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COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

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7:00PM

STUDY OUTLINE #027

Text: Exodus 15: 1-21, 2 Thessalonians 1:10

Theme: Proclaiming the glory part 2

Word in marble: God's glory covers the earth as water covers the sea

In our last study, we had an introduction into the word, glory.

According to Webster Dictionary: Glory is defined as: worshipful praise, honour, and thanksgiving (see Luke 2:9, 13, 14.); something that secures praise or renown; a distinguished quality or asset;

magnificence and splendour, great beauty. It is a state of great gratification or exaltation; a height of prosperity or achievement; brightness; pride, boastfulness, arrogance or to exult with joy; to rejoice. Glory is shifting attention from ourselves and focussing on God. Just like **moon** does not have light of its own but reflects the **Sun**; we have no life of ours but reflect God's life. A threshold is crossed when we come to God not for what we get from His hand but for who He is.

Ever imagined God getting excited, feeling good on His achievement, doing self-promotion over us, extolling or declaring His greatness and wonders of His creation. Zephaniah 3: 17.

Song.....All glory must be to the Lord, only Him is worthy of our praise

1. Thrust

We want to answer some pertinent questions as a thrust to our study on glory.

- What qualifies God to have glory?
- What situations does He display, manifest or exhibit His glory?

2. What earns God His glory?

- He began it all; **Genesis 1; Revelation 1:8, 11, Revelation 4:12**
- The pillars of the earth belong to Him, **1 Samuel 2: 8; Job 26:11, Psalm 75: 11. Psalm 18: 15; 2 Samuel 22: 16**
- He made us, we did not make ourselves, **Psalm 100:3; Job 33:4, Psalm 33:6.**
- Everything that has breath praises Him, **Job 12:10; Acts 17: 24-26; Psalm 150:6; Psalm 104: 29, Psalm 146:4; Isaiah 42: 5**
- There is nothing new we are doing any longer, everything was finished from the foundation of the earth, and brought in time. We start from position of finish. **Ecclesiastes 3: 14; Hebrew 4: 3, check Matthew 6: 9-10, John 11:41-42**
- The daily events of our life are recorded in His book; He knows them before we embark on them. **Psalm 139: 14-16(NLT), Acts 15: 18**
- It is in Him we live, move and have our being, **Acts 17:28**
- He is jealous about His honour. He cannot dispense with it. **Judges 7: 2;**
- He empowers us for life aspiration... **Deuteronomy 8**
- He is an indispensable, strategic partner in the walk of life...Psalm 121

(Song...**you are the Lord, that is your name, you will never share your glory with anyone**)

God is in charge of everything. There is nothing we orchestrate or develop outside of Him (except evil, spearheaded by Devil and perpetuated by perverse men, Eccl. 7:29). Just like fragrance, He wafts through and into every structure of life. Obviously, He deserves (as a matter of fact demands) the glory, honour and praise...(Song...*You deserve the glory and the honour, Lord we lift our hands in worship...Thou art worth Oh Lord, to receive glory, honour ...*)**Jeremiah 9:23-24**

3. What occurrences or situations manifest His Glory?

We will take scenarios, examine them and see the beauty of God's workings; how He weaves every event to suit His design. Indeed every life is a script played out. Whatever you find yourself in today is opportunity for God

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to demonstrate Himself in and through you.

- When insolent leaders are trust upon the nation or people. He humiliates them as a showpiece He is ultimate object of worship, see Pharaoh in Romans 9: 14-26, 17; Exodus 8: 19, also Herod in Acts 12. He is always in the business of restoring godly fear on the surface of the earth, dethroning personal aggrandisement, greed, covetousness, self-glorification and acclaimed self-importance as in Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel Chapters 3-5
 - Whenever there is power play and need to dislodge idolatrous and evil practise, restore divine order, worship and foist into nations' consciousness, the ultimate allegiance, God... 1 king 18:36-39, Psalms 2 and 22: 27-28.
 - When faced with intractable cases defying known natural solution...John 9, Matthew 15:30-31, Acts 3: 9-13; 4:4
 - Similarly, in circumstances beyond redemptive stage, already hit a dead-end. John 11: 35-45.
 - When we are faced with negatives and running against time. See Sarah, Genesis 21; Hebrew 11:11, also Elizabeth, Luke 1:11-17, 63-66. **Especially in conditions where you do not seem to understand what else is going on; Isaiah 48: 10-11.**
 - When we are caught in a logjam, faced with forces out to abort fulfilment of purpose. Exodus 14: 1-31, 18, 31; Psalm 50: 15; Isaiah
 - Whenever God wants to re-affirm His Sovereignty, indispensability and man's utter dependency on Him. Ecclesiastes 3: 14; Daniel 2; Daniel 4:13-17, 28-37.
 - As a necessity by all creation(in everything and by everyone), Psalm 86:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:18

NB. From glory mentioned above, we draw down obvious facts:

- The ultimate of glory is pointing people to God, turning hearts of men to His saving grace. Isaiah 60:3; 62:1; 1 chronicles 16:24, John 11: 45, Acts 13:48,
- God knowing He will be acknowledged at all times ensures every life is done up, every circumstance turns right or measures up to His pleasure, taste, expectation and image (i.e. level He will delight to associate with) **Phil 2: 12-13; Romans 9:16.** See the Porter in Jeremiah 18: 1-9, also check out Job in James 5: 11; Job 42: 12.

In closing; unless we have Him as centre of our universe, we will not be able to praise, adore and worship Him as expected. It's natural to relish in self-glorification but such is averse to God. It amounts to competing with Him. He is jealous of such practise. Every pride we take in a thing should actually be in and for Him for giving us the opportunity, life, skill, competence and ability to think and execute things. **Jeremiah 9: 23-24, John 3: 27-31, 1 Corinth 4:7 (more on this in the next study)**

A poser

Will you be intoxicated like David at the hearing of Him, Psalm 42; 27? Can we see Him in everything and boast of Him to all as the 3 Hebrew children did, Daniel 3. What is our excitement level on hearing about God?

Remember we are what we are by the grace of God and men must glorify Him in us. 1 Corinth 15: 10, Galatians 1:24.

Prayer: Lord I humble myself before you, give me grace to accept my humanity and acknowledge your divinity in the walk of life.