

Living Filled With The Manifested Glory

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[2Ch 5:13-14 NASB95] 13 in unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised the LORD [saying,] "[He] indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting," then the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

[2Ch 7:1-3 NASB95] 1 Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the house. 2 The priests could not enter into the house of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD'S house. 3 All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the LORD, [saying,] "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting."

- **God wants to fill us with His manifest Presence – His Glory.**
 - Tangibility of the supernatural, experience the miraculous.
 - Experience joy and peace.
 - Living in deliverance and freedom.
 - Realizing prosperity and blessing.
 - Seeing an outpouring of His Spirit.
- **In the texts – maybe two events or one event retold based on perspective. The sequence is somewhat questionable. This is not formula but a lifestyle.**
 - They had finished all the work that God told them to do.
 - They prayed.
 - They praised God.

What from this story can help us experience the glory of God?

There are three aspects that we can do to experience the glory of God.

I. Living in the glory of God involves obedience.

- a. We all struggle with obedience at times.
- b. [Jhn 15:10-11 NASB95] 10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and [that] your joy may be made full.
- c. [1Sa 15:22 NASB95] 22 Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, [And] to heed than the fat of rams.
- d. Three elements of obedience:
 - i. Timely. Not always immediately. Just timely.
 - ii. Completely. Partial obedience is disobedience. Saul lost the Kingdom when he partially obeyed.
 - iii. Joyfully. [Isa 1:19 NASB95] 19 "If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land;
- e. Where are you struggling to live in obedience to God? Ask Him to help you. Make a decision to obey.

II. Living in the glory of God involves prayer.

- a. Prayer can be rote and routine, but it always involves seeking Him.

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- b. [Jer 29:13 NASB95] 13 'You will seek Me and find [Me] when you search for Me with all your heart.
- c. How hungry are you to know Him?

III. Living in the glory of God involves praise.

- a. When our praise recognizes His Goodness and His Mercy, His Glory shows up.
 - b. He is Good.
 - i. [Rom 2:4 NASB95] 4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?
 - ii. [Psa 34:8 NASB95] 8 O taste and see that the LORD is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
 - c. He is merciful.
 - i. [Lam 3:22-23 NASB95] 22 The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. 23 [They] are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.
 - d. This type of praise acknowledges our need of Him to help us (mercy) and His nature to help us (goodness).
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- **God wants us to experience Him in every area of our lives as we live a life of obedience, prayer, and praise.**