

A person is shown from the chest up, with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. They are silhouetted against a bright sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color, transitioning to a darker blue-grey at the top and bottom. The person's arms are spread wide, and their hands are open, palms facing forward.

The Fullness of God

—Glory Days—

Sunday @ 9h00
Shofar Table View

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The PURE in Heart will see God

“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. *Then* you can see God in the outside world.

Matthew 5:8 (MSG)

A Promise of His GLORY!

1.) *What is the Glory of God?*

Definition: “God's glory is the **external manifestation of his being**. God's glory is something that *appears*, is *revealed*, or *can be seen*.”

It is when God reveals to us who He is in a way that we can process with spirit, soul and body.

2.) *The Nature of God's Glory*

a.) **Kabôd** : K-B-D (כבוד): "heavy", "glory" "honour",
"weightedness", "majesty"
"liver"

seen as being "the seat of human will and emotions"

1 Kings 8:11

and because of the cloud, the priests were not able to continue ministering, for **the glory (kabôd)** of the LORD filled the temple.

Leviticus 9:6

Moses said,

"This is what the LORD commanded you to do, that **the glory** (kabôd) of the LORD may appear to you."

Deuteronomy 5:24

You said, ' Look, the LORD our God has shown us His **glory** (kabôd) and greatness, and we have heard His voice from the fire. Today we have seen that God speaks with a person, yet he still lives.

b.) Shekinah (שְׂכִינָה)

“dwelling” or “settling”

“the dwelling or settling of the divine presence of God
and his cosmic **glory**”

**When Solomon had finished building the temple,
God takes His place and His glory fills the temple.**

2 Chronicles 5 :11 & 13-14

“¹¹ When the priests came out of the Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves [separating themselves from everything unclean],”

“^{13b} ...they praised the LORD, *saying*, “**For *He* is good, for His mercy *and* lovingkindness endure forever,**” then the house of **the LORD was filled with a cloud,** ¹⁴ so that the priests could not remain standing to minister because of the cloud; for the glory *and* brilliance of the LORD filled the house of God.”

The Shekinah Glory

7 Now when Solomon had finished praying, **fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the house.** ² The priests could not enter into the house of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house. ³ All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the LORD, *saying,*
“Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

2 Chronicles 7:1-3

c.) Doxa (δόξα, ης, ἡ)

“honour, renown, glory, an especially divine quality”

The Greeks used a broader interpretation of glory which combines both kabôd and shekinah.

This is a promise for us in the new dispensation of grace, as temples of the Holy Spirit, that we are to become hosts and vessels for God’s glory in the earth.

3.) *Glory, Suffering and Holiness
go hand in hand*

***Suffering produces the containers for
God's glory to be poured out into our lives***

Romans 8:17

**“Now if we are children, then we are heirs; heirs of God
and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his
sufferings in order that we may also share in his
glory.”**

Present Suffering and Future Glory

18 I consider that **our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.**

19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

21a...that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and **glory of the children of God.**

Romans 8:18-19 & 21a

Romans 5:2-5 (MSG)

“We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God’s *grace and glory*, standing tall and shouting our praise.

3-5 *There’s more to come*: We continue to shout our praise even when we’re hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we’re never left feeling short-changed. Quite the contrary—we can’t round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!”

Matthew 16:24-26 (MSG)

“And Jesus went to work on **his disciples**: “Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You’re not in the driver’s seat; I am. **Don’t run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I’ll show you how.** Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?

²⁷⁻²⁸ “Don’t be in such a hurry to go into business for yourself. Before you know it the Son of Man will arrive with all the splendour of his Father, accompanied by an army of angels. You’ll get everything you have coming to you, a personal gift. This isn’t pie in the sky by and by. **Some of you standing here are going to see it take place, see the Son of Man in kingdom glory.**”

4.) *Why is the Glory of God important?*

God's glory is not a party trick to draw a crowd or make us feel good. He does not have to prove to us that He exists.

MATTHEW 16:1-4 (HCSB)

“Now the Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus [to get something to use against Him], they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven [which would support His divine authority].⁴ **An evil and [morally] unfaithful generation craves a [miraculous] sign;** but no sign will be given to it...

Matthew 17:1-8 (The Message)

Sunlight Poured from His Face

¹⁻³ Six days later, three of them saw that glory. Jesus took Peter and the brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. **His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. Sunlight poured from his face. His clothes were filled with light.** Then they realized that Moses and Elijah were also there in deep conversation with him.

“and His face shone clear and bright like the sun, and His clothing became as white as light.” (Amplified)

⁴ Peter broke in, “Master, this is a great moment! What would you think if I built three memorials here on the mountain—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah?”

⁵ While he was going on like this, babbling, ***a light-radiant cloud enveloped them***, and sounding from deep in the cloud a voice: **“This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to him.”**

⁶⁻⁸ When the disciples heard it, they fell flat on their faces, scared to death. But Jesus came over and touched them. “Don’t be afraid.” When they opened their eyes and looked around **all they saw was Jesus, only Jesus.**

The Effect of God's Glory

i.) We see Jesus and ONLY Jesus

We see Him for Who He is and He becomes
our only focus

Our idols suddenly seem insignificant compared with
His infinite glory...

ii.) We see or experience God for who He truly is

2 Chronicles 7:3

“Truly **He is good**, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

Exodus 33:19 (Moses sees God)

“And the Lord said, “I will cause all my **goodness** to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have **mercy** on whom I will have mercy, and I will have **compassion** on whom I will have compassion.”

iii.) We are forever changed

*Moses becomes the deliverer of Israel after the burning bush experience

*Moses' face shines with the glory of God after seeing Him on the mountain

*Saul becomes Paul

iv.) Worship pours forth

Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting.