

This Is Your House – Part 2

The Shekinah Glory of God

I. The Definition of God's Glory (Presence)

(ie) Splendor of creation

(ie) Creation declares the glory of God, - Ps 19:1 *The heavens declare the glory of God; Sun, Moon, etc. I Cor 15:40-41 – show earthly displays of glory*

Shekinah, Chabod, Spirit. – Ex. 33:7-11, 18-

(ie) Jewish Targums: Shining or shimmering presence, misty, cloudy, tingling,

Shekinah Glory (see article) - "Shekinah"

Shechinah: a Chaldee word meaning resting-place, not found in Scripture, but used by the later Jews to designate the visible symbol of God's presence in the tabernacle, and afterwards in Solomon's temple. When the Lord led Israel out of Egypt, he went before them "**in a pillar of a cloud.**" This was the symbol of his presence with his people. God also spoke to Moses through the 'shekinah' out of **a burning bush.** For references made to it during the wilderness wanderings, see Exodus 14:20; 40:34-38; Leviticus 9:23, 24; Numbers 14:10;

Jewish Tradition - Shechinah

According to Jewish tradition the radiance of the Shechinah, with its untold blessings, "rests" upon all those who are pious and righteous. According to ancient Rabbis the Shechinah appears in the midst of at least a minyan of worshipers when they pray in congregation, and of two or more Jews when they engage in the study of Torah, or on a man when he recites the Shema. The Shechinah is said also to rest upon the chaste, the benevolent, and the hospitable, and upon husband and wife when they live in peace and harmony.

The Talmudic Sages conceived of the Shekinah as a spiritual essence of indescribable beauty and exalting effect. It was generally spoken of as brilliant light or radiance and when it approached it was announced by a tinkling sound of like an ethereal bell. One interesting Jewish legend even described the dying Moses as being lovingly enfolded in the "wings" of the Shekinah. It is said that, "Wherever the Jewish people go the Shechinah follows."

In the Targums. The word Shekinah is of constant occurrence in the Targums or Aramaic paraphrases of the Biblical lections that were read in the synagogue-service to the people

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD.

II. The Display of God's Glory

Exodus 3:2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight--why the bush does not burn up." 4. When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." 5. "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6. Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Exod 40:34-35 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

2 Chr 7:2-3 "And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house. When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever."

Moses – burning bush – here I am (Paul, road to Damascus)

Moses – on the mountain – *show me your glory*, reality, face

Moses – Tabernacle my dwelling, *where I can be found*

Solomon – Temple my dwelling, *where I can be found*

Pentecost – Holy Spirit – no doubt

New Testament God wants to show up, be glorified, exalted, known

(ie) Tommy Tenny and meeting God,

(ie) Great revivalist when God showed up. – Evan Roberts & the Welsh Revival of 1904

(ie) Charles Finney – riding down the street people fell under conviction of HS.

(ie) Indonesian Revival - Like a Mighty Wind with Mel Tari

(ie) Asbury Revival 1970

The three most famous rare appearances of GOD on earth are:

1. On Mount Sinai when Moses was given the 10 commandments.
2. Dedication ceremonies of the Tent of God as built by Moses
3. Dedication ceremonies of Solomon's Temple.
4. *Isaiah, Ezekiel visions of the Lord – Is 6:1, Ezekiel,*
5. *Christ's Birth & Transfiguration – Luke 2:9, Mark 9:1-13, John 1:14, I John 1:1*
6. *Paul's application of Glory - 2 Corinthians 3:18 behold, changed from glory to glory*
7. *John's Vision of Jesus – Revelation 1,*

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass **the glory of the Lord**, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Shekinah doesn't just happen. It happens in response to the prepared heart of God's people. "**I** my people..." – 2 Chr 7:14

III. The Desire of God's Glory

Purpose: The Distinguishing Feature of His People – Ex. 33:14-17(16)

So that they may see and know demonstration of power/reality

Purpose of His Glory – so that the world might know, desire, and find him who their hearts so long have craved.

That you may know me that I am with you. – Ex. 33:14-17(16)

Not just an angel with you. Not just answers to prayer. Not just a God way up there.

1. That you might know his Name – Psalms 91:14
2. That He might hold your hand – Isaiah 41:10-13
3. That He might be your rearguard – Isaiah 58:8, Is 4:5
4. That the world see and know – Exodus 33:16, 34:10

Isaiah 58:8 righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.

Isaiah 4:5 : for upon all the glory <03519> shall be a defense (canopy).

Moses had to cover his face for the glory reflected. –

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face **beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord**, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The people were terrified of God's glory – fearful on the mount, fearful in the tabernacle. They were afraid of too much of God – too deep an experience.

Conclusion – Application

1. God longs to reveal himself to you – Psalms 91:14
2. God delights to be sought after – Isaiah 55:1-3
3. God is waiting to touch your life – Jer. 29:11-12
4. God wants to revive your soul. – Isaiah 55:1-3

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me... I will make an everlasting covenant with you. – **Isaiah 55:1-3**