

The Glory of God (Series 2): 4

The Glory Dispels Darkness – Part 2

Isaiah 60.1-7

“Arise, shine; **For your light has come!** And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the **darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people;** But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.” (vs1-2)

We are continuing to study the statement found in vs1 “**your light has come**” - Last time we saw that Jesus came to restore to man the ability to live in the light and the Glory.

We noted that Adam and his wife fell from Glory when they sinned. Jesus, by His death on the cross, restored us to that original position – life as it was before the fall.

As we continue with our study we are going to look at the effects of the glory on the manifestations of darkness.

When Adam fell from the Glory, the curse entered the world.

- This resulted in death and all its’ manifestations that are associated with the curse – sin, wickedness, sickness, pain, poverty, destruction, strife, hatred and enmity to name just a few.

We said last time that whenever you switch on a light the darkness is dispelled. You can walk into a darkened room, so dark that you can’t even see your own hands in front of your face – but the second you switch on the light all the darkness is gone.

Jesus, who is the brightness of the father’s glory (Hebrews 1.3) came to destroy the works of darkness:

“**The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done].**” 1 John 3.8 (Amp)

The Light is manifest to dispel the darkness – it has to be, it cannot be the other way round, light always dispels darkness.

- Darkness never puts out the light.
- In fact the Lord spoke to me several years ago and told me that the darker it gets, the brighter the Light appears.

In his Gospel, John writes that the Light shines in the darkness and is not extinguished:

“**And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it].**” John 1.5 (Amp)

Ecclesiastes 2.13 says: “**..light excels darkness**” - light is better than darkness

Let’s look at some promises from the Scriptures where the Light dispels darkness or its manifestations

Exodus 14.19-20

“And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness *to the one*, and it gave light by night *to the other*, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.”

- Coming up out of Egypt, the Israelites were led by the glory cloud.

- As soon as Pharaoh realized what he had done in letting them go, he gave chase to them and pursued them as far as the Red Sea.
- The glory cloud moved from in front of them so that it stood behind them. The glory gave light to God’s people and darkness was on the side of the Egyptians so that they did not come near God’s people all the night.
- The Glory provided divine protection for God’s people.

When the Glory is manifest in our lives we can know divine protection – it does not matter what the enemy throws at us, we can know God’s protection. The enemy may be pursuing us hard but the Glory will be our rear-guard.

Isaiah 58.8-11

“Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.” (v8)

– The context of this chapter is dealing with the type of fast that pleases God. He asks, is it for a man to afflict his soul for a day.

Verses 6-7 tells us the type of fast that pleases God – that we sacrifice (put ourselves out) to be a blessing to others.

If we live to be a blessing, then we have the promise that the light will break forth as the morning – the glory will bring forth manifestations:

(vs8) Healing will spring forth speedily and the glory of the Lord will be our rear-guard – protection *i.e* live in divine health.

(vs9) Your prayers will be answered

(vs11) The Lord will guide you continually – the glory will lead you and direct you.

(vs11) You will be satisfied in famine and drought – provision of physical needs is assured

(vs11) You will be as fruitful as a watered garden and a continual blessing to all.

Psalm 112.4 – this verse says:

“Light arises in the darkness for the upright, gracious, compassionate, and just [*who are in right standing with God*]” (Amp)

This whole psalm mentions different manifestations of the glory including:

Children – blessings on your children and descendents (v2)

Wealth and riches – prosperous living (v4) and money to give (v9)

Security – remain unshaken even in the midst of bad news or troubled times (vs6-8)

All these things are manifestations of the glory, as the light arises in the darkness

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” James 1.17

“For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good *thing* will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.” Psalm 84.11