

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November Andrew Baddeley

### Show me Your Glory

Good morning, everyone. Welcome to Tuesday's devotion. Sorry about the late starting this morning, I had a sudden panic of Wi Fi problems on my phone. So anyway, five minutes late, but good to get going today, so good morning to you all!

I'm going to pray before we start. Father, we just want to thank you for this new day. Thank you for new mercies every morning. And we pray Father, that you pour your spirit on each one of us today and that blessings arise today as we look at our devotion this morning.

So I want to share with you this morning and I was praying yesterday with a couple of people. And I really just felt in my heart The Lord wants me share again about His glory. And I often come back and speak about the glory of God because it's all about His glory isn't it, His glory being manifest on this earth and we want to see His glory being manifest. And we come back to one of my favourite scriptures, which I often quote and often read, in Isaiah 60, just to speak it out again when the Prophet says, 'Arise and shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See thick darkness covers the earth, but the glory of the Lord rises upon you'. It is like an increasing glory that rises upon us. And I just want to say this morning, we need to be expectant and ready for His glory to rise in these days, and to pray for His glory to be manifest on this earth. You know, this is part of when the Lord shows up in revival, if you look at revivals, if you look at when God has moved in the past, there have always been signs of His glory that has been revealed, where it has been poured out on the earth. So we need to look for that and we need to be expecting for that and we need to just keep our eyes and our ears just pressing into the Lord and opening ourselves up to what the Lord wants to do. So why don't we just look at a few scriptures here this morning? You know, how do you define the glory of God?

I think it's impossible to define His glory, theologically, how can you define the glory because He is so big, so infinite, so massive. You cannot define God, you can't define Him because He is infinite. Now God sent Jesus His only son so we could understand a bit of who God was like, you can understand a bit of His character, but God is so big, so massive, and we read right at the beginning of Isaiah how the Prophet was commissioned, and he had this revelation of God. And he says, 'holy, holy, holy', Hmm, let's just pick it up a couple of verses on, he says, 'In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord high and exalted seated on a throne, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphim each was six wings, with two wings, they covered their faces and two, they covered their feet and with two they were flying, and they were calling to one another, holy, holy, holy, is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of His glory'. You know, the glory, I think John Piper defines the glory of God, in his words: 'The glory of God is the manifest beauty of His Holiness', which really is what we're saying, isn't it? In this verse here, the glory of God is the manifest beauty of His Holiness. It's like who He is, it's like, when He pours out His glory, it's the presence of His very holiness invading the earth.

And we just have to look at nature, don't we? and just see the evidence, when you look at the sunsets, when you look at the birds in the air, when you look at creation around you, you see the sign of His beauty and a Psalm, Psalm 19, says, 'The Heavens declare the Glory of God'. That's very clear, isn't it? 'The skies proclaim the work of His hands'. And just to look at creation is a sight in itself, isn't it? 'We see the evidence of the glory of God, day by day, they pour forth speech'. Isn't that beautiful? Day by day they pour forth speech, they declare who He is, that our God is creator. How can you not know that there is a God in the earth that created this beautiful land that we live in? You know, when we see nature, when we see the stars in the sky, when we see all the beautiful creation around us? Isn't it so amazing? 'They have no speech. They use no words. No sound is heard from them, yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens, God has pitched a tent for them'. And then it goes on and on. But you get the idea that, creation is so declaring the glory of God.

And then moving on, we see the manifest glory of God that has come down on the earth, on mankind. And we pick it up in Exodus, in the chapters of Exodus, where Moses encounters the very glory of God. When he was up the mountain with the Lord, the Lord spoke to him, and he descended on the mountain and covered it in a physical cloud, so that people looking, saw this cloud of glory that covered the mountain. And that cloud, when you see the physical glory falling down like that, it's known as the Shekinah glory, which is the physical manifest glory of God. You know, I'm sure you have as well, but when we've been in some powerful meetings, when we've been in this place of worship, and it's been so intense, the place of worship, and you've just felt this weighty presence of God come down, which is like, it is that the glory of God is the weight of his presence. That is the bottom line of what it is, when God comes in his glory, it is so thick and so weighty that you can't even speak, there is such an awe of who God is, that He is God Almighty, you don't even want to open your mouth, there is a fear of God that rises up inside you, just reminding you of who He is. And just even thinking this morning, gosh, it's like, wow, we give you the glory this morning.

And I just want to say that, we look at our situation in the nations at the moment. And we look at the negativity that is so prevalent around us. We have sickness, we have a pandemic, with lockdown, with all the things that we're having to battle every day and it's so easy to take our eyes off the king, to take our eyes off who this Jesus is. That He is standing, watching, He is the King of glory, He is holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty. You know what, as I was reading and meditating on this, I think, Lord, I need to really get my eyes fixed on You in this season. As a people, we need to get our eyes fixed on You, because He is God Almighty, and He is the one that is going to bring healing, He is the one who's going to bring breakthrough on this earth. You know, and I think in our prayer life, just to encourage you, let's just lift up the name of the Lord, and magnify His name above all other names. Because as we magnify Him, as we lift up His name that is when we're going to see the mighty hand of God released over our nation, and sickness is going to go, and all the things that we see around us that so pull us down in the natural, will leave as we lift up the name of the Lord.

As we move on, in Exodus chapter, chapter 33, we read the story of Moses having this encounter with the Lord God. And he says, Moses says to the Lord: 'You have been telling me lead these people but you have not let me know whom you will send with me'. And then he says to the Lord, 'If you're pleased with me, teach me Your ways, so I may know You and continue to find favour with You'. And then the Lord replied, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest'. And then they have this dialogue that Moses had with the Lord. And he says, 'If Your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here'. And it's like a cry, isn't it, of us as a people, 'Lord, if Your presence does not go with us, do not send us from this place'. We need to cry out for His presence this morning, we need to cry out. And then he says, 'What else will distinguish me and you and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?' And then the Lord said, 'Because I'm very pleased with you, I know you by name'. And then Moses said, 'Now show me your glory'. And then the Lord appeared to Moses and He passed by in front of him proclaiming the Lord the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness; maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin'. You know, the very nature, when the glory of God comes upon us, it's like His very nature becomes part of us. He is compassionate. God revealed himself in nature to Moses in His glory. You know, God reveals Himself to us doesn't He and He shows us His glory.

And, you know, we just have to read in Corinthians, second Corinthians where Paul is writing to the church that he's talking about, beholding the glory of God, just looking into the glory. And my cry this morning is, 'Lord, show us your glory on this earth, you know, reveal your glory again'. As I said when I started, we were praying yesterday and I just had this glimpse again in my heart of the glory of God, when the glory of God gets manifested on this earth, then everyone's knees will be bowing, everyone's heads will be bowing down, in just worship to our King, as we see His glory being manifest. So my cry is, 'Lord, show us your glory on this earth today, reveal your glory to us, reveal your glory in our lives, show us what you're doing on this earth'.

Let's look at another scripture. When Paul, as mentioned just a minute ago, when Paul wrote to the church in Corinthians, we know the scripture well and he was talking in verse 12 in chapter 3 it says, 'Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We're not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face, to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end, what was passing away, but their minds were being made dull'. And then we pick it up in verse 18: 'And we all who with unveiled faces'... Jesus, when he died on the cross, He broke the veil, the veil tore away, so that we can see God, we can come to God, the curtain was broken, and we come to Him with unveiled faces. And we contemplate, and another translation says that we behold His glory. We tangibly, as we look into Him, we behold Him. And another translation says, 'We behold Him, as in a mirror'. But we as we look to Him, we reflect His very glory, and His very goodness. And so if you could just imagine yourself this morning, as you look to the Lord, as you say, Lord, show me your glory. Look to His eyes, worship Him, gaze upon Him, as you contemplate Him, the Lord's glory, are being transformed. And the translation for that is that we have been transfigured, we've been metamorphosed You know what I mean? We've been transformed, like a butterfly coming out from a moth, like we're coming out, we're been transformed from one degree of glory to another, we have been changed into the very image of who He is, reflecting His very nature. I don't know about you, but this morning I say, 'Lord God, let us behold Your glory this morning. Let us look and gaze into Your eyes, show us Your glory on this earth, reveal Your glory to us, (as we worship Him), reveal Your glory to us in who we are, as a people, reveal Your glory to us in Your church'. Let's magnify the Lord, the Lord of hosts above every other thing. Let's be changed from glory to glory.

You know we could speak all morning about the glory of God and, and just worship Him, but time is going on. And I just pray that you would be so caught up in His glory, as you look to Him, as you worship Him this morning. So God bless you, be refreshed in Him and let Him change you. Cry out for His glory to touch this earth today as you seek Him. God bless you, have a great day. Amen.

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