is supposed to be. The reason for that is the fact that we still live in a flesh body that is filled with a fallen nature. It is corruptible, sinful, and perishable. (Rom. 7, I Cor. 15) Our spirits have been born-again and made new. In our spirits we have been restored back to the original position that Adam and Eve were created to live in. (See definition for the word 'Reconcile'. Also, II Cor. 5:17)
5. In fact scripture says, man was created "crowned with Glory and Honor". And part of the purpose for that was so that man-kind would be "ruler over the works of your (God's) hands" - putting "everything under his feet". (Ps. 8:5-6) Was it a literal, visible crown? Was it describing a position of authority? The Bible doesn't say. But either way - man was given a crown of Glory by God that set him apart from all the rest of creation. We are in the 'God-Class' of beings. Not the animal class. Even though the physical bodies given to men and animals are similar in how they function, man was set apart as a 'God-Class' of being via the 'Crown of Glory' given to him. It is what established him as the ruler over the physical world. (Including all animals)

We were made to be clothed/dressed/adorned in Glory. And wear a crown of Glory. We were designed and created for it. The bad news is, we've all fallen short of that Glory. The good news is that through Jesus, that Glory can be restored to us.

C. Now I'm going to give you a thought that will take some revelation from the Spirit for you to grasp. Remember: spiritual wisdom is spiritually discerned. (I Cor. 2:6-16) That comes by the Holy Spirit. Physical reasoning won't work here

Here's the thought.

1. When man was still in the garden and innocent of sin. Man looked like God when someone would look at us. We were clothed in the same Glory that God wears and is surrounded with. Man was created a physical being. So this Glory that was clothing him was visible in the physical realm! The human race was designed by God to live in and carry so much of the Glory, that we'd actually look like him. (Made in his Image & Likeness)
2. When man sinned, he lost that apparel of Glory. He was now naked. And he could see that he was naked. It was also visible in the physical. So out of a sin-imparted emotion called SHAME, man took from the world, the very creation he was to rule from his position of being Crowned with Glory to rule the earth. (Ps. 8:5) He took leaves from the physical creation, and made apparel for himself. Then when God came to be with him in the cool of the day and discovered that man had sinned, what did man do? Adam gave the first verbal expression of becoming like his NEW FATHER - Excuses and Blame Shifting. What's the source of that? PRIDE!!! Man was now taking on the nature of Satan. PRIDE!!! The end result, man is separated from God and his presence and Glory.

3. Now through Jesus, the substitute man, the second Adam - this is all reversed. We are restored back to the Father through Jesus. We have forgiveness of sins through Jesus. We become the temple of the Father's Spirit and Presence through Jesus. We are made just as if we've never sinned (Justified) through Jesus. We are made the Righteousness and Holiness of God through Jesus. We are also Redeemed and Reconciled back to the Father through Jesus. **SCRIPTURALLY, EVERYTHING IS REVERSED THROUGH JESUS!!!!** Including the curse of Death.

4. Take that thought and run it back to its origin. Jesus came to restore us back to what Adam and Eve (man) originally was. We were originally adorned, clothed, wore the apparel of GLORY. It was on us, around us, with us. It CROWNED us. It was visibly seen manifesting on man. (Image and Likeness) **THE FATHER'S HEART IS TO HAVE THAT RESTORED TO HIS PEOPLE.**

What do we have to do to get in the position for that to take place? It's found in going back to the first thing that happened to man after he sinned. He became naked. Adam tried to fix the problem himself by sewing leaves together. God supported Adam's choice and also made a covering for Adam and Eve that was taken from this physical realm. The Skin of a dead animal. (Gen. 3:21) This was a picture of what Adam was now clothed with - DEATH. At the beginning of their life they were clothed with the Glory - Life. They lost the Glory and are now naked of the life. They're wrapped/ clothed in Death.

Adam and Eve's 2nd mistake was to make coverings for themselves. It was the beginning of humanism. Man trying to lift himself out of his own mess. It didn't work with God then, and it doesn't work now. We must come before God empty, naked, blind, poor, unworthy sinners. Having nothing to offer him, and not trying to fix anything by ourselves. Now we are candidates for Grace and Mercy. Anything that is of our own efforts, cancels out Grace. (Rom. 11:6) The best thing Adam and Eve could have done was present themselves to God in their naked, fallen condition. Like Billy Graham promoted — coming 'Just As I Am'.

Spiritually, we must become naked before God again. Undress ourselves from everything we've put on via Shame and Pride. Pride and Shame are always at the core of having Fallen Short of the Glory!!! And just like with Adam and Eve - with Pride and Shame is FEAR. And it's that FEAR that keeps strengthening our need to cover ourselves so we won't be rejected or hurt again. Because deep down inside, we know we have been and in many areas, we are still flawed and defective.

To set the Glory free to be with us, upon us, and flow through us, we must again return to the position of Standing before God - naked. Naked of anything we've tried to clothe ourselves with and hide behind. The Glory working with us is part of our Salvation. **EVERYTHING IN SALVATION COMES BY GRACE.** It's given to us as a gift - Freely. We do not and cannot earn it.

I will explain naked as someone who's been cut to the heart to realize that **WITHOUT HIM, WE ARE NOTHING!!! WITHOUT HIM, WE CAN DO NOTHING!!! WITHOUT HIM WE HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER THAT IS OF ANY VALUE WHATSOEVER!!! WITHOUT HIM WE ARE USELESS AND WORTHLESS!!! WITHOUT HIM, WE CEASE TO EXIST!!!**

REMEMBER, MAN WAS CREATED TO BE DRESSED IN THE GLORY. Not the Pride, Shame, and Fear that as a result of sin entering the world, we put on.

***** This may seem like a frivolous point. However, I need to make it so that my position is very clear and cannot be misinterpreted. We don't have to become physically naked to become naked before God. So don't interpret what I'm saying to say that Pastor Vern says we have to become physically naked to get back to the Glory. We are living in a fallen condition. Adam and Eve were not. As long as we are in this corruptible flesh body, the Glory will never be on us like it was on Adam and Eve. HOWEVER, we can get a whole lot closer to what they lived in than we are right now!!!! THAT IS MY POINT.**

D. I had something interesting happen to me. It put me on a quest for understanding on this subject that was down a little different path

During the time I was working on this booklet, Mary came in the office and read the following scripture to me.

"He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high" Heb. 1:3 - AMP.

When she was done reading, the Holy Spirit said "Now you know why the old artists used to paint halos around people's heads. They were trying to express the fact that the Glory was emanating from them."

That totally blew me back because I used to poke fun at those paintings. They came across as religious to me. I felt the halo was something to try to depict them holy. So now I'm a little stunned. This is a new line of thinking for me. So I decided to search it out. If this was the Holy Spirit speaking to me, there would be some evidence to substantiate it.

I brought it up to the family. Interestingly enough, Eric found some information that I want to include in this booklet. The first piece of info. is the definition of halo out of the Webster Dictionary.

"(1) A ring of light that seems to encircle the sun, moon, or other luminous body: it results from the refraction of light through ice particles in the atmosphere (2) a symbolic ring or disk of light shown around the head of a saint, etc., as in pictures; nimbus: often used as a symbol of virtue or innocence (3) the splendor or glory with which a famed, revered, or idealized person or thing is invested"

Now that's interesting. The 3rd definition is saying exactly what the Holy Spirit told me.

Eric also found something that pertained to this. It would be considered secular history. It is a story of the Apostle Paul and a martyr named Thecla. Now let me stress something here. I am not saying this story is totally accurate or even true. So don't place it on equal standing with the scripture. What I am saying is that it has some interesting references to things that are in the scripture. They are also the

same kind of things that we hear about in testimonies from missionaries, people who've watched martyrs die, etc. It reminds me of the kinds of things you read about in Foxes Book of Martyrs, or the magazine - Voice of the Martyrs. So I thought it would be worth bringing into this study.

I'll let the story speak for itself in the beginning.

A certain man, by name Onesiphorus, hearing that Paul had come to Iconium, went out to meet him with his children Silas and Zeno, and his wife Lectra, in order that he might entertain him: for Titus had informed him what Paul was like in appearance: for he had not seen him in the flesh, but only in the spirit. He went along the road to Lystra, and stood waiting for him, and kept looking at the passers by according to the description of Titus. He saw Paul coming, a man small in size, bald-headed, bandy-legged, well-built, with eyebrows meeting, rather long-nosed, full of grace. For sometimes he seemed like a man, and sometimes he had the countenance of an angel. Paul, seeing Onesiphorus, smiled; and Onesiphorus said: Hail, O servant of the blessed God! He said: Grace be with thee and thy house.

The part I find interesting here is how it refers to Paul's countenance. That's the same type of reference made about Stephen when he was in front of the Sanhedrin before his death. (Acts 6:15) It says "His face had the appearance of the face of an angel". (Amp.) What do angels look like when they appear to people? They are bright with the Glory of God. So the Glory was emanating from Stephen's face. That coincides with what was said about Paul in the story above.

Let's go a little further in the story above. It went on to say that she was a 17 year old engaged to be married. She heard Paul speaking and decided that she wanted to live for God as a single person and not be married. This was probably because she was engaged to a very socially influential man. Since the worship of Artemis was deeply engrained into the social fabric of Iconium, he would have demanded that she worship the god Artemis, so not to jeopardize his social standing. Her decision to break the engagement and follow the true God was used against Paul to brand him as a heretic who was going to destroy the Iconian ways and traditions.

The governor was greatly moved; and having scourged Paul, he cast him out of the city, and condemned Thecla to be burned. Immediately the governor went away to the theatre, and all the crowd went forth to the spectacle of Thecla. The maid-servants and virgins brought the faggots, in order that Thecla might be burned. When she came in naked, the governor wept, and wondered at the power that was in her. The public executioners arranged the faggots for her to go up on the pile. She, having made the sign of the cross, went up on the faggots; and they lighted them. Though a great fire was blazing, it did not touch her; for God, having compassion upon her, made an underground rumbling, and a cloud overshadowed them from above, full of water and hail; and all that was in the cavity of it was poured out, so that many were in danger of death. The fire was put out, and Thecla saved.

She was also condemned to death a second time by wild animals. The end result was the same, they would not kill her. Here is a piece of that story.

Thecla, having been taken out of the hand of Tryphaena, was stripped, and received a girdle, and was thrown into the arena, and lions and bears and a fierce lioness were let loose upon her; and the lioness having run up to her feet, lay down; and the multitude of the women cried aloud. A bear ran upon her; but the lioness, meeting the bear, tore her to pieces. Again a lion that had been trained against

men, which belonged to Alexander, ran upon her; and she, the lioness, encountering the lion, was killed along with him. The women made great lamentation, since also the lioness, her protector, was dead.

Then they send in many wild beasts, she standing and stretching forth her hands, and praying. When she had finished her prayer, she turned and saw a ditch full of water, and said: Now it is time to wash myself. She threw herself in, saying: In the name of Jesus Christ I am baptized on my last day. The women seeing, and the multitude, wept, saying: Do not throw thyself into the water; so that also the governor shed tears, because the seals were going to devour such beauty. She then threw herself in the name of Jesus Christ; but the seals having seen the glare of the fire of lightning, floated about dead. There was round her, as she was naked, a cloud of fire; so that neither could the wild beasts touch her, nor could she be seen naked.

Here we have the Glory of God revealed as a cloud and a fire. These are two ways the Glory appears in the Bible. (Scriptures below) The difference here is that the Glory (Fire and Cloud) were gathered around a single individual to protect them. (When the Israelites left the promised land, the same thing happened for the whole nation) My point: The Glory was active in a very visible form.

The story isn't done yet. Here is a brief synopsis of her life from that moment forward.

A cloud of light guided her. Having come into Seleucia, she went forth outside of the city one stadium. She was afraid of them also, for they worshipped idols. It guided her to the mountain called Calamon or Rhodeon; and having there found a cave, she went into it. She was there many years, and underwent many and grievous trials by the devil, and bore them nobly, being assisted by Christ.

Some of the well-born women, having learned about the virgin Thecla went to her, and learned the oracles of God. And many of them bade adieu to the world, and lived an ascetic life with her. A good report was spread everywhere concerning her, and cures were done by her. All the city, therefore, and country round, having known this, brought their sick to the mountain; and before they came near the door they were speedily released from whatever disease they were afflicted by; and the unclean spirits went out shrieking, and all received their own in health, glorifying God, who had given such grace to the virgin Thecla.

The physicians, therefore, of the city of the Seleucians were thought nothing of, having lost their trade, and no one any longer had regard to them; and being filled with envy and hatred, they plotted against the servant of Christ, what they should do to her. The devil then suggests to them a wicked device; and one day, being assembled, and having taken counsel, they consult with each other, saying: This virgin is a priestess of the great goddess Artemis; and if she ask anything of her, she hears her as being a virgin, and all the gods love her. Come, then, let us take men of disorderly lives, and make them drunk with much wine, and let us give them much gold, and say to them, If you can corrupt and defile her, we shall give you even more money. The physicians therefore said to themselves, that if they should be able to defile her, neither the gods nor Artemis would listen to her in the case of the sick. They therefore did so. The wicked men, having gone to the mountain, and rushed upon the cave like lions, knocked at the door. The holy martyr Thecla opened, emboldened By the God in whom she believed; for she knew of their plot beforehand. She says to them: What do you want, my children? They said: Is there

one here called Thecla? She said: What do you want with her? They say to her: We want to sleep with her.

The blessed Thecla says to them: I am a humble old woman, but the servant of my Lord Jesus Christ; and even though you want to do something to me out of place, you cannot. They say to her: It is impossible for us not to do to thee what we want. Having said this, they laid fast hold of her, and wished to insult her. She says to them with mildness: Wait, my children, that you may see the glory of the Lord. And being laid hold of by them, she looked up into heaven, and said: God, terrible and incomparable, and glorious to Thine adversaries, who didst deliver me out of the fire, who didst not give me up to Thamyras, who didst not give me up to Alexander, who didst deliver me from the wild beasts, who didst save me in the abyss, who hast everywhere worked with me, and glorified Thy name in me, now also deliver me from these lawless men, and let me not insult my virginity, which through Thy name I have preserved till now, because I love Thee, and desire Thee, and adore Thee, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost for ever. Amen. There came a voice out of the heaven, saying: Fear not, Thecla, my true servant, for I am with thee. Look and see where an opening has been made before thee, for there shall be for thee an everlasting house, and there thou shalt obtain shelter. The blessed Thecla regarding it, saw the rock opened as far as to allow a man to enter, and did according to what had been said to her: and nobly fleeing from the lawless ones entered into the rock; and the rock was straightway shut together, so that not even a joining appeared. They, beholding the extraordinary wonder, became as it were distracted; and they were not able to detain the servant of God, but only caught hold of her veil, and were able to tear off a certain part; and that by the permission of God for the faith of those seeing the venerable place, and for a blessing in the generations afterwards to those that believe in our Lord Jesus Christ out of a pure heart.

And by the providence of God she entered into the rock alive, and went under ground. She departed to Rome to see Paul, and found that he had fallen asleep. After staying there no long time, she rested in a glorious sleep; and she is buried about two or three stadia from the tomb of her master Paul.

She was cast, then, into the fire when seventeen years old, and among the wild beasts when eighteen.

She was an ascetic in the cave, as has been said, seventy-two years, so that all the years of her life were ninety. Having accomplished many cures, she rests in the place of the saints, having fallen asleep on the twenty-fourth of the month of September in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and strength for ever and ever. Amen.

Notice how the Glory guided her out of the stadium. Miracles, healings, deliverances, and things that accompany the Glory were in constant motion as she lived in the cave. She was so accustomed to being in the Glory that when the men came to rape her, she calmly stated that these men would see the Glory. It must have been a common occurrence for her.

Most of the old-time artists paint Jesus with a halo around his head. Like I said, I've always poked fun at these paintings because I felt they were trying to make Jesus look religiously pious. COULD IT BE, IS THERE A POSSIBILITY that these artists still had a knowledge of how Jesus appeared at times while he was on the earth - that

we have lost in our time??? Were they possibly trying to paint what was told them of how he looked. Was there was a light, halo, Glory emanating from him???

Now just to make sure we don't get off in a ditch here, let me clarify my position on this.

Is this visible Glory of God something that we are to seek after. NO!!!!!! Now we'd be seeking idols. Seeking the manifestation and not the God who created it. Scripture says we're to 'Seek to Glorify the Father'. As we get in the position of that happening in our lives, these visible manifestations of the Glory take place. It's in scripture, and we hear numerous testimonies of it happening in our time.

E. Let me give you some questions to ponder along these lines

If Jesus was the 2nd Adam, in a corruptible body but yet without sin, did he carry some of the original characteristics of man before sin? Specifically, was the Glory visibly seen on him at times? I'm going to suggest the answer — Yes. Here's some of the reasons why I say that.

1. The way he was described in Heb. 1:3.
2. We know it happened in a very intense way at least once. At the transfiguration. (Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36)
3. Peter referred to the transfiguration in light of the prophets proclaiming Jesus was "a light shining into a dark place until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." (II Pet. 1:16-21) He goes on in verses 19-21 trying to give explanation of seeing this literal over-whelming light. He said it wasn't the prophets who made this up, but were carried along by the Holy Spirit. He's giving reason for the people not to think he's lost his mind with this seeing the Glory thing with Jesus.
4. Jesus said he was the "Light of the World". And I fully agree it is speaking of him and his work spiritually. But are we limiting the original design for man at creation to only a spiritual "Light"? Could Jesus have carried the visible Glory of God on Him?
5. Moses' face shone with the Glory when he had been in God's presence/Glory. (Ex. 34:29-35; II Cor. 3:7-17) How much more should Jesus radiate the Glory. Heb. 3:1-6 says Jesus was worthy of much more Glory than Moses. (v. 3) If Moses' face shone with the Glory, why wouldn't Jesus' face glow with the Glory when he was considered much more worthy of the Glory.
6. This is talked about in II Cor. 3:7-18. Pay very close attention to what this verse is saying. It's usually interpreted as being only a spiritual thing. I no longer think that is true because of the many times we're seeing the Glory manifest in a physical way. If the Glory was never meant to manifest in the physical, then what is happening is not of God. But yet it is manifesting. And it's doing so to Glorify God. So it must be in scripture. Here is a passage of scripture that substantiates it. I've given this verse in different translations so that we can really see what the original is trying to say.

In verse 18 it says:

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (KJV)

"Whenever, though, they turn to face God as Moses did, God removes the veil and there they are—face-to-face! They suddenly recognize that God is a living, personal presence, not a piece of chiseled stone. And when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete. We're free of it! All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of his face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him." (v. 16-18 - The Message Bible)

"All of us have no cloth over our faces. People can see that we have some of the bright and wonderful light that the Lord has. And we are becoming brighter and brighter, more and more like him. It is the Lord, the Spirit, who does this." (World Wide English Translation)

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." (New KJV)

"So our faces are not covered. They show the bright glory of the Lord, as the Lord's Spirit makes us more and more like our glorious Lord." (Contemporary English Version)

"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." (NIV)

"And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit." (Amplified)

7. Notice what it says in II Cor. 4:4-6.

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." (NIV)

In this verse Paul is quoting Gen. 1:3. (The footnote in your Bible directs you back to that verse) It is not an exact quote, but he says: "Let light shine out of darkness". So let's go back and consider that verse. What light is God talking about in Gen. 1:3? He didn't re-establish natural/physical light until verses 14-19. So what was the light in verse 3? It was his Glory. God was now interacting with the earth again. And when God shows up, his Glory is with him.

The earth was not created “without form and void, and darkness was upon” it. In Isa. 45:18, it says “he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited”. The words “without form” (KJV) in Gen. 1:2 are both the Strong’s #8414. In Isa. 45:18 the word “vain” is the same word. (#8414) So according to Isaiah, when God created the earth it was not #8414: “formless, confusion, waste, desolate, and worthless”. It goes on to say in Isaiah that it was formed to be inhabited. That’s not the case in Gen. 1:2. Here it is #8414: “formless, confusion, waste, desolate, and worthless”. And it is “void”. It is definitely not inhabited by any physical beings.

So what happened? In Gen. 1:1, God created the earth as it was spoken of in Isa. 45:18. From what scripture indicates, the earth was Lucifer’s planet. (Isa. 14:3-20) There was life, nations, animals, plants, clouds, etc. active in the creation. Then Lucifer was cast out of heaven and when he was thrown down to earth, (Luke 10:18) his fall destroyed it. That is the condition we find it in Gen. 1:2. (Empty of physical life, without creative form, void. Covered in water.) Then God re-created it. All the physical creation had been here before. That’s why God simply called all of creation forth from the earth. It had all been here before. The new element in the earth was the creation of man. Here God started from basically the dirt and created a living being. The other creation he didn’t do that with. He called it back into manifestation.

Back to the light. The physical lights that give the earth it’s physical light came much later than verse 3. The light of verse 3 was the same light that is found in Rev. 21:23-24. It is not the light of the physical sun. It’s the Glory of God. So at the beginning of creation, we see the Glory of God manifesting in a physical way on the earth. At the end of the dispensation, we see the same thing happening. Where is it in between these two time periods? The Glory is here and it is supposed to be manifesting in a limited way. Like I said before, the limiting factor is sin. But even in that we have seen it manifest in different ways.

8. Let’s look at another example. Acts 2:3. Here the people are seeing the Holy Spirit and the Glory coming and resting on them (fulfillment of Isa. 60:1-2) in the form of a tongue that is hovering over and resting on them. There are numerous places where it ties the Glory and the Spirit together in manifestation. (Ezek. 1 & 2; 8:2-4; II Cor. 3:7-18) This again was a physical manifestation of the Glory of God.

9. Notice: When scripture talks about the Glory, the main way it’s referred to is that the Glory is ‘SEEN’. There’s not much reference to it as being felt, heard, tasted, touched, smelled. The Glory is to be ‘SEEN’. (II Cor. 4:4-6)

F. The Conclusion of this portion of the study

All my life I have been taught that the Glory of God is an unseen force. The only way you can know if the Glory is manifesting is by what it’s producing. The after affect. It was that occasionally some strange or weird thing would take place that the Glory would appear as a light or a fire. But that was mostly stuff that happened in biblical times and not today.

As a result, we never expected the Glory to physically manifest. We definitely did not believe for it. Jesus said:

“Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the Glory of God?” John 11:40

Some might say, but Pastor even here they didn't see the Glory. They just saw the results of it being present. Lazarus was raised from the dead. Here again we could be looking at this scripture through our past teachings and religion. Where does it say they did not see the Glory? Where does it say they did physically see the Glory? It Doesn't say either way. It is possible that they were just so used to seeing it around Jesus that they took for granted everyone would understand what they meant when they wrote: "You WOULD SEE The Glory". (Notice: He didn't say you'd see the results/effects/work of the Glory)

Scripture tells us and gives examples over and over about a physical manifestation of the Glory of God.

MY WHOLE POINT: THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NOT FREAK US OUT. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS OF GOD. IF IT'S OF GOD, IT'S FOR US. IF IT'S FOR ME, I NEED TO EXPECT IT AND BELIEVE THAT IT WILL HAPPEN.

FOR ME??? — NO — SO GOD CAN DO WHAT HE'S ALWAYS WANTED TO DO AROUND, IN AND WITH MAN — AND BE GLORIFIED!!!!

IF IT'S FOR US, IT SHOULD BE HAPPENING AMONG US.

Does Jesus' Glory work among people without it physical manifesting?
ABSOLUTELY!!!

Does it have to physically manifest for it to be working among us? ABSOLUTELY NOT!!

So What's the Point of the last few pages of information? TO GET US MORE CORRECT SCRIPTURALLY, AND BREAK US OUT OF OUR RELIGIOUS BOX!!!

WHY WOULD GOD WANT IT TO MANIFEST? According to Isa. 60, (and other scriptures) it is a tool of Evangelism and Prosperity. We saw this happen when Jesus was born. It forces a person to choose who they are going to serve. It is undeniable. It isn't theory, knowledge, argument, or opinion. It is the raw supernatural power of God on display which causes people to pay attention and make a choice.

The Glory is the Father's

A. All Glory originates with the Father. It proceeds from the Father. It is the Father's

1. Matt. 6:13; 16:27; Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26; John 17:24; Acts 7:2; Rom. 6:4; 11:36; Gal. 1:5; Eph. 1:17; Heb. 1:3.
2. Heaven is the dwelling place of holiness and the Glory. (Isa. 63:15)

B. The Father gave it to Jesus

1. Dan. 7:14; John 17:5, 24; I Pet. 1:21; II Pet. 1:17.
2. Jesus is the King of Glory. (Ps. 24:1-10)
3. Jesus is the Lord of Glory. (I Cor. 2:8; James 2:1)
4. Acts 3:13 - Jesus Glorified by the Father.
5. John 8:50 - The Father was seeking Glory for Jesus. Jesus didn't seek it for himself.

6. Heb. 5:5 - Jesus did not Glorify himself to be a high priest. He was made the High Priest.

C. Jesus Glory

1. Ps. 16:9 - Jesus' Glory rejoices, because the Father will not abandon him to hell.
2. Matt. 19:28; 25:31 - Jesus will sit on the throne of his Glory.
3. Matt. 25:31 - Jesus will come in his Glory.
4. Matt. 24:30 - Jesus will return in Glory. (25:31; Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27)
5. Mark 10:37 - Jesus' Glory. (Luke 9:26, 32; 24:26)
6. John 1:14 - The Glory of Jesus and the Father via the Word being made flesh.
7. John 12:41 - Isaiah saw Jesus' Glory.
8. John 13:31-32 - Jesus Glorified, and the Father Glorified in him.
9. John 17:4 - Jesus had Glory in Heaven before coming to the earth.
10. Heb. 2:9 - Jesus is Crowned with Glory and Honor.
11. Heb. 13:21 - Now that Jesus is exalted, Glory is to go to him forever. (I Pet. 5:11; II Pet. 3:18; Jude 25; Rev. 1:6)
12. James 2:1 - Jesus is the Lord of Glory.

God doesn't Share his Glory

A. We've already established the fact that the Glory originates with the Father, and All of it must be returned to the Father. We cannot share in the credit, honor, fame, glamour, praise, etc. IT ALL BELONGS TO GOD. Below are a few scriptures that tell us that God will not Share his Glory with man

B. Scriptures

1. Ex. 14:22-23 - Israelites judged for tempting God instead of giving him Glory.
2. Isa. 42:8 - God doesn't give his Glory to another, nor share his Praise.
3. Isa. 48:9-11 - God doesn't give his Glory to another.
4. Jer. 13:16-18 - Judgment comes when Glory is not given to God.
5. Matt. 6:13 - "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the Glory, Forever. Amen"
6. Acts 12:23 - Judgment for not giving God the Glory.
7. Rom. 1:21-32 - Judging for not giving God the Glory.
8. I Cor. 1:25-29 - God specifically called the people who would serve them on the basis that they could not take any Glory. No Flesh should Glory.
9. I Cor. 1:31 - Any Glorifying that is done is to be done in the Lord. (II Cor. 10:17)

10. I Cor. 3:21 - No man is to Glory in a man. Otherwise, God doesn't get the Glory.
11. I Cor. 9:16 - Man is not to Glory in preaching the Gospel. It's the result of a call to do so. If it's done willingly, not for Glory, there is a reward with it.

How do we give Glory to God?

A. This is a confusing question for many Christians. We often hear phrases like 'let's give God Glory', but if you asked how to do it, or what is it - many times people struggle with their answer. The definitions of the word Glory listed above make it quite easy to understand what it is and how to do it

B. However, to help in our understanding the concept, I've listed numerous scriptures that talk about it being done and how to do it

1. Lev. 10:3 - Honor and respect God's commands, desires, and ways above our own. He will be Glorified and ultimately it will be done the righteous way. Nadab and Abihu killed for offering strange fire.
2. Josh. 7:19 - By confessing our sin we give God Glory.
3. I Chr. 16:8-16 - Giving Thanks.
 - Calling on him.
 - Declaring what he has done in our lives.
 - Singing to him.
 - Singing Psalms to him. (Psalms usually declare what he's done)
 - Talk about the great things he's done.
 - Rejoice from your heart.
 - Seek him and his strength.
 - Seek him continually.
 - Remember — the marvelous things he did in the past.
 - his wonders.
 - his judgments.
 - Always stay mindful of his covenant with us.
 - Remember the covenant he made with Abraham and the word spoken to a 1000 generations.
4. I Chr. 16:23-36 - Sing to the Lord.
 - Daily show his salvation in your life.
 - Talk to the unsaved about how great he is.
 - Give him all Glory and all your strength.
 - Give him offerings.
 - Take specific times to present yourself before him.

- Worship him from a holy life. (Not a sinful one)
- Fear him.
- Rejoice.
- Declare that God reigns.
- Give him thanks for his goodness and mercy.
- Call out for his salvation and deliverance in your situation.
- Call out for him to bring unity among the people.
- Bless his name. (Empower him to prosper in your life) 5. I Chr. 29:10-13 - Bless him publicly. (Empower him to prosper in your life)
- Exalt him via Blessing him.
- Declare his Greatness, Power, Glory, Victory, & Majesty.
- Declare all of his creation to be his.
- Declare his Kingdom and Headship is above all.
- Acknowledge that riches and honor come from him.
- Acknowledge that he reigns over all/everything.
- Acknowledge that all power and might is in his hand.
- Acknowledge that in his hand is ability to make someone/ something great and give it strength.
- Thank Him.
- Praise His Name. 6. Ps. 29:1-11 - Give him all Glory and all your strength.
- Worship him from a holy life. (Not a sinful one)
- Declare the great things concerning him. (Like his voice and what it's like. (v. 3-9)
- It's powerful, full of majesty, gives joy, is discerning and judging, gives life, draws praise and exultation.
- Declare his power to rule over all the physical world.
- Acknowledge he will reign as King forever.
- Acknowledge he gives strength to his people.
- Acknowledge he blesses his people with peace. 7. Ps. 30:12 - Let the glory he's given you sing praise to him.
- Do not be silent.
- Set your heart to give thanks to him forever.
- 8. Ps. 50:15 - When we call upon God in trouble and he delivers us, we Glorify him.
- 9. Ps. 50:23 - Offering Praise Glorifies God.
- 10. Ps. 57:5, 11 - Exalt God, declaring him to be above the heavens and earth. (108:5; 148:13)
- 11. Ps. 86:9, 12 - Worship and Praise Glorifies God.
- 12. Ps. 96:1-3 - Sing to him. Sing new songs to him.
- Bless his name.
- Show his salvation in your life from day to day.
- Declare his glory and what he's done to the saved and unsaved. 13. Ps. 96:7-8 - Give the Lord your glory and your strength.
- Bring offerings to him.
- Come into his courts. 14. Isa. 24:15 - Singing songs Glorifies the Lord.

15. Jer. 9:23-24 - Not becoming proud of your own wisdom, might, and riches.
 - But learning to understand and know him gives him glory.
 - Learning of and delighting in his lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness as he works these in the earth. 16. Hag. 1:8 - Constructing a Building for God's work — Glorifies Him.
 - Brings prosperity to the people.
17. Matt. 5:16 - We are to live our life in such a way that when men see it, our life will cause them to Glorify the Father.
18. Matt. 9:8 - Healing the sick Glorifies God.
19. Matt. 15:31 - Healing and Miracles Glorify God. (Mark 2:12; Luke 4:14-15; 5:26; 7:16; 13:13; 17:15; 23:47; John 11:4; Acts 4:21)
20. Luke 4:14-15 - Teaching about God Glorifies him.
21. John 7:17-18 - Don't speak your opinions, thoughts, etc. - But speak God's.
22. John 8:50 - Don't seek credit, fame, honor, praise, prestige, etc. - for yourself and what you do or have done.
23. John 15:8 - Produce a whole bunch of Godly fruit and be his disciple.
24. John 15:9-11 - God Glorified through rejoicing, praise, and laud.
25. John 16:14 - To receive from God and show it to others Glorifies the Father.
26. John 17:4-26 - Here Jesus is praying to the Father and asking to be reinstated to the glory he had before the world was created. This is huge because Jesus is facing the cross by faith. He is standing on the scriptures concerning his death and resurrection and that he wouldn't be abandoned to the grave.

In that context he is reminding the Father that he glorified the Father while he was on earth, and the scripture promises that if we humble ourselves before the Father, he will lift us up. Jesus is standing on the scriptures here for his future resurrection and being lifted up. In doing so, he is showing the Father how he has humbled himself and glorified the Father. Here are some of the points he makes in how he glorified the Father. Obviously, if it worked for him, these things will also Glorify the Father through us.

- He finished the job/work the Father gave him to do.
- He manifested the name of the Father to men.
- As a result, they have obeyed the Father and kept his word.
- Jesus let man know that all he had, was, and had done were from and of the Father. (The Father was the source)
- He spoke the words he was given to speak.
- The people have believed the words and that all credit went back to the Father.
- All the people are the Fathers. (He didn't claim any right to them)
- He acknowledged the source of his name, and hence his power.
- He acknowledges that the Father is the keeping source of power behind his name.
- He accomplished his work, losing none but Judas.
- He gave them the Father's word, and they're hated because of it.
- He's asking the Father to take care of the people.
- He's asking the Father to sanctify them through his truth.

- He has sent the people as he was sent. He's sanctified himself so that same sanctification could go on to the people.
 - He gave the glory given to him on to the people to produce oneness.
 - Their unity will show the Father as the source of sending him, and that the Father loves the people.
 - Jesus wants the people to be with him so they may see the Glory and the Love of the Father.
 - He's made the Father known to the people, and declared the Father's name to them. So that they would have the love of the Father in them as he had it in him.
27. John 17:10 - Being saved and belonging to Jesus Glorifies him.
 28. John 21:18-19 - The kind of death John experienced Glorified God.
 29. Acts 13:48 - Believing the Word Glorifies the Word of the Lord. (Jesus is the Word)
 30. Rom. 4:20 - Being strong in faith gives God Glory.
 31. Rom. 5:1-5 - Rejoicing in the hope of God's Glory being revealed in us via our going through tribulations. Because when they are accomplished in our lives (forming — Patience — Experience — Hope) That hope will ultimately produce God's love being shed abroad in our Hearts by the Holy Spirit who is given to us.
 32. Rom. 15:1-7 - Receiving and working with each other and our weaknesses gives Glory to God.
 33. Rom. 15:6 - God is given glory in unity among people. (In mind and mouth)
 34. Rom. 16:27 - The Glory goes to the Father though Jesus.
 35. I Cor. 1:31 - If credit or honor is going to be given, make sure it's given to God.
 36. I Cor. 6:15-20 - Staying away from fornication Glorifies God.
 37. I Cor. 10:31 - In everything we do, we need to make sure God is being Glorified by our attitudes and actions.
 38. II Cor. 1:20 - When the promises get fulfilled in us, it gives Glory to God.
 39. II Cor. 4:15 - Giving thanks to God Glorifies him.
 40. II Cor. 8:19 - Distributing God's Grace Glorifies him.
 41. II Cor. 9:11 - Through taking care of the poor, men will Glorify God for the obedience and generosity being shown.
 42. II Cor. 10:17 - Don't take any Glory to yourself. Give it all to God. (I Cor. 1:31)
 43. II Cor. 11:16 - 12:10 - Drawing attention to our infirmities, weaknesses, frailties, etc. is humbling ourselves so his power can rest on us.
 44. Gal. 1:24 - Paul's conversion brought Glory to God. So people getting saved Glorifies God.
 45. Gal. 6:14 - God forbid we should Glory in anything but the cross, which represents our crucifixion and death.
 46. Phil. 1:11 - Being filled with the fruit of what's right Glorifies God.
 47. Phil. 2:11 - Getting saved Glorifies God.
 48. II Thess. 1:10 - As Christians are holy, admire, and believe in Jesus, he is Glorified.

49. II Thess. 3:1 - The word having free course in it being preached and spoken brings it Glory. (Jesus is the Word)

50. Heb. 1:3 (Amp.) - Jesus is the sole expression of the Glory of God. For the Glory to manifest, it must be Jesus doing it. We Cannot Do It. That's why we must be dead in Christ, and having him live through us. Otherwise the Glory will never manifest in our lives. He is the 'Sole Expression' of it. If he's not doing it in us and through us - It Won't Happen.

51. I Pet. 1:7 - Our faith being tried and purified gives Glory.

52. I Pet. 2:12 - Our good works will cause the unbeliever to Glorify God.

53. I Pet. 2:20-21 - Suffering undeserved punishment patiently gives Glory to God.

54. I Pet. 4:11 - If we speak and minister the right way, God is Glorified.

55. I Pet. 4:14-16 - Suffering abuse and undeserved punishment causes the Holy Spirit and the Glory to rest on us.

56. Rev. 4:8-9 - The 4 beasts giving Glory with their mouths. Declaring Holy, Holy..

57. Rev. 4:10-11 - The 24 elders giving Glory with their mouths and actions.

Acknowledging God's complete sovereignty and authority.

58. Rev. 5:11-13 - All creation giving Glory with their mouths. Declaring Jesus being worthy of all praise, honor, power, riches, etc.

59. Rev. 7:11-12 - Angels, beasts, and elders give Glory with words and actions. Declaring and acknowledging God's complete supremacy.

60. Rev. 16:9 - Repentance gives Glory to God.

As God's People, we are commanded to Glorify God

A. Giving the Glory back to God is not an option for his people. We are told to do it. It would seem obvious that God is trying to close the opportunity for his people to get caught in the same thing that Lucifer did — Take Glory for himself. So in an effort to stop that, we are commanded to give All the Glory to God

THIS POINT IS VITAL TO UNDERSTAND!!!!

So many people think that God is some kind of egotistical maniac. He's full of Pride and arrogance. Their line of reasoning is: What Kind of Humble Being Would Demand That People Praise Him, Worship Him, Glorify Him, Sing Songs to Him, Etc.? He must be a very proud being. Nothing else makes any sense.

NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. GOD IS LOVING US ENOUGH TO PROTECT US. He's demanding we remember and keep the focus on him as GOD. Otherwise, we will get caught in the same trap that caused Lucifer's downfall.

God wants us to flow in his Power and Glory. He wants us to rule and reign in all areas of life. Including the spiritual and supernatural. God wants us Prosperous and

Blessed in every area of life. But he also needs to protect us from the sinful nature which easily goes into pride, arrogance, selfishness, etc.

So he set up the system of praising him, worshipping him, obeying and submitting to him, giving him all the praise, glory, and honor in everything. WHY? So that we remember and always acknowledge who is the source and who is God. That way he can keep giving his Power and Glory, etc. to us - WITHOUT IT EVENTUALLY DESTROYING US!!!

So we are commanded and demanded to give him all the Glory. It is required for him to move among us in any degree of the supernatural and power.

1. Lev. 10:1-3 - Nadab and Abihu judged for not giving God the Glory via offering the fire - God's prescribed way.
2. Ps. 22:23 - If we Fear the Lord, we are told to Praise and Glorify him.
3. Isa. 25:1-5 - When God does wonderful things for us, the strong people are to Glorify him.
4. Isa. 41:16 - "Shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel"
5. Isa. 42:12 - "Let them give glory to the Lord"
6. Isa. 45:25 - In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel....Glory.
7. Isa. 49:3 - As his servants, we are commanded to Glorify him.
8. Jer. 4:2 - "In him shall they Glory"
9. Jer. 13:16-18 - Judgment comes when Glory is not given to God.
10. Ezek. 28:22 - God can and does Glorify himself in judgment.
11. Luke 2:14; 17:18; 19:38 - Examples of Glory being given.
12. John 7:17-18 - It determines whether we are true, or if we have unrighteousness, falsehood, or deception in us. (Amp.)
13. I Cor 1:31; 10:17 - If we glory, we must Glory in the Lord.
14. I Cor. 10:31 - In everything we do, we're to Glorify him.
15. Phil. 4:20 - God (Trinity) and the Father be Glory Forever.
16. I Tim. 1:17 - Honor and Glory go to Jesus (The king) Forever. (II Tim. 4:18; I Pet. 5:11; II Pet. 3:18; Jude 25; Rev. 1:6)
17. Rev. 14:7 - Angel in heaven commanding people on earth to give Glory.
18. Rev. 15:4 - The Fear of the Lord and Glorifying him go together.

What are the Results of the Glory manifesting?

A. What happens when the Glory comes? What are the lasting results?

1. Ex. 14:19-20 - It can operate to defend God's people.
2. Ex. 16:4b - Obedience was tested.
3. Ex. 16:7-15 - Giving the Quail and Manna.
4. Ex. 29:44-46 - It sanctifies the tabernacle, altar, and priests.

5. Ex. 40:35 - It can get so strong that no one can enter it.
6. Num. 14:10, 20-23 - It comes for discipline, and judgment.
7. Num. 14:22 - The Glory and Miracles were used as a test of obedience. God views disobedience and testing him as contempt for him.
8. Num. 14:24 - The Glory and Miracles bringing obedience in a person will cause them to prosper and be blessed.
9. Num. 16:19-50 - Korah is judged and dies. The Glory destroys and comes against the people showing contempt.
10. Num. 20:1-13 - Water from rock incident. Moses not going into the promised land. He didn't do what the Lord had said to him from the Glory. So it judged Moses.
11. Deut. 5:22-33 - The 10 commandments given. The fear of the Lord is instilled in the people.
12. Prov. 16:31 - Old age (gray hair) is a crown of the Glory at work.
13. Prov. 25:2 - The Glory is involved with concealing certain things.
14. Isa. 2:10, 19, 21; 3:8 - The Glory comes against sinful men.
15. Isa. 4:5 - The Glory can function as a defense.
16. Isa. 35:1-2 - The physical land responds to it and produces more.
17. Isa. 55:5 - Because of God's Glory on us, Nations will run to us.
18. Isa. 58:8 - The Glory protects by being our rear guard. (Isa. 52:12; Ex. 14:19)
19. Isa. 60:9 - Riches come to us & children return to us when he Glorifies us.
20. Isa. 60:21-22 - Our righteousness and prosperity brings Glory/Glorifies God.
21. Jer. 2:11 - God considers his Glory and himself to be one and the same. (Amp.)
22. Jer. 30:19 - When God gives his Glory - the numbers enlarge.
23. Hag. 2:3, 6-9 - Glory of the latter house is greater than the former and riches (gold and silver) will be brought into it.
24. Mal. 2:1-3 - If the priests don't give Glory to God, he will replace the blessing with a curse. So blessings come from the Glory.
25. John 2:11 - Miracles are a manifestation of the Glory.
26. John 7:37-39 - The Holy Spirit came only after Jesus was Glorified.
27. John 11:4 - Healing sicknesses is a manifestation of the Glory.
28. John 11:40 - Raising the dead is a manifestation of the Glory. (Rom. 6:4)
29. John 17:22 - Unity results from a manifestation of the Glory.
30. Rom. 11:36 - The end result of a manifestation of the Glory is the Glory is to be given back to God. It all comes from God, works through us, as is to go back to God. (Amp.)
31. Eph. 1:12 - We are to be changed so we live to give his Glory praise.
32. Eph. 1:14 - The completion of our salvation is to give his Glory praise.
33. Eph. 1:18 - The Father receives an inheritance of the saints.
34. Eph. 3:14-21 - Strengthened in our inner man. (v. 16)
 - The church and Jesus give the Glory back to the Father. (v. 21)

35. Phil. 4:19 - God's riches to supply for every need are in the Glory. (Eph. 3:16; Col. 1:27)
36. II Thess. 1:10-12 - End result of his Glory working in us is that we are to Glorify him as we are Glorified in him and the cycle goes on and on. (Amp.)
37. I Pet. 5:10 - We are called to be in the Glory. Resulting in our being restored, and being made strong, firm, and steadfast.

B. In the wilderness, the results of the Glory manifesting were not always good. The Glory can manifest to produce Godly Fruit. Or it can manifest to judge sin. In the wilderness, it was more of the judging sin

1. When Israel murmured for food. (Ex. 16:10)
2. When the altar was dedicated. (Lev. 9:23)
3. When the Israelites rebelled at Kadesh-barnea. (Num. 14:10)
4. When they rebelled with Korah. (Num. 16:19)
5. When they rebelled because of the 250 men who had died with Korah. (Num. 16:42)
6. When they rebelled for water. (Num. 20:6)
7. When Moses was ready to die. (Deut. 31:15)

Things that are Glorious (Full of Glory & Bring Glory to God)

A. Scriptures

1. Ex. 15:6 - Displays of Power.
2. Ex. 15:11 - Holiness is Glorious.
3. Deut. 28:58 - The name of the Lord. (I Chr. 29:13; Neh. 9:5; Ps. 72:19; 79:9; Isa. 63:14)
4. Ps. 66:2 - Praise is to be Glorious.
5. Ps. 111:3 - God's work.
6. Ps. 145:5 - God's honor.
7. Ps. 145:11-12 - God's majesty and kingdom is Glorious.
8. Isa. 11:10 - Jesus' rest to his people.
9. Isa. 30:30 - The voice of God.
10. Isa. 33:21 - The Lord is Glorious.(49:5)
11. Isa. 60:13 - The place God's feet touch.
12. Isa. 63:1 - God's apparel.
13. Isa. 63:12 - The arm of God.
14. Jer. 17:12 - God's throne.
15. Luke 13:17 - The things Jesus did while on earth were Glorious.

16. Rom. 8:21 - The freedom/liberty of God's children is to be Glorious.
17. II Cor. 3:7 - The manifestation of the O.T. Law of death was Glorious.
18. II Cor. 3:8 - The manifestation of the Spirit in the N.T. is much more Glorious.
19. II Cor. 3:9 - If the law (condemnation) was with Glory, how much more Glorious is the ministry of the Spirit which brings righteousness.
20. II Cor. 3:10-11 - The Glory of the O.T. Law does not even compare to the greatness of the Glory of the Spirit.
21. II Cor. 3:12-17 - Therefore, we are very bold, because the veil which keeps the Word hidden to us has been removed in the anointing. Now we receive true freedom by the Spirit.
22. II Cor. 3:18 - We see a reflection of the Glory in our face, and watch as we are being changed into his image for one realm of Glory to another Glory.
23. II Cor. 4:4 - Glorious Gospel of Christ.
24. Eph. 5:27 - Glorious Church.
25. Phil. 3:21 - His Glorious Body.
26. Col. 1:11 - His Glorious Power.
27. I Tim. 1:11 - Glorious Gospel of God.
28. Titus 2:13 - The Glorious appearance of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

God Glorifies Himself

A. When the Glory isn't flowing the way God desires it to be via the human race, God will do things to get it moving again. He wants the Glory active in this earth

1. Job 40:10 - God adorns himself in Glory. (A portion of his apparel is made of Glory)
2. Ps. 8:1 - God set his Glory above the heavens. (113:4; 148:13)
3. Ps. 19:1 - The Heavens declare God's Glory.
4. Isa. 44:22-23 - God Glorifies himself in blotting out our sins.
5. Isa. 48:9-11 - God does things for his own sake and Glory.
6. Isa. 61:1-3 - God works in us so he can be Glorified. (60:21; 62:1-3)
7. Isa. 66:18-19 - God makes his Glory known to those who haven't seen it.
8. Ezek. 28:22 - When God judges those against Israel, he's Glorified. (39:13)
9. John 7:39 - Jesus death and resurrection Glorified God. (12:23-28; 13:31-32; Acts 3:13)
10. John 14:13 - When Jesus can do what we ask, it Glorifies the Father.
11. John 12:28 - The Father WILL Glorify himself.
12. Acts 11:18 - Salvation & Holy Spirit to the Gentiles Glorifies God. (21:20)
13. John 17:1 - The Father Glorifies Jesus and Jesus the Father.

Misc. Scriptures concerning Glory

A. Below are a few scriptures that I didn't put in any category

B. Various Scriptures

1. Ex. 28:2 - Garments/apparel can give Glory. (28:40)
2. Ex. 33:17-23 - Moses asks to see God's Glory.
3. I Chr. 16:27 - Glory and Honor are in his Presence.
4. I Sam. 4:21-22 - The Glory was considered departed because the Ark was captured.
5. I Sam. 8:10-11 - The Glory was considered returned when the Ark came back.
6. Ps. 73:24 - Heaven is referred to as Glory. (Col. 3:4)
7. Prov. 17:6 - Glory of the children is their fathers.
8. Isa. 5:14 - Men taking their glory with them to hell.
9. Isa. 59:19 - God's protection causes men to fear his Glory.
10. Ezek. 10:3-6 - Milk and Honey is the glory of all lands.
11. Hab. 2:14 - The earth will be filled with the Knowledge of the Glory.
12. John 7:37-39 - The Holy Spirit came only after Jesus was Glorified.
13. Rom. 3:7 - Paul as a rhetorical question concerning the Glory.
14. Rom. 3:23 - All of the human race has fallen short of the Glory.
15. I Cor. 11:7 - Man is the Image and Glory of God.
16. I Cor. 11:7 - Glory of man is woman.
17. II Cor. 4:6 - God hath shined in our hearts to give us the Knowledge of the Glory in the face of Jesus.
18. II Thess. 1:9 - God's power has Glory.
19. Heb. 9:5 - Mercy Seat Cherubim represented (symbolized) the Glory.
20. Rev. 11:13 - People in tribulation give Glory to God.
21. Rev. 19:1 - People in heaven giving Glory to God.
22. Rev. 21:24-26 - The people are demanded to bring Glory into the New Jerusalem.

C. Different Kinds of Glory

1. Of men - Job 19:9, 29:20; Ps. 4:2; 30:12; Matt. 6:2; Luke 12:27 (Many others)
2. Of the Temple - I Chr. 22:5
3. Of Riches - Esth. 5:11
4. Of earthly Kingdoms. - Matt. 4:8; Luke 4:6
5. Solomon's - Matt. 6:9; Luke 12:27
6. Sun, Moon, and Stars - I Cor. 15:40-43

God allowing men to see him as a person

A. One thing we must realize is that God is a person. Yes he is Spirit. (John 4:24) Which means he exists in the spirit realm. However, in that realm he looks like a person/human. We were made to look like him, (Gen. 1:26-27) so in turn he looks like us

God is a person with a personal spirit body, a personal soul, and a personal spirit, like that of angels, and like that of man except his body is of spirit substance instead of flesh and bones. (Job 13:8; Heb. 1:3)

B. Scriptural facts concerning God. (Dake)

1. He has a personal spirit body. (Dan. 7:9-14; 10:5-19)
2. He has a personal shape. (John 5:37)
3. He has a personal form. (Phil. 2:5-7)
4. He has a personal image and likeness. (Like that of man) (Gen. 1:26-27; 9:6; Ezek. 1:26-28; I Cor. 11:7; James 3:9)
5. He has - a back side (Ex. 33:23)
 - a heart (Gen. 6:6; 8:21)
 - hand and fingers (Ps. 8:3-6; Heb. 1:10; Rev. 5:1-7)
 - a mouth (Num. 12:8)
 - lips and tongue (Isa. 30:27)
 - feet (Ex. 24:10; Ez. 1:27)
 - eyes (Ps. 11:4; 18:24; 33:18)
 - ears (Ps. 18:6)
 - hair, head, face, and arms (Dan. 7:9-14; 10:5-19; Rev. 5:1-7; 22:4-6)
 - loins (Ezek. 1:26-28; 8:1-4)
6. He has bodily presence. (Gen. 3:8; 18:1-22)
7. He goes from place to place in a body. (Gen. 3:8; 11:5; 18:1-5, 22,33; 19:24; 32:24-32; 35:13; Zech. 14:5; Dan. 7:9-14; Titus 2:13)
8. He has a voice. (Ps. 29; Rev. 10:3-4)
9. He has breath. (Gen. 2:7)
10. He has a countenance. (Ps. 11:7)
11. He wears clothes. (Dan. 7:9-14; 10:5-19)
12. He eats. (Gen. 18:1-8; Ex. 24:11)
13. He rests. (Gen. 2:1-4; Heb. 4:4)
14. He lives in a mansion, that's in a city, that is located on a material planet called heaven. (John 14:1-3; Heb. 11:10-16; 13:14; Rev. 21)
15. He sits on a throne. (Isa. 6; Dan. 7:9-14; Rev. 4:1-5; 22:3-6)
16. He walks. (Gen. 3:8; 18:1-8, 22, 33)
17. He rides. (Ps. 18:10; 68:17; 104:3; Ezek. 1)

18. He has a soul with feelings.

- Grief (Gen. 6:6)
- Anger (I Kgs. 11:9)
- Repentance (Gen. 6:6)
- Jealousy (Ex. 20:5)
- Hate (Prov. 6:16; Rom. 9:13)
- Love (John 3:16; Rom. 9:13)
- Pity (Ps. 103:13)
- Fellowship (I John 1:1-7)
- Pleasure and Delight (Ps. 147:10)

19. He has qualities in his Character. (Gal. 5:22-23)

20. He has a personal spirit. (Ps. 143:10; Isa. 30:1)

21. He has a mind. (Rom. 11:34)

22. He has intelligence. (Gen. 1:26; Rom. 11:33)

23. He has a will. (Matt. 7:21; Rom. 8:27; 9:19)

24. He has power. (Eph. 1:19; 3:7, 20; Heb. 1:3)

25. He is/has truth. (Ps. 91:4; John 14:6; Heb. 1:3)

26. He has faith and hope. (Rom. 12:3; I Cor. 13:13)

27. He has righteousness. (Ps. 45:4; Rom. 3:22; II Cor. 5:21)

28. He has/is faithfulness. (I Cor. 10:13; Rev. 19:11)

29. He has knowledge and wisdom. (Isa. 11:2; I Tim. 1:17)

30. He has reason. (Isa. 1:18)

31. He has discernment. (Heb. 4:12)

32. He has immutability. (Heb. 6:17)

C. He has been seen bodily many times. (Dake)

1. Gen. 18 - Abraham saw, talked to, and ate with God.

2. Gen. 32:24-32 - Jacob wrestled with him.

3. Ex. 24:9-11 - (Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, Moses, and the 70 elders)

4. Ex. 33:11, 18-23 - Moses talked with him face to face when God wasn't manifesting his Glory. But he wasn't allowed to see his face in full Glory.

5. Josh. 5:13-15 - Joshua saw either pre-incarnate Jesus or an angel.

6. Judg. 6:11-23 - Gideon saw God.

7. Judg. 13:3-23 - Samson's parents.

8. I Chr. 21:16-17 - David saw God.

9. Job 42:5 - Job saw God.

10. Isa. 6 - Isaiah saw and described him.

11. Dan. 7:9-14; 10:5-6 - Daniel saw and described him.

12. Ezek. 1:26-28; 10:20; 40:3 — 43:7; 47:1-6 - Ezekiel saw and described him.

13. Amos 9:1 - Amos saw God.

14. Acts 7:56-59 - Stephen saw God the Father and Jesus. He saw them in a realm of Glory. (Notice the trinity: By the Holy Spirit, Stephen saw the Father and Jesus. All 3 were present)
15. Rev. 4:2-5; 5:1-7 - John saw and described him.
16. Rev. 21:3-4; 22:4 - In the future, all will see God.

D. The problem is not with allowing man to see him. The problem comes with seeing him in his Glory. In our fallen condition, we can only absorb a very little of God's Glory before it kills us. Paul saw only a flash of the Glory (Acts 9) and it made him blind. While we are in this corrupted body, it is very detrimental to see too much of the Glory of God

But God does not have a problem with human beings seeing and talking to him. In the N.T. a problem can develop if we want to see him to prove that he exists. (II Cor. 5:7; John 20:29) It falls into the category of sign-seeking. A wicked and adulterous people look for signs to confirm their belief. (Matt. 12:39; Luke 11:29)

Yet, if God chooses to show himself to people - he can do it. He's done it many times, and will do it many more times. So when he comes to visit his people, if he wants to do it in a physically visible manner - that is scriptural.

However, scripture would seem to indicate we are not supposed to seek for him to show himself to us.

God manifesting himself to man

A. Has God interacted with man before? How often? Why?

B. Scriptural Answers. (Dake)

1. Creation of Adam (& Eve?) - Gen. 2:7, 19-25.
2. God confronts Adam and Eve after their sin - Gen. 3:8-19.
3. Tower of Babel - Gen. 11:5.
4. First appearance to Abraham - Gen. 12:7.
5. Appears to Abraham again - Gen. 17:1-22.
6. Appears to Abraham before destroying Sodom and Gomorrah - Gen. 18.
7. God appears to Isaac - Gen. 26:2-4.
8. God appears again to Isaac to remind him of the covenant - Gen. 26:24.
9. Appeared to Jacob concerning the covenant - Gen. 28:12-15; 35:1.
10. He personally wrestled with Jacob - Gen. 32:24-32.
11. Jacob saw God again - Gen. 35:9-15.
12. 'The Angel of the Lord' (referring to a pre-incarnate manifestation of Jesus) appeared to Moses in the burning bush - Ex. 3:1-4; Acts 7:30-34.

13. When he came to give the 10 Commandments - Ex. 19:11-23; Deut. 5:4, 22-29;
14. All the leaders of Israel saw God. - Ex. 24:1-11.
15. He manifested himself to Moses when he talked to him gave him the two tablets with the 10 commandments - Ex. 24:12 - 31:18.
16. God talked to Moses face to face as with a friend - Ex. 33:9-11; Num. 14:14.
17. Moses sees God's back side - Ex. 33:12-23.
18. Moses sees God when God writes on the two tablets of stone the 2nd time - Ex. 34:5-9.
19. God manifests himself at the altar of burnt offering - Lev. 9:23-24.
20. He stood in the door of the tabernacle - Num. 12:4-5.
21. The Glory of the Lord appeared to Moses and Israel. They saw it and God spoke to them from it - Num. 14:1-12; 16:19-30, 41-50; 20:6-13; etc.)
22. He appeared at the pronouncement of Moses death - Deut. 31:2, 15-16.
23. God personally buried Moses - Deut. 34:5-7.
24. He came and talked to Balaam - Num. 22:20.
25. The donkey saw 'The Angel of the Lord' (Jesus) - Num. 22:23.
26. The donkey saw him a second time - Num. 22:24-25.
27. The donkey saw him a third time - Num. 22:26-27.
28. Balaam see 'The Angel of the Lord' and refers to him as God - Num. 22:31-38.
29. When God met with Balaam - Num. 23:3-10.
30. Again the Lord met with Balaam and put a word in his mouth - Num. 23:16-24.
31. Joshua saw pre-incarnate Jesus - Josh. 5:13-15. We know it was God because he accepted Joshua's worship. Angels can't do that. (Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9)
32. Judg. 2:1-5 - ??? (Not sure) - He's referred to as 'An Angel of the Lord', and then 'The Angel of the Lord'. Was it Jesus or not???
33. Judg. 6:11-23 - ??? (Not sure) - Same as above in #32.
34. Before the Birth of Samson - Judg. 13:3-7. ('The Angel of the Lord')
35. He appeared to both of Samson's parents - Judg. 13:8-23. (Esp. v. 22)
36. He came and stood when he called Samuel - I Sam. 3:10.
37. He appeared again to Samuel in Shiloh - I Sam. 3:21.

***** I want you to notice something. Before Israel demanded to have a human King, (I Sam. 8:1-9, 19-22) God came in a visible fashion numerous times. Once he was represented by a man to the people, (like other nations) his physically visible appearances were severely reduced in number.**

38. God passed by and manifested himself to Elijah - I Kgs. 19:11-18.
39. David saw the Lord - I Chr. 21:16-17; cf. II Chr. 3:1.
40. Job saw God - Job 42:5.
41. Isaiah saw God - Isa. 6:1.

42. Amos saw God - Amos 9:1.
43. Ezekiel saw God - Ezek. 1:2-18; 8:1-4; 9:1-4; 10:1-5, 7-22; 40:1-4, 6, 8-9, 11, 13-14, 17, 19, 24, 28, 32, 25, 45, 47-48; 41:1, 4-5, 13, 15; 42:1, 13, 15-20; 43:1-7.
44. Daniel saw God - Dan. 7:9-14; 10:5-9.
45. Zechariah saw God - Zech. 1:8-20; 2:1-13; 4:1-5; 5:2-5, 10; 6:4-5.
46. Likely Enoch and Noah saw God because they walked with him and received instructions from him - Gen. 5:22-24; 6:8-9. (The Hebrew word for 'walked' (#1980) is the same word used for 'walking' (#1980) when God came walking in the garden looking for Adam and Eve after they had sinned. (Gen. 3:8) If God was physically visible there with Adam and Eve, he was physically visible with Enoch and Noah.
47. Stephen saw Jesus and the Father - Acts 7:54-60.
48. John saw both the Father and Jesus - Rev. 4:2-11; 5:1-13; 6:16; 7:9-17; 8:3-5; 11:16; 12:5; 14:1-5; 19:1-10; 21:3-7; 22:1-5.
49. Jesus specifically manifested himself to John - Rev. 1:10-18.

C. With all those scriptures in mind, let's look at John 1:18:

"No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only,[a][b]who is at the Father's side, has made him known." (NIV)

"No man has ever seen God at any time; the only [a]unique Son, or [b]the only begotten God, Who is in the bosom [in the intimate presence] of the Father, He has declared Him [He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can be seen; He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known]." (Amplified)

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." (21st Century KJV)

This is not that difficult of a verse to understand as some claim. It does not contradict all the other verses listed above about seeing God. Read it in context and it will be plain to see.

The context is John 1:1-18. Here Jesus is introduced as being the Word of God. He's eternal. He's the creator. He's the light of men. He's the life of men. He gives us the right to become the children of God. God himself (the Word) literally took on flesh and became like us as a man. Grace, Truth, and Blessing is brought to us via Jesus. THESE ARE ALL THINGS MAN DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. MAN HAD NEVER REALLY SEEN GOD AS JESUS WAS ABOUT TO REVEAL HIM.

Jesus would let us see God in a way that only Jesus could. Why? Two Reasons. (1) Because of the intimacy he has with the Father, being one with him. It's described as being "in the bosom of the Father". (2) He did something that God had never done. He came and literally lived among man. (24/7)

As being the exact representation of the Father, (Heb. 1:3) man was shown the intimate side of the Father - not just the side to be fearful of. Like it says in the Amplified above:

"[He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can be seen; He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known]."

The whole first portion of this chapter is a description of God that no man had ever seen. It's not contradicting other scriptures. It's drawing attention to a HUGE REALM of God that no man had ever seen - but God wants us to see.

D. I Tim. 6:16 describes the Godhead as living in a light which is unapproachable by man. This is absolutely true. When God is in his Glory, that Glory would kill us if we saw it. That's why IT'S SUCH A BIG DEAL that the Father would be willing to come out of his Glory to communicate with man

IT'S A BIG DEAL that Jesus was willing to leave the Glory he had with the Father before the world was created (John 17:5) and come to this earth to take on the form of a man.

IT'S A HUGE, BIG DEAL that the Holy Spirit was willing to leave the Glory of Heaven and his Glory as one of the Godhead and come to live in us. Obviously he has left behind the unapproachable light. If he hadn't, we'd all be dead since he lives inside of us.

GOD DOES APPEAR AND MANIFEST HIMSELF TO MAN. And considering how he has to strip himself down to do it without killing our sinful flesh - IS A BIG DEAL.

Conclusion

Let's repeat the conclusion of this booklet which we stated right from the beginning:

Without God, we can do nothing. (John 15:5) It is God that gives us the ability to do ANYTHING. That includes even our very breath, thought, and life. (Acts 17:25-28; Col. 1:16-17) We are designed to carry that empowerment from God, in the form of his Glory. Yet to walk in its fullness, we cannot receive or siphon off any of the credit, honor, praise, or exultation, for anything good that comes from our life. Remember: Without God we can't do a thing. If we came up with it, thought it, did it, built it, fixed it, formed it, etc. Whatever we have produced that has any Godly value - the idea, thought, accomplishing of it, creating of it, etc. - it came from God, and HE MUST GET ALL THE HONOR, CREDIT, PRAISE, EXULTATION, ETC. (Examples: II Cor. 1:20.)

If we will meet the condition of all Honor, Praise, Credit, Elevation, etc., is given back 100% to God, then God is able to give his Glory to man unrestrictedly. Because we are giving 100% of it back to God. We cannot hold or siphon any of it for ourselves.

That begins a cycle where Glory is always on us, forming, creating, shaping, and producing after God. We're continually receiving it from God. And we're continually giving or reflecting it back to God. While it's with us, and on us - it produces wonderful and awesome fruit. It's ALL GOD, AND NOTHING OF US. (Gal. 2:20)

Jesus set the example for that flow. Jesus said he couldn't do a thing without the Father. (John 5:19-20) He said that everything he did was 100% for the Father's Glory. (John 7:18; 8:50) Jesus also said the Father gave Glory to him, (John 17:1,5; Acts 3:13) and he gave it/reflected it back (Like II Cor. 3:18) to the Father. Everything Jesus did for and in man was done with the motive of giving Glory to the Father. (John 13:31-32; 14:13; 15:1-8; 17:1)

The problem comes when we begin siphoning off that Glory for ourselves. We begin to take the credit, praise, honor, exultation of what we've done. As a result, God must severely limit the amount of Glory he can give to us. Because we are trying to hold some of it for ourselves, and he will not share his Glory with man. If he were to share it with us in that type of situation, he would be allowing his Glory to be corrupted. We would corrupt it.

The reason humans violate the basic principle in which the Glory must flow, is rooted in PRIDE. Our old nature is steeped in Pride. Until we begin facing that and dealing with it, the manifestation of the Glory is severely limited.

God wants the Glory to flow to and through us.

However, the only reason we 'Seek the Glory' is so that God is Glorified!!!!

In 'Seeking', we are positioning ourselves so that God's Covenant, Spirit, Presence, Power, Anointing, and Glory are free to work and flow among us. That's why Jesus came and died. To reunite the human race with the Father, and set it back into a 'Righteous Standing' with him.

We Are Seeking To Give Him The Just Reward of His Suffering and Sacrifice!!!