



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Atmosphere

B. We're after transformation

- The mirror reflects two truths

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) 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.

- We are transformed into the image that we see in the mirror
- You will always act like the person you believe yourself to be
- Our beliefs govern what we think, say and do
- The end result is...Transformation
- Transformation requires an understanding of Grace and Glory

Grace and glory differ very little, one is the seed the other is the flower. Grace is glory militant, glory is grace triumphant. – Thomas Brooks (1608-1680)

II. FROM GLORY

A. Glory is a revelation of all that God is and all that God has

Exodus 33:18-19 (NKJV) And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

B. God asks Moses to build a house that He can live in

Exodus 25:8 (NLT) "Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them.

Exodus 40:33-35 (NLT) Then he hung the curtains forming the courtyard around the Tabernacle and the altar. And he set up the curtain at the entrance of the courtyard. So at last Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. Moses could no longer enter the Tabernacle because the cloud had settled down over it, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle.

Exodus 40:36, 38 (NLT) Now whenever the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out on their journey, following it... For the cloud of the Lord was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

C. A more glorious house for God

1 Chronicles 22:5 (NKJV) Now David said, "Solomon my son *is* young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the Lord *must be* exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it." So David made abundant preparations before his death.

2 Chronicles 5:1 (NLT) So Solomon finished all his work on the Temple of the Lord. Then he brought all the gifts his father, David, had dedicated—the silver, the gold, and the various articles—and he stored them in the treasuries of the Temple of God.



2 Chronicles 5:13-14 (NLT) The trumpeters and singers performed together in unison to praise and give thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, they raised their voices and praised the Lord with these words: "He is good! His faithful love endures forever!" At that moment a thick cloud filled the Temple of the Lord. The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the Lord filled the Temple of God.

- Jewish tradition would call this the "Shekinah" glory describing God's dwelling presence, or His tangible presence

The glory of God filling the temple in the Old Testament was always a sign of His presence, power, and favor.

III. TO GLORY

A. Christ in you

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Colossians 1:27 (NIV) To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

B. How well do you know this?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT) Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So, you must honor God with your body.

- In the OT God's glory filled the temple, but in the New Testament, we are the temple

C. Grace and glory transform us

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- We are transformed
 - FROM GLORY – a revelation of all God is and has
 - TO GLORY – Glory is the acts and nature of God in self-manifestation

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- When people see **God's nature** in us, they experience **His glory!**

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NLT) Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?