

THE GLORY OF GOD

Exodus is a remarkable declaration of God's holiness and awesomeness and also a wonderful saga of Moses and his leadership. Moses emerging from the wilderness as a shepherd, now takes charge of all stiff necked Israelites and this enslaved tribe walked away to their liberty through the dry roads of parted Red Sea. Moses saw all the great wonders and he also saw God doing the very thing he asked Him to do. Moses became closer and more intimate with God, and now they have come out of Egypt. And all the Israelites sinned grievously. And he goes unto the Lord to intercede for them one more time. But this Moses who has personally been the channel of the greatest miracles and one who is so close to God, does not straight away go into the presence of God and demand that God forgive the Israelites. What really struck me was, this Moses who has walked so intimately with the Lord so long goes into the Presence with all humility and prays, "if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people." Exo 33, 13.

After years of walking closely with the Lord Moses knew he can never know the Lord enough. It is like a fountainhead. As one matures in the walk with the Lord they can only say with Moses "Lord if I have found grace show me your way so I might know you more." And when God acknowledges Moses' prayer Moses is now emboldened to ask "Lord now show me your glory" This statement is the ultimatum of spiritual growth. Moses knew a glimpse of God's glory will radically change his life and perspective of God. And he asked the impossible. Yet God was pleased. When we are spiritually ambitious to know God more, He is certainly pleased and somehow grants our heart's desire.

Though Moses asked the impossible, God provides a means for him to catch a glimpse of that awesome Glory. He hid Moses in a cave and with His very own Hand hid him, so that the Passing Glory may not scorch Moses to death. And after that Moses was never the same again. He did not know how he was, but the people were scared coz his face was blazing. When we encounter the Glory of God our lives will radically change, even if we do not recognize that others surely will.

The Glory what Moses longed to see, was something which was passing, but for us New Testament Christians God has in store for us the Glory that could reside in us, the earthen vessels. How awesome! Paul writes if the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory which is fading, then how much more glorious will be the ministry of the Spirit.(II Cor3). Now that our hearts are the temple of God, the Spirit of God dwells within us. The Glory that was frightening on Mt.Sinai, today can live within us. How wonderful! Paul continues to write in II Cor 4,

“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. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”
What a wonderful privilege we have! That we can have that awesome Glory living in our hearts. But sadly when we search for greater heights in our job, research, education, why are we so stunted when it comes to our spiritual life? Why are we only satisfied with being saved and the assurance of heaven? Why can't we like Moses long for that all surpassing Glory in our lives? It is my desire that we all climb upto Mt Sinai and pray with Moses OH LORD SHOW ME YOUR GLORY...
OH Lord open the eyes of our heart that we may know you more and behold your Glory and may your awesome Glory live in our hearts.
Lord give us a yearning to know you more, to love you more, to seek you more,...more....more.... and never say enough. In Jesus name.
Amen.