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A Dwelling Place for God by the Spirit

(Discipleship=doing the will of God walking in submission to the authority of God so that you can become an instrument of authority)

Workshop no. 24 : "Prayer evangelism" - A strategy for prayer part three - behold the Glory of God.

2Co 3:18 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.

Purpose of this workshop: To consider God's plan for His House as a House of Prayer, an intimate relationship with our Father in Heaven.

Intended Goal: To encourage the believer through a intimate relationship with God to behold and manifest the glory of God.

Scripture readings :

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Chronicles 33:7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

Exodus 16:6-7 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know /that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you

in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

Leviticus 9:6 And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.

1 Chronicles 16:29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Psalms 24:6-10 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

Psalms 29:1-3 A Psalm of David. Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.

Psalms 63:2-4 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

Psalms 96:8-9 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Psalms 145:11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Isaiah 48:10-12 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another. Harken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

Isaiah 62:2-3 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

Habakkuk 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

John 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

John 11:40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

Act 7:55-56 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Romans 5:2-6 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Philippians 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Hebrews 1:2-3 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Hebrews 2:9-12 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

Revelations 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Food for thought :

This workshop aim to encourage the believer through an intimate relationship with God to behold and manifest the glory of God, as we read in *2 Corinthians 3:18* *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.*

- *Open face* - **Jesus came to unveil the mystery of God's glory**, that is - through His death and resurrection we are reconciled into **oneness with God** as we receive in faith the full work of the redemption of Jesus Christ. (Redemption or deliverance, ransoming or redeeming of property that used to be yours.) To understand redemption is to behold the glory of God with open faces. The veil were torn as soon as the work of redemption were fulfilled . *Matthews 27:50-51 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;* For the glory of God were kept behind the veil, but through Jesus Christ, this glory have been unveiled so that all who believe in Him, can enter into unity with God - the oneness that Jesus called the glory of God.

- *Glory of God* - Jesus reveals the Glory of God in *John 17 : 22-23* **And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.**

The word Glory is more than just the presence of God, it is more than the just the character of God, it is not only referring to the visible and the invisible, it is the very reason we praise and honor God, it is the revealed mystery of God's love - it is indescribable. In considering John 17:22-23 we can start to understand something about God's love, Jesus was one with the Father, and that was the glory He came to unveil, an INTIMATE, UNION, and ONENESS with God the Father. Likewise it is through the mentioned intimacy, union and oneness within the body of Christ that the world would be able to see the glory of God.

Jesus said unto the Father in *John 17:5* "...glorify thou me with thine own self..." Glorification is the result of this union that God came to unveil through His Son Jesus Christ. When God gives His glory, He gives Himself. The one who receives His love also gets His mercy, His holiness, and His strength. The one who receives His mercy also gets His love and all else that is the fullness of God. That is the glory of God - that He gave Himself. When Jesus asked "*O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self...*" He was not seeking more power, or honor, or might, or majesty! **He yearned for the Father Himself.** If we as the body of Christ do likewise, to yearn for more of Christ, than for anything else we will see the Word of Jesus come to pass when He said unto the Father in prayer in *John 17:10* *And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.*

But we do not understand His glory. We think only in terms of our own understanding, and are strangers to the real meaning of God's glory, because **we do not enter into oneness with God through His Son Jesus Christ. In our unity - Jesus is glorified. The oneness is the glory of God,** Christ in us and we as one body of Christ reveal the glory of God. As the Body of Christ have been broken for us it also needs to be united in oneness so that the body of Christ can once again display the glory of God on earth. But can we sincerely cry out to our the Lord, "O God glorify us with Thyself! Bring us into oneness so that we in our unity may glorify You in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ.

The glory Jesus is talking about has to do with a very intimate kind of love - a love that permits no distance or separation from the object of affection which is God the Father. It desires a complete oneness, an eternal union. This divine love between our Lord and the Father was so all-important to Him. **If we adhere to the Word and behold the glory of God, we will not allow anything to separate us from our relationship with God - no denomination, nor the opinion of men, but we will become the very glory for God as we become one with our Lord.** Did you not know that we are God's gift to His Son - a bride prepared for a bridegroom! One bride that consist of many members. If I look at the church today, it does not represent a loving bride eagerly awaiting the marriage feast. It is more like various potential brides comparing themselves with one another fighting over a potential husband. As a bride we are suppose to bring glory to our bridegroom, but it seems we are more concerned about ourselves and bringing glory to ourselves that to the bridegroom. Maybe we forgot how our bridegroom look, for we forgot to behold His glory so that we can be transform into a glorious bride.

Jesus said unto the Father, glorify Your Son so that Your Son can glorify You. Should we not also enter into the presence of God in the name of Jesus Christ with the same focus, to be glorified in oneness so that we in our oneness can bring glory unto Jesus, as a bride is to bring glory to the bridegroom. "They were Yours; You gave them all to Me." Yet Christ was so in oneness with the Father, He brings the gift back to Him and says, "All mine are thine, and thine are mine..." (v. 10). This kind of love can take nothing to itself - but gives its all. Let us give our all.

True stories :

Jesus as our Lord and Master prayed

John 17:1-26 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also

may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Are we ministers of people or minister of God

When Alexander Maclaren was called to the pulpit of a great Baptist church in Manchester, England, he sat down with his deacons and said. "Gentlemen, there is one matter to settle before I take this position. Do you want my head or my feet? You can have one or the other, not both. I can run around doing this and that and drinking tea, if you wish me to; but don't expect me to bring you something that will shake this city." God does not call men into the pulpit to become jacks-of-all-trades to run errands. He calls them to get on their faces before Him. Dr. Maclaren's deacons got the message; but who gets on his face before God today?

Prayer was key in the revival in Wales

The revival fires burning in Wales in 1904-05 spread through England, Ireland and Scotland. Prayer meetings multiplied. As many as 2,000 attended a prayer meeting in the city of Bradford. In the City of Leeds, Samuel Chadwick reported that his church was never empty all day. An amazing work of grace transformed life in a factory.

In 1905 a week of united prayer meetings in an English town called Nuneaton led to a "glorious revival". The Prince's Theatre was packed each Sunday night after church with 1500 praying believers and many unsaved seekers. In Bulwell, many of the most degraded drunkards were converted. In the Bedfordshire villages, whole nights devoted to prayer prepared for powerful evangelism.

Joseph Kemp, pastor of Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh, visited God's mighty work of revival in Wales in 1904. Back in his home church on New Year's Eve, 1905, an unusually fervent prayer meeting led to conviction of sin. A powerful revival that continued for over two years was under way. A strong work of evangelism began. 1,000 inquirers received counseling.

The Irish Presbyterians issued a Call to Prayer. Noonday and evening prayer meetings multiplied. The Irish Methodists and other denominations experienced an unusual spirit of grace and supplications. In Lurgan, revival meetings packed both the First Presbyterian and the Methodist churches. The taverns were emptied while people who had not attended church before come in record numbers and received Christ.

Revival fires spread through Bangor University resulting in "only a third or fourth of the students attending some of the classes... Beginning with a spontaneous outburst of praise and prayer among the men students, the movement spread...at a united prayer meeting...some...broke down sobbing." In 1905 when Fred C. Gibson became pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church in Tobormore, County Londonderry, Ireland the little town was morally and spiritually dead. So he signed a covenant with God to seek revival by his preaching and his prayers. In spite of strong resistance, God moved in special meetings that changed the Christians and resulted in remarkable conversions of hardened sinners.

God's authority :

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Ezekiel 44:4-8 Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face. And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary. And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations. And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

Malachi 2:1-2 And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

1 Corinthians 1:29-31 That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 2:12-15 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

Colossians 1:12-20 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Conclusion :

In conclusion, if Christ is being glorified through the believer, then we are to live according to the power that work in us. that is why we should depend wholly upon the Lord and trust in Him to meet your every need. **This dependency is based upon the knowledge of God**, which is only attained through our private and intimate prayer relationship with our Father based on a love relationship through Jesus Christ. In John 17 we hear Jesus reminding His Father that He had given Him power to give eternal life to "as many as thou has given me." Then we hear these powerful words, "*John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent...*"

KNOWING GOD and KNOWING JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD is eternal life! It is a secret, we discover the glory of God's loving presence through Jesus Christ, as we receive the very resurrection life that is in Him. We enter into eternal life, here and now, through a intimate relationship with the Father in Jesus name. If I am led by the Holy Spirit to pursue the knowledge of who Jesus Christ is I die to the world long before I leave it. I live for the glory of who my Lord is. I seek not His ways or His miracles; I seek only Him.

If Christ is glorified in us, that means He has given Himself to us, and that includes resurrection life now. Jesus said in *John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*.

This resurrection life brought us from eternal death into eternal life as Jesus Christ is manifesting in our lives. Then we will be transformed and become heavenly minded - **ONENESS WITH CHRIST WHERE HE IS!** This oneness is not for some future time to come, it is for now through an intimate relationship where we can behold the Glory of God in prayer and take hold of our inheritance - eternal life in the knowledge of Christ and in unity of faith.

If we believe in our church we miss the faith in Christ, for we declare we do not know Him. We are to show the glory of Christ and not of a church. In Ephesians 2 we learn about a dwelling place through which God want to be glorified - a dwelling place in the Spirit. Let us build together a dwelling place for God through which He can be glorified.

Jesus said in John 17:14 "They are not of this world, even as I am not of this world" What does He mean? We are citizens of heaven, not of this world, therefor we long to be united with our Father and our Bridegroom as Jesus longed to be united with His Father. **By becoming attached to Him in glory, we become detach from the world.**

What is missing in our churches today? We lost the knowledge of Christ, we are seeking ministers and ministries who can change our community **instead of seeking God to change our communities.** We need people who know their God and His ability to call on Him to intervene. Only God can establish His Kingdom on earth. In considering what is wrong we see :

- We have taught people to witness and to work but **we have not taught them to worship i.e. to behold the glory of God!**. (the work of Holiness) This means that we do not take time before God to see Him in glory and majesty and holiness.

- **We rely more on our programs and projects than in the God we believe. This is evident in the number of people attending prayer meetings in relation to the numbers attending programs and meetings.**

The New Testament church that all is seeking is clearly defined in *Acts 2:46* *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,*

Questions to be answered :

1. What is the mystery of God's Glory?
2. How is Jesus being glorified on earth?
3. What does it mean to be in oneness with God?
4. On what is our dependency based?
5. What is missing in our churches today?