

GLORY AND THANKFULNESS

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PSALMS 8:4-9, ROMANS 3:23

God's intended purpose was for man to walk in His glory. The glory, not as a doctrine, but as an actualized reality. Man's fall was from the glory of God. God's intended target for us is to walk in and manifest His glory. How? It's not by impartation. It's by spiritual maturity. It begins with salvation, and it increases in manifestation through transformation.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6-7 – In Salvation:

When saved and filled, the target is restored. The glory we fell from enters our temple. Imagine it, the glory that fell in the Holy of Holies enters us. Now we need the revelation of this glory so we can let its light shine among men.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18- In Transformation:

As we look into the mirror of God's Word, the Spirit gently changes us as we respond to His convictions. Sin caused us to fall short of God's glory, but righteousness increases it.

Transformation means change. "No pain, no gain" is a slogan used among athletes. The same is true spiritually. Our view of difficulties is important.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27 (AMPC)

The Spirit brings to light things we need to deal with. Not to shame us, but to transform us. Transformation is not something we get by impartation; it comes by maturity and discipline.

I THESSALONIANS 5:15-18

We want to know God's will. His will is not being vengeful, rejoicing always, praying always and in everything we give thanks. Thankfulness comes by practicing gratitude, not instantly by impartation. Complaining is not God's will. It happens when we are more aware of the problem than we are of God. It's hard to complain when we're more aware of the goodness and greatness of God than the problem.

- The Israelites experienced God's glory in the wilderness but failed to carry it into the promise land. Instead of being thankful, they complained.
- Being thankful in adversity is a choice, not a natural response. If we want to grow in the glory and carry it on earth, we must learn how to be thankful even in adversity.

JAMES 1:1-3

It's not natural to rejoice when challenged. This is how we build character. If it came naturally, God wouldn't have commanded it. **1 PETER 4:12-14**

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Thanksgiving helps us stay focused when we pray. Jesus modeled glory and thanksgiving (**JOHN 11:40-44**). If we all have a prayer list; we all should have a thanksgiving list.

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

Satan deceived Eve into thinking if she did something on her own, she would be more god-like. He tried to get them to achieve through works what they already had by grace. This list is supposed to make us more pleasing to God. Instead, it shifts the focus from Christ to us, and from grace to works. Paul was instructed to eat everything, even unclean animals, as long as he offered thanks first. Thanksgiving sanctifies it.

CONCLUSION

Thankfulness can change our lives and help us navigate through the difficulties we face. God wants us to rejoice, pray and give thanks so His glory can flow through our lives and bless others.