

# 2019 PRAYER AND FASTING CRUSADE

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### DAY 38

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- *Ten, ten and ten, please come and thank the Lord.*

## GOD'S GLORY AND GREATNESS

Ezek 43:1-5

Then the man brought me to the gate facing east, 2 and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory. 3 The vision I saw was like the vision I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the visions I had seen by the Kebar River, and I fell facedown. 4 The glory of the Lord entered the temple through the gate facing east. 5 Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

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Brethren the simplest way to talk about god's glory because it is something I do not know much and we do not know much is that glory is to God what beauty is to man. You see some people and you say: this one is beautiful. You cannot just describe beauty. Beauty just means that the person is pleasant. If you were told to describe beauty, I don't know what you will describe. There are round faces that are beautiful; the only people who are not beautiful are dirty people. If you have chronic dirtiness and you smell like rotten cabbages, nobody can find you beautiful, even yourself. But glory is to God what beauty is to man.

So, an encounter with the glory of God is an encounter with God revealing to us something of his excellency. The only way you can describe the glory of God is glory.

We would like God to reveal his glory to us.

When Moses asked the Lord to reveal to him his glory, the Lord revealed to him his name

when Ezekiel had the vision, God showed to Ezekiel his throne.

So if you want to say the glory of God, it is God revealing to Moses his name. God made him to see all his goodness and proclaimed to him his names. For Ezekiel, God showed him his throne, his mobile throne, travelling in time, travelling in space. If somebody comes not and tell you: long noses are beautiful, short noses are ugly, that is not true, long people are beautiful, short people are ugly, that is not true. There are short portable beauty, and there are others, God gave them stability, not beauty. They are stable, their centre of gravity has a stable symmetry, they rarely fall, God created them to be 4x4.

Glory is to God what beauty is to man. Pleasant, elevating, excellent, awesome.

When we meet God's glory, we will know that we have met God's glory, before we meet it, nobody can describe what it is.

The glory of God is like love, you only know it when you feel it, you can never know it until you feel it. Every act of love can be done without love, you only know love by experience. So the psalmist says: taste and know that the Lord is good. The goodness of God is known by tasting, not by verbs. Some things can only be known by experience, like love, like appetite and like many other things, like hope, like faith. You know faith by believing. You know hope by being hopeful and you know love by loving, and we know the glory of God by encountering it, and we know the goodness of God by tasting it. You cannot know it otherwise.

Moses cried: Lord show me your glory. And the Lord condescended to show him. If we ask, he will show us. The reason for which we have not encountered the glory of God is because you have not asked.

Once brother Zach came to Jos and he asked us: what is his fundamental spiritual gift, not the one that came with the leadership package? Many answered. When I put up my hand, he said: TH this one if you speak, I am also on trial. It is today I understand. He told me: if you dare speak, I will also be on trial. Because if you have made a mistake about somebody who is closed to you and he does not know if, it is a proof that you have really failed. I told brother Zach that his fundamental person, his fundamental being is prophet, not prophesying and then he asked me how? I say it is in that carrying of the massive presence of God, He said Yes and he told me, from the age of six, I hungered for God. He said: I used to go behind the pulpit and ask God: reveal yourself to me. And he told me, from the age of 11, when he first finished reading the bible, that he had prayed repeatedly that prayer of Moses: Lord, show me your glory. That in the first reading of the Bible, what captured him was that prayer of Moses: Lord, show me your glory.

I was trying total a certain number of things. I think as of now, what I know is that God the Father appeared to brother Zach at least six times. God the Son appeared to him once, and the experience of Pentecost was about three times. Many of us, God has never appeared to us, the good ones among us have visions. Our religion is mostly a mental religions.

Ezekiel had five revelations of the glory of God. God appeared to him. The vision of God changed everything in the ministry of Ezekiel.

Let us pray that:

- *The Lord will grant us to desire to encounter the glory of God, so that we will not be left with a mental Christianity, a deductive Christianity.*
- *Raise your hands and let us pray that God will grant us to desire to encounter the glory of God.*
- *All in our community will desire this encounter with the glory of God*
- *We will desire this fundamental prayer of brother Zach since the age of eleven: that we will desire to encounter the glory of God.*

- *During the convention, the Lord will come down and manifest His glory to us as a community and as individuals.*

When I was in Nigeria, there used to be something I experienced a lot. Since I was a missionary, I used to travel a lot. I realised that each time you come back, you feel primitive. I began to have the same effect when I went to Jos. When you leave Jos and go to Abuja, you feel like a villager. Who feels like that when he leave Bertoua and go to Yaoundé What i that thing? It is an encounter with a bit of glory, glory judges you. When you are in the presence of glory, you just see yourself and you just judge yourself. In fact, nobody tells you that you are a primitive. When you leave Africa and you land in Europe, you are even afraid to chew chewing gum because you do not know where you will throw it, in fact, you cannot even buy bananas and be eating on the bus, you will look like a black monkey eating. Glory judges. Those who have travelled carries it, it raises their standards. A mirror reflects glory.

Another thing about glory, apart from the fact that it judges, it is the fact that glory attracts. If you meet a beautiful girl, you are attracted. Glory attracts, so as beauty attracts. Why do many of us find God burdensome, it is everything is duty, our Christian lives like attraction, our Christian lives lack charm, magnetism; God has not charmed many of us. Many do not enjoy God as they enjoy beauty. Does beauty torments you? If you saw a beautiful rose with velvet petals, does it torment you?

So glory judges and so it upgrades. And glory attracts and so it is enjoyed.  
 Glory judges and so it perfects  
 Glory attracts and so it is enjoyed.

John 17:22-23

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:  
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Unity in the church does not come from truth, it does not come from love. Unity in the church comes from glory. Every believer must actualise the glory of the Lord Jesus in order to be one with others. Glory unites.

If brother René have succeeded gloriously in one domain, and brother Tawet has succeeded gloriously in the domain of God's call, there will be not problems. Division comes from those who failed. The family of Adam was united until Cain failed, then murder came into the family, and a curse entered into the family. You are glorious in what? The Lord Jesus said: I gave them my glory so that they may be one.

Resemble Jesus in something excellent. Resemble the LJ i mighty works, then you can have a team.

If you gather a team of people who are hungry for affirmation, there will be no team, everybody will put the other on trial to be accepted, everybody will claim for acceptance, there cannot be glory, unity demands glory.

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That is the practical day-to-day application of the glory.  
We need a revelation of God's glory and we need to put on God's glory for our relationships in church.

Can three people only pray:  
That the brethren will seek glory.

In that John 17: the Lord Jesus prayed: Father, glorify me so that I can glorify you.  
You can only bring to God what you have. If you love God, you will labour to succeed excellently so that you may have something with which to worship God. How will you lift up God in the eyes of men when you are nothing.

If an ant told you: I raise you. What does that mean? The highest should of an ant, how far will it carry you?

We ought to pray that God will bless us so that we may have something to bring to bless God.

When you pray: "Lord I bless you": what do you have?

So, we are God's children. When we want to say: 'Lord I bless you', what is inside? You are blessing him with what?

When you say: Lord bless me: do you intend God's blessings to be as empty as yours.  
When you say: Lord I bless you, what do you bring?: failures, disgraces, dishonesty etc. if God also said: 'Yves I bless you' and you knew that the blessings of God are like own.

Very few of us pray like the Lord Jesus, we don't pray for God's elevation, we pray for worldly elevation. We pray for worldly promotions. Many people are not ambitious they are settled. And they think that if God accepts them, He will accept them as they are. How are you? Do you even accept yourself as you are? You are a vehicle that has had ten accidents, badly repaired, can even carry yourself to Yaoundé

- *Pray that the brethren will seek glory for their ministry to God*
- *Pray that the brethren will seek glory for their relationships with the brethren.*

Those are just two practical applications.