Messages and Reports

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## **Changed from Glory to Glory**

"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."—2 Corinthians 3:18

God's transforming power is amazing. He changes sin-scarred souls into Christ-like men! He opens windows of hope before the eyes of our souls that we might behold the beauty of the Lord and become like Him. He showers His glory upon us! We are refreshed from glory to glory as we are being transformed into the image of God's dear Son.

In sinful men the heavenly window is covered with curtains of sin and blinds of self-will. If we do not seek Christ's Glory, we shut out the Light of His countenance and the glory of His presence (2 Cor. 4:4). We live in darkness and in the shadow of death. But a window of hope is given to all who will seek Him. Through the glass of His Word His glory is revealed. Christ, the Living Word, came down from heaven shining in the truth of His glorious gospel. His light will restore the image of God in us (2 Cor. 4:3-7).

When Moses came down from the mountain shining in light and glory, the children of Israel were fearful because of the glory of God on Moses. So, he placed a veil over his face which separated the people from the glory of the Lord. For many today, the same veil remains (2 Cor. 3:14; 4:4). Spiritual blindness separates many from the glory of Christ. Like the veil in the Temple which hid the Shekinah light from the people, so sin, doubt and unbelief hide the light today. Many see through a glass darkly, but in Christ the veil is taken away. We can behold the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ! (2 Cor. 3:14; 4:6; 1 Cor. 13:12).

Our window of hope can be opened, the curtains drawn back, the blinds raised! The light of God can shine on us! Our Lord said, "Arise, shine, for thy light has come. The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee" (Isa. 60:1). Noah had an upper window in the ark. The storms came and the flood rose, but through the upper window, he saw his God. Daniel, condemned to die, went to his upper window and, looking toward Jerusalem, he prayed. God heard him and the light of God's grace and mercy shone through!

We are changed from glory to glory, as our place of prayer becomes a window of faith and hope. The eyes of our soul are waiting to see our Savior's face. Just one glimpse of Him is glory divine. We cherish those sacred hours when the glory shines upon us during prayer, worship, reading the Word, or when obeying the Holy Spirit. We long to live in the glory of His presence! His glory changes us. It changes our goals, our priorities, and our ambitions. It makes us hunger for holiness and heaven where "we shall be like Him for we shall Him as He is" (1 John 3:2). "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). Seek His face! Look earnestly upon Him! Let the Holy Spirit reveal Christ to you.