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"The God You Long For"

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Ezekiel 1:4-18, 22-28 **"Is Glorious"**

You were made to enjoy the riches of the Glory of God! No topic brings you greater healing & wholeness than beholding God's Glory & no topic brings with it more spiritual warfare. 2Cor3:18; 4:4; 11:3

What is the Glory of God?

V28 Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD...

- It is His Infinite Indescribability. Ps.8, 139; 14xs "like" or "likeness" of the glory of the LORD.
- It is His Astounding Attributes combined. Ps8:1,9; Pro.9:10
- It is His Supreme Significance. Isa. 6 v28 The Hebrew word for Glory is "kabod" = God's weightiness.
- It is His Breathtaking Beauty. Ps.27
NT word for Glory is "doxa" where we get our word doxology which means praise, wonder and beauty.

How do you know you've encountered the Glory of God?

V28 And when I saw it, I fell on my face...Worship! John 4:23-24

- To mentally recognize the supreme excellence of Him. Jn4:10
- To emotionally find your deepest pleasure in Him. Jn4:13-14
- To volitionally live every moment of your life for Him. Jn4:34

Why can we experience the Glory of God?

V28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain...

- Because of the Rainbow. 1Tim.6:16; Rev.6:16; Ex.33:20 His Glory would kill us because of our sinfulness!
- A sign of God's Grace. Gen.9
- Christ emptied Himself of His Glory. Isa53:2-6; Phil. 2:5-8
- So, that we could experience His Glory. 2Cor. 4:6
- In Beholding His Glory we Become Whole. 2Cor.3:18



Growing

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- 1) God is so great & so good that any attempt to portray or convey Him falls infinitely short. Explain. Why do you think no topic brings you greater healing & wholeness than beholding God's Glory & no topic brings with it more spiritual warfare (2Cor3:18; 4:4; 11:3)?

- 2) Read Ezekiel 1:4-18, 22-28. What stands out to you? From the sermon notes what are the four characteristics of the Glory of God? Which of the four do you find most fascinating? Which of the four is the newest concept for you as it relates to God's glory?

- 3) How do you know that you've encountered God's glory (v28)? You were created to be a worshiper! It's what you do & it's who you are. Every day there is a battle for your worship. Explain. What are the mental (Jn4:10), emotional (Jn4:13-14) & volitional (Jn4:34) aspects to worship (Jn4:23-24)?

- 4) You don't have to choose between living for the Glory of God or living for your maximum happiness—they are one in the same! Explain. Why can we experience the Glory of God in spite of our sinfulness (v28)? What is the rainbow a sign of?

- 5) What does it mean that Christ emptied Himself of glory so that we could experience His glory (Isa.53:2-6; Phil.2:5-8)? What is the greatest manifestation of the Glory of God (2Cor. 4:6)? What does it mean that in Beholding His Glory we Become Whole (2Cor.3:18)?