

# HIGHER GLORY MARCH 13, 2022

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## **Higher Glory:**

It is the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort and provide for those who *mourn in Zion*.

To give everyone a beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint or heavy spirit. We will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display His glory.

(Isaiah 61:3)



# TEXTS: HAGGAI 2:9 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> '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

<sup>18</sup> 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.

#### 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"



MARCH 13, 2022, HIGHER GLORY (Part 5) What Should I Do to Make God Appear For Me as 'the Lord Almighty"?

**Topic: WALK BEFORE GOD AND BE RIGHTEOUS.** Genesis 17:1

"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty. Walk before Me and be blameless (RIGHTEOUS)."

In Revelations 21:6-7, John saw a vision..

"<sup>6</sup> God said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to **him who thirsts**. <sup>7</sup> **He who overcomes** shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."



# There are three (3) categories of people: Revelations 21:6-7 identified "Him who thirsts and <sup>7</sup> He who overcomes."

The 3<sup>rd</sup> is he who does not thirst.

#### Isaiah 55:1 says

"Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink— even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk— it's all free!

**Brethren,** the fact is that when this call in Isaiah 55:1 was made, not everyone stepped forward ---- some people did not care.

**Isaiah 59:1-2** says to -he who does not thirst- that: "your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear."

This category of people cannot enjoy God's benefits and glory!



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> category is "He who thirsts."

In Rev 21:6, God said, "I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts"

A number of scriptures exemplify what it means to thirst: For example,

## Psalm 63:1-11, David said...

"O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints (dies) for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. ... I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips."

Jeremiah 29:13, God said "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Earnest thirst will compel us to seek water source very diligently.



### Being thirsty for God is very key!

In John 19:28, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, said, "I thirst."

**P**eople took the literal meaning of thirst, and so they gave Him vinegar to drink.

# But the most important thirst that Jesus was referring to was "spiritual thirst."

Hence His last words: Luke 23: 46 "Jesus called out with a loud voice (*an earnest call*), "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last."

#### Brethren, after this, Jesus never thirsted again.

John 6:35, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; ....whoever believes in Me shall never thirst."

Hebrews 11:6 says: "Anyone who comes to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." Jesus demonstrated this with His shout to His Father.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> category is "He who overcomes."

In Rev 21:7, God said, "<sup>7</sup> He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."

He who overcomes is the person who has gone through the trials and testing of life, and he or she is still standing firm without compromise. This person will be described as blameless or righteous.

#### Jesus overcame

#### John 16:33

**"32**"Look, an hour is coming and has already come when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and you will leave Me all alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. **33**I have told you These things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take courage; I have overcome the world!"

**God promised that "He who overcomes** shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."



**Philippians 2:9** "Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names, **10**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth."

**Daniel 7: 13-14** "<sup>13</sup>" In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence. <sup>14</sup> He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."

#### Mark 16:19

"After the Lord Jesus had spoken to his disciples, He was taken up into heaven and He sat at the right hand of God."

#### Mark 12:36

"Speaking by the Holy Spirit, David declared: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand until I put Your enemies under Your feet."

Matthew 28:18 "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me." John 13:14 "I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

# Gen 17:1

God said to Abraham, "I am God Almighty. Walk before Me and be blameless (RIGHTEOUS)."

#### How did Abraham respond?

17:1 "Abram was ninety-nine years old, when LORD appeared to him.
<sup>3</sup> Abram fell facedown, and God said to him

<sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

<sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

<sup>8</sup> The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."



## How about us? In John 15, Jesus said:

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

To remain in Him, we must be prepared to battle through and win as "Overcomers"

#### The battle yoke is light because the battle is the Lord's

- Ephesians 2:6 says "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages He might display the surpassing riches of His grace, demonstrated by His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
- The battle is not yours but the Lord's. It hits us BUT how we respond will determine how it goes we MUST BE STRONG.
- **Daniel 11:32** "the people that know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits*."

Conclusion To Make God Appear For Me as 'the Lord Almighty", We Must WALK BEFORE GOD AND BE RIGHTEOUS.

"He who overcomes will inherit the things, and I will be His God and he will be My son." (Revelations 21:7)

**GOD BLESS YOU!**