

THE GLORY OF GOD CAME DOWN Part 2: POSITIONING ONESELF FOR ENCOUNTER – FLEE SIN

Tex: Hebrews 12:1

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

In Part 1, we saw that the glory of God comes down by:

1. God's Ordination (E.g. Sampson, David, Abraham, Jesus)
2. Encounter (Often because of our character, restitution, genuine repentance and submission).

**To position ourselves for encounter, we must flee from sin.
Heb 12:1 says the evidence of our fleeing from sin will be provided by a great cloud of witnesses, - not just what we say.**

One of the things that make us fall into sin is over-burdening ourselves with issues (encumbrances), which then lead to compromise and sin.

Prov 16:25 says “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.” This way is always towards our lust – what we crave for most.

It will take a strong will (endurance) for us to say NO to that way that seems right (Heb 12:1). BUT it is worth it to say NO!

The easiest way to keep ourselves out of sin is to be in the Spirit always.

Galatians 5:16 “**W**alk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.” (you will not gratify the desires of the flesh)

Eph 6:18 “¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition”

We should focus on the gifts of the Spirit and keep praying with all forms of petition for God to fill us with fullness of His gift:

Gifts of Revelation:

1-The Word of Wisdom:

A supernatural revelation, or insight into the divine will and purpose, often given by the Spirit to solve perplexing/ baffling/very puzzling problems and situations.

2-The Word of Knowledge:

The Word of Knowledge is a supernatural revelation of Divine knowledge or insight in the Divine mind, will or plan, to know things that could not be known of oneself or to interpret scripture in a manner that brings deeper meaning and understanding.

3-Discerning of Spirits:

This is a supernatural revelation or insight into the realm of spirits to detect them and their plans and to read the minds of men.

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4-Prophecy:

Prophecy is the supernatural utterance in the native tongue not conceived by human thought or reasoning. It includes speaking unto men for edification, exhortation, and comfort.

5-Divers Kinds of Tongues

6-The Interpretation of Tongues

7-Gift of Faith:

Supernatural ability to believe God without human doubt, unbelief, and reasonings.

8-The Gift of Healing: of all manner of sickness by supernatural power, without human aid or medicine.

9-The Working of Miracles:

Supernatural power to intervene in the ordinary course of nature and to counteract natural laws if necessary.

Conclusion – We need to be careful

Gal 2:17 says “¹⁷ “But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not!

“Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life.” (**Revelation 22:14**).

1 Corinthians 10:13

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.” He did it for Joseph suffering/promotion

2 Timothy 1:7: For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

James 4:7 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Prayer:

Pray for grace to position yourself for an encounter.

Ask God to help you focus on the gifts of the Spirit so that you will not adhere to the demands of the flesh.