HIGHER GLORY



THE FULLNESS OF JOY (Part 3): "THE SIGNS OF HIGHER GLORY"

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TEXTS: HAGGAI 2:9 (NIV)

⁹ 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

¹⁸ 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. (The transformation journey is by the Holy Spirit).

Ephesians 3:20-21

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, <u>according to His power that is at work within us</u>, be the glory throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen"



THE FULLNESS OF JOY

Brethren, in 21 episodes, we received responses from God on our singular question: *"what should I do to make God come to me as the Lord Almighty?"*

Armed with the responses, we continued on our journey on Higher Glory.

When we experience 'Higher Glory' which results from God coming to us as 'the Lord Almighty', there is **THE FULLNESS OF JOY.**



In Part 1, we saw that in Isaiah 54, God said

 ¹ "Shout for joy, O barren one who has borne no children; burst into song and shout, you who have not been in labor!
 For the children of the desolate woman will be more than the children of the one who is married."

God promised this woman that He will come to her and that when He comes, her joy will be full and she will have more than those thought they had more and, therefore, laughed at her.

Our need may not be for a child but whatever it is, the Lord will come at the point of our need.

"God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19-20)

When God comes, there is THE FULLNESS OF JOY!



In Part 2, we saw the need for us to ask God for SEED and not for FOOD. Hanna asked God for SEED as she vowed to give the child back to God for His Kingdom. God gave her Samuel who became a plumb-line in Hanna's hand as God used Samuel to make the lives of leaders straight, including Saul and David. *(please request the Part 2 message if you missed it).*

In this Part 3, we will look at: "THE SIGNS OF HIGHER GLORY"

1. Isaiah 58: 10-11 – what motivates you?

¹⁰ If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed (*this is sowing SEED*), then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail (**THE FULLNESS OF JOY**).

2. Isaiah 60: 1-22 - what do you consistently see: LIGHT AND GLORY?
¹ "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you. ³ Nations will come to



your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ¹¹ Your gates will always stand open, they will never be shut, day or night. ¹⁴ All who despise you will bow down at your feet and will call you the City of the LORD, ¹⁴ I will make peace your governor and righteousness your ruler. ¹⁹ The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, <u>for</u> <u>the LORD will be your everlasting light</u>, and your God will be your glory. ²² The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I **am the LORD; in its time I will do this swiftly.**"

3. Isaiah 61:3 – a crown of beauty and everlasting joy

God will bestow on you a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. You will be a planting of the Lord for the display of His glory.

4. Isaiah 62 – God your refuge and vindicator

¹ I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch...
 ⁸ The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by His mighty arm: "Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled".

5. Isaiah 63:7 and Isaiah 64:4 - Your mouth will be full of Testimonies.
⁷ I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which He is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us— yes, the many good things He has done for Israel (us), according to His compassion and many kindnesses.



Isaiah 64: ⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him.

6. Isaiah 65: 9-22 - God will make your glory endure even beyond you. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah those who will possess my mountains; my chosen people will inherit them, and there will my servants live. ¹⁰ Sharon will become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor (where there was once trouble) a resting place for herds, for my people who seek me (Sharon and the Valley of Achor means that every land will be fruitful)

²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my

chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them.



7. Isaiah 66:1 – You will "Keep Your Staff Up" with Humility and Contrite heart ¹ This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool (*these cannot change*). Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? (*the staff you present MUST be kept up*). ² "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word (*the word of God must be your footstool*).

Brethren, let us keep our eyes on THE SIGNS OF HIGHER GLORY in our lives.

God Bless You!