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COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

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7:00PM

STUDY OUTLINE #028

Text: Psalm 15; Psalm 89: 19-29

Theme: Proclaiming His glory part 3

Word in marble: It is not about us, it is all about Him.

Glory takes the focus off us and shifts to God. When He is involved in everything, we can safely leave all to His care. In any event, there is nothing we have we did not receive. See 1 Corinth 4:7, 1 Corinth 10: 31, John 7: 18.

God wants to be known and effect His power, personalities as well as attributes to everything created. Notwithstanding, He is particular about vessels that will reflect, manifest, expose His deeds everywhere and every time.

Our assignment is to provide answer to a fundamental question: what is the lifestyle that promotes His occupation?

Today, we shall know the manner of people to carry this glory: their make up, mentalities, attitudes. In summary, what their qualities are and by extension, what we have to do to acquire, retain and release His glory.

1. The essential factors/attributes

Some individual have had dealings with God on sustained level. There must be key or underlying qualities or personal attributes that spurred God on to making them a place for His occupation. We are His temple by virtue of our faith, but there are attitudes that retain keep Him on constantly, just as there others that repel Him too. (2 Corinth 6: 14-18; 1 Corinth 6: 17-20)

Lets take a cursory look at **Psalm 15, Psalm 78: 67-72, John 5:16-30, Psalm 89:19-29**. The factors highlighted here are: humility, meekness, submission, spirituality, integrity, righteousness etc.

a. Humility

According to Chambers Dictionary: a lowly self-opinion; modesty or meekness.

From **Webster Dictionary**, Humility is freedom from pride and arrogance; lowliness of mind; a deep sense of one's own unworthiness in the sight of God, self-abasement, submission to the divine will. We relinquish or yield the power to direct our life, will and comfort to Him. **Proverbs 29:23; Isaiah 57:15; Mathew 23:12, James 4:6; Psalm 25:9; Psalm 147:6; Psalm 149:4; Isaiah 29:19**. Glory is ability to subdue the flesh that craves for recognition, approval and applause. The Lord takes pride in His works, not us. **1 Corinth 15:10. It is in lowly things, lowly places where no one is watching we prove to God we are capable of handing things; 1 Corinth 1:18-31**

b. Spirituality

This is not spiritism but a life in harmony with God; totally sensitive to things that matter to Him. Such life is highly refined in thought and feelings making heaven and its standards his/her thrust. Colossians 3: 1-2; 1 Corinth. 2. The vessel is always at the command of the Lord, only seeking to know His way and follow suit. Exodus 32: 13-16; Philipians 3: 10.

c. Integrity

From Webster Dictionary, strict adherence to moral values and principles; uprightness; genuine, unadulterated; unbroken state; unimpaired state of any thing, particularly of the mind; moral soundness or purity; incorruptness; honesty. Integrity comprehends the whole moral, character, but has a special reference to uprightness in mutual dealings. James 3: 2; Matthew 5:37.

2. Profiles on Glory

We have awesome characters that radiated God's glory. They not only manifested, showcased and exhibited Him, He exuberantly inhabited and displayed His qualities, personality and boasted about them. **Acts 10:38, 2 Thessalonians 1:10. God boasted about Job and hailed Jesus.**

We shall, in analysing them, see the attributes weaved into their being, align and conform to same for our lives to carry and reflect His image and glory wherever we go.

a. Jesus Christ

Nothing possibly reflects the glory of God like the God-man Himself Jesus Christ. He possessed equal glory with the Father before the worlds were formed (John 17:5). When He came to earth, those who saw His glory recognized it for what it was, (John 1:14). His divine glory was veiled by human flesh throughout His earthly life, only pulled aside on one occasion, "And He was transfigured before them", Matthew 17:2, 2 Peter 1:16-17.

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PROCLAIMING HIS GLORY³*(Continued)*

i. His Attributes

- One major attribute of Christ is His sense of humility. Never counted Himself equal with God but, nor thought Himself more highly than ought to. He humbled Himself. Philippians 2: 5-11
- He played the second fiddle. Naturally we like the spotlight and our flesh screams for it when we have all it takes; at every decision making moment from start to finish, He was under the authority of the Word. Luke 4: 1-14; John 19:28.
- He has no assignment of His own, John 5: 19-30, Hebrew 10: 5-10. John 4:34
- Even at critical moments of His life, He subjected His desire and decisions to His father and not politically savvy. He yielded His will absolutely, Isaiah 53:7, Luke 22: 39-44.
- He mainly acted out the script written and had His father's favour, Hebrew 10; 5-9; John 5:17; John 19:28; John 1.

b. David

- He never bothered about public image or opinion when it comes to pleasing God, 2 Samuel 6: 12-16, 20- 23.
- He had a humble character, even when apparently ignored, never took it out on anybody. 1 Samuel 16.
- He never thought himself more highly than necessary; his position did not get into his head. Psalm 131; 2 Samuel 5:12.
- He acted under command, allowed the word to guide him at decision moments. He would rather commit to God than pander to popular demand. 1 Samuel 24:6; 26:8-11
- He identified with the poor and added value to their lives, Proverbs 14:31; 19:17; 1 Samuel 22; 2 Samuel 23: 8-end.
- When overtaken by an ungodly act, he never sought for alibi, nor justified his wrong; he owned up and sought for restoration, Psalm 51, Proverbs 28:13
- He had a servant heart, never rebelled against his master nor took advantage to negotiate his position; 1 Samuel 18: 5, 1 Samuel 17:58

c. Moses

- Just like Paul had a good pedigree, but forsook all when **it** came calling; he forsook all for a worthy cause...Hebrew 11:23-27(Philippians 3: 3-20)
- Identified with low class, ordinary Jewish boys to defend their cause when he would have turned a blind eye. Exodus 2:11-14.
- Not interested in taking the glory even when the bunch he was shepherding were ungrateful, insolent, difficult lot and on the wrong side with God. Moses stuck with them. (He never jumped at offer of self immortalisation or glorification by God) Exodus 32: 9-14.
- Never defended himself, rather defend the cause of God and his people. Never sought for personal comfort (even his in-law testified, Exodus 18; 13-26); would rather live in the hearts of people than coast about his ego. Numbers 12
- Very obedient to command and built according to pattern. Exodus 40:16
- He carried Divine presence and privy to Divine Revelations. Exodus 33: 13-23, Psalm 103:7
- Glory robbed off on him. He was transfigured with Christ. (Evidence of divine approval). Exodus 34: 35; Matthew 17: 1-9

These and more are characters that carried and reflected the glory consistently. They developed right attitudes: offered their lives, were honest in their dealings and put God first. They paid the price and God showcased them for all to see.

Take a fresh look on Psalm 15 again and fit yourselves into the mould. Our crave should be, to be more like Him. The whole is waiting for us to show His glory. Romans 8: 19

Prayer, Lord fashion my heart to fear you and be a vessel of honour ready and meet for your use