

# Living Under the Glory of God

## *Experiencing the Atmosphere of Heaven*

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### **PRAISE UNTIL THE WORSHIP COMES**

There are certain people on this planet earth who live under a powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit. They live at the very center of God's Will. Miracles, healings, deliverances, supernatural happenings are commonplace in their lives. How does one get into that inner sanctum, that manifest presence of God? I have written about this in my booklet, *Twelve Keys to the Anointing*, which is based upon the tabernacle experience.

Moses, in the desert, was asked by God to build a tabernacle with an outer court, a holy place and a holy of holies. In the outer court, there was the brazen altar and the laver. In the holy place was the golden lampstand, the daily showbread and the daily incense altar. In the holy of holies, was the ark of the covenant, containing the tablets of the covenant, Aaron's rod that miraculously budded and a pot of manna. Over the ark of the covenant were two cherubim and the mercy seat. The door to the outer court was called The Way door. The veil into the holy place was called the truth veil. The veil into the holy of holies was called the life veil.

Each one of these keys were foreshadowings of spiritual principles that lead us into the manifest presence of God. The Way door pointed to a personal relationship with Jesus, who *is* The Way. The brazen altar symbolized total consecration of our lives to God. The laver pointed to confession and the cleansing of our souls from sin through the blood of the lamb. The truth door leads one into the deeper things of God, beginning with an ability to be open to God's ongoing revelation as symbolized in the golden lampstand and to deep daily communion with Jesus as symbolized in the table of showbread.

### **PRAISE AND WORSHIP ARE THE KEYS**

Just before entering through the life veil into the holy of holies, one had to begin a life of praise foreshadowed in the altar of incense. Praise would enable one to pass through the veil into the manifest glory of God, which is the heart of the holy of holies. For it is in the holy of holies that we stand in the glory called the Shekinah. There, we live under the glory spout and experience the atmosphere of heaven. There we experience the fullness of Jesus' promise, "If you abide in me and my word abides in you then you shall ask anything of me you want and you shall have it." There we enter into the inner circle of wisdom, power, love and heavenly blessings.

As the poem goes

“God saves His very best things for the few,  
Who dare to stand the test.  
He has to give His second choice  
To those who really do not want His best.

It is not always open ill  
that risk the promise rest,  
Our better often is the foe,  
that keeps us from God’s best.

Sometimes I take the highest choice  
Then by trials pressed  
I shrink, I yield, I shun the cross  
And thus, I lose God’s best.

But give us today O Lord  
Your highest choice  
Let others take the rest  
Their good things have no charm for us  
We want your very best  
And to your best, we now say “yes”.

#### GETTING INTO GOD’S BEST THROUGH PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Praise is a powerful principle of entering into the perfect will of God. We are here to give honor and glory, worship and praise to our God. Merlin Carothers, in his marvelous books, *From Prison to Praise*, and *Power to Praise*, has stressed this. The Psalms are primarily psalms of praise. Our whole lives are supposed to be geared for honor and praise. Paul exhorts us, “Whatever you do in word or work, do all for the honor and glory of God.”

Jesus taught us the first and fundamental principle of prayer is worship and praise when he said, “After this manner pray, Our Father who art in heaven all holy is your name.” We must learn to do everything out of God because all life and all holiness, all wisdom and power is given to us from above. God tells us to praise Him with the voice of thanksgiving (Ps. 26), with the voice of triumph Ps (47:1), with the voice of a Psalm (Ps 98:5), and with the voice of rejoicing (Ps 118:15). The voice that John the Beloved heard in the book of Revelation was “the voice of a great multitude”, the voice of many waters, and the “voice of mighty thunderings.” Our praise should rise until it thunders like Niagra Falls. So great should be the rushing of sounds joining voice to voice that they become like mighty thunderings. The voices that John heard were saying, “Alleluia” for the Lord God Almighty reigns. The voice of praise is always the voice of victory.

In order to get the Spirit of God to flow in us and through us with ease, we have to get into God. We must get into the presence of God, we have to experience the presence of God. Most Christians try to

But what about Him as a person. We have to love Him as a person and be able to enter into communion with Him as a person. That's the function of worship. The angels in heaven worship the person of the Lord. They worship Him because they know Him, not because they have been saved or healed or filled with the Holy Spirit. I'm not minimizing praising God for what He does. We should not fail to do it. But I am stressing that God wants us to know Him, who He is in Himself so that we can feel His presence and to come into His presence in such a way that we will worship Him in the beauty of His holiness.

Our primary aspiration should be to be a worshiper of the Lord and to impart the desire of worship into others. If the Father is seeking those who will worship Him in spirit and truth, then you and I will need to be those who listen to the heart of the Father and worship Him in spirit and in truth. We should not let an hour go by without worshipping Him.

#### **LONGING TO SEE GOD'S FACE**

Moses spent the first of 40 days and 40 nights seeking the face of the Lord and was so filled with the glory of the Lord that his face was aglow. Literally, they had to put a veil over it because he was too much for the Israelites to gaze upon. St. Paul uses this example of encouraging the early Church so that "we with unveiled faces will reflect like mirrors the brightness of the son who is our glory. For it is the work of the spirit to transform us from glory into glory into him who we reflect (2 Cor 3:18).

St. John on the Isle of Patmos had a vision of the Lord. He related, "and immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And He that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone; and there was a rainbow around about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and 20 seats, and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elder sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. The four and twenty elders fell down before Him who sat on the throne and worshipped Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crown upon the throne saying, 'Thou art worthy oh Lord to receive glory and honor and power for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created'" (rev 4:2-11).

#### **THE MASS: A GREAT WAY TO WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH**

Every liturgy needs both praise and worship. We should praise until the spirit of worship comes, then worship until the glory comes. Praise brings an increase of the anointing; but worship brings the majesty of God into the midst of His people. Praise is usually more exuberant, more wordy, worship has that holy hush. It is awesome, it is less wordy, sometimes even without words. Sometimes it produces total silence as heart speaks to heart. There should be time for total silence after each communion when each worshiper worships the Father in spirit and in truth in the quiet of their own hearts.

#### **THE GLORY REALM**

What is the glory realm? It is the revelation of the presence of God, the manifestation of His presence. God is glory. He is everywhere. The glory is the manifestation of that reality. Earth has the atmosphere of air, whereas the heavenly atmosphere is glory. When the glory comes

down, it is heaven's atmosphere coming to earth, a taste of God's manifest presence. Just as we don't see air for in it we live and move and breathe, the same way we don't see the God in Him whom we live and move and have our being. Sometimes, as at Pentecost, the glory comes in balls of fire. Sometimes as in the tabernacle. Sometimes it comes as a mist. We are only beginning to see the glorious day of the Lord.

#### **THE POWER THAT FLOWS FROM THE GLORY**

Once we get into the glory realm, the power and wisdom and spirit of God is released. Healings happen, deliverances occur, insights flow. The glory brings an ease with the things of God. The glory brings further revelations. The glory brings on miracles. The glory brings healings.

#### **SEEING THE FACE OF THE LORD**

As we worship, we begin to look for the Lord. We begin to look and see the Lord. The glory brings an anointing to see. Many of us have never seen the glory of the Lord. But if you worship until the glory comes, you will begin to see Him. The knowledge of the glory of God comes from the face of Christ. Because we are not taught to see the glory of God, many of us go without seeing Him. If someone doesn't hear, we say he's deaf. If he hears a little, we say he is hard of hearing. The same thing can be said of those who do not hear the Lord clearly. And if a person doesn't see, we say he is blind. Or if he only sees a little, we say he sees dimly.

The same can be true in the spiritual realm. God wants to take us in vision to His throne. He wants to show us the face of Jesus. In seeing Jesus we are changed. Everytime we stand in His glory, we are changed a little more. Every time we look into His face, we have a keener desire to be more like Him. It's in the glory that I see Him and really desire to be like Him. In the glory I know what it is to be like Him. I know what His compassion feels like. I know what His holiness is like. I know what His love is like, what His mercy is like. In the glory I know Him in a way that I can't know Him in any other way.

#### **LORD, THAT I MAY SEE**

The Lord wants us to be anointed. To see anything that Ezekiel saw, you and I can see. Anything that John saw, we can see. God teaches us that it is easy to see the face of the Lord. When you look expecting to see, you begin to see. No matter what the experience you have in God, you'll never have anything more thrilling than looking at His face. The more you gradually learn how to come in and see His face more often, His face is not then so illusive. You do not see it in a glass darkly, you see Him face to face. And He will show Himself to you in so many wonderful ways.

In so many scriptures, God tells us, "seek my face." "And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment unto the foot, and girt about with a golden sash, His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire. (Rev 1:13-14).

Once you have looked into the flaming eyes of Jesus, you will feel His love burning in your heart. You will be given His passion for souls, You will be able to look into His eyes and see His heart cry. Knowledge and wisdom will flow from seeing the face of Jesus. He may take you into the music room of heaven and you may see angels pulling out manuscripts and dropping them into the

minds of believers who want to sing new songs. He may take you into the command room of heaven and show you how he is ordering the movement of His angels at that moment. You may see the heavenly hosts being sent forth. You might see Him sending and commissioning special angels to help in particular areas. God wants all of us to be anointed to see. "Eye has not seen nor ear heard nor has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him **but God has revealed them to us by His Spirit**" (1 Cor 2:9-10). God wants us to live in the realm of revelation. We can only live in the realm of revelation as we live in the glory of the Lord.

#### **THE MASS - THE GREATEST LOCUS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

The greatest way to worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, of course, is within context of the sacred liturgy designed in heaven. This liturgy was foreshadowed in the tabernacle experience and is revealed fully in the book of Revelation where the whole angelic chorus, in union with all the saints, are saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of Hosts." Therein, we see the throne room of God with the Father on the throne and Jesus, the lamb who was slain, and the Holy Spirit surrounded by all the angels and saints including Mary giving worship, adoration and praise to our God -- one in three.

It is into this eternal celestial liturgy of worship and praise that we enter whenever we worship and praise God especially within the context of the Mass. For there is Christ, the eternal high priest, in union with the whole Church, offering through His Father, the one, eternal, life-giving sacrifice of praise. It is within the Mass that the offering of ourselves is in union with Christ and the whole Church. It is within the Mass that we are most fully transformed into the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. It is within the Mass that we offer to God the praise and worship that is due to Him as Father, as Son and as Spirit. It is in the Mass that we say, "Holy, Holy, Holy to the Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest."

#### **PRACTICAL STEPS TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to praise and worship. Step out in faith and begin to praise God in all that you do. When you wake up in the morning, offer prayers of thanksgiving and praise. On your way to Mass, continue to offer praises to God, such as, "*Heavenly Father, I worship you, I honor you, I adore you, I love you. Jesus, Holy God, I praise your name. Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, I praise you for your presence in my soul.*"
2. Try to attend daily Mass. This, as we have seen, is the best way to worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Be mindful, above all at Mass, that you are there to adore God. Listen attentively to the readings, offer yourself fully at the offertory, realize that the whole heavenly court of angels and saints surround you, encouraging you to praise. Receive communion with great devotion, and spend quiet minutes before and after Mass worshipping and praising.
3. Throughout the day, try to live a life of praise, constantly lifting up your mind and heart. Let everything you do be for God's honor and glory. Let the attitude of your soul be, "All for the honor and glory of God."

4. Try to attend frequently, a prayer meeting that really gets into worship and praise. Remember the principle – praise until the spirit of worship comes, worship until the glory comes, and stand in the glory.
5. Offer litanies that praise God, such as the litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Holy Face of Jesus, Christ the King, the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Cross, the Passion, the Holy Spirit. You will find these litanies in *A Prayer Book of Favorite Litanies*, 116 of them, published by Tan Publishers of Rockford, Il. Even better, write your own litany or song of praise.
6. Be willing to sing, to raise your arms, to clap your hands, and to dance as the Spirit moves you. David was able to praise the Lord with reckless abandon, and God called him a man after God's own heart. There are so many praise and worship tapes available that you can play both at home and in your car. Think about joining a choir or a praise group.
7. Be willing to read the breviary, the official prayer treasury of the Church. There you will especially find the Psalms, which are filled with praise, most especially Psalm 145.
8. Have your own Jesus chair where you can easily go for meditation, prayer and praise. As you meditate, certain insights will inspire you to worship and praise. Let meditation flow into praise. Let praise flow into worship, and let worship flow into the glory.
9. Remember that every bush is burning. Every sunset, every flower, every bit of natural beauty, every experience, every person, every happening of our lives can be an occasion of praise. Everything that is, is inscaped with Jesus, You can see Him in the flowers, you can see His cross in every tree, His blood on every rose. For the mystic and the saint, all things bespeak the glory of the Lord.
10. Remember that the Spirit of the Lord will teach you all things, especially how to worship and praise. Ask Him and receive ongoing revelation. He will lead you into all worship.

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