

The Goodness of God

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Reformation that produces Revolution

Recently, the Lord spoke to me and said he's going to bring a Reformation that's going to start a revolution. The impact of this reformation will be just as great, if not greater, than that of the Protestant Reformation that began with Martin Luther. The Lord said to me, "This Reformation is going to be about our understanding of the nature of God." In the spirit, I saw as commentaries had to be rewritten because we have misunderstood the nature of God. Many of us talk about the love of God and sonship but still have the mindset of a slave.

"The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..." Exodus 34:6-7

When the church has a revelation of the goodness of God, it's going to begin a revolution. We will become on fire, in love Christians that will take the kingdom of God by force, using our greatest weapon which is love. This Reformation is going to first began in us, in our hearts and minds. With a revelation of the goodness of God, we will believe the words to the children's song we all know, "Jesus loves me this I know for the bible tells me so", and I believe this will bring a world-wide revival that will usher in the end-time harvest. An understanding of the love of God and His desire for us, is what brings us to Him. I once had a prophetic experience where I saw angels guarding a garden with a flaming sword in the center moving back and forth and saw the angels step back and saw the hand of the Lord beckon me to come then I heard a voice say, "I love your presence more than you love mine."

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In the original Hebrew language of Old Testament scripture, the word used for the goodness of God, is the same word used for the glory of God. It is, "kabod", which means "weighty, splendor and majesty. God spoke to Moses and said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." (Exodus 33:19)

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is about Peter. After Peter proclaimed that he of all people could never deny Jesus, he did. So what did Peter do after falling so hard? He went back to doing what he did before, he went fishing. Can you

imagine the shame and guilt that Peter felt. When the news came about Jesus being raised from the dead, John sprinted to the tomb, but Peter ran behind.

"Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away- for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, " Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. "But go, tell His disciples - and PETER..." (emphasis added Mark 16:2-7)

This is an amazing picture of the love and goodness of God. All of heaven wanted Peter to know that God still loves Him and he was on God's heart. The angels wanted to make sure that of all people, Peter should know. During Jesus' time on earth after the resurrection, Jesus restores Peter and he goes on to even have his shadow heal the sick.

I would like to illustrate another picture of the nature of God. In Mark 4 we have the story of the wind and waves obeying Jesus.

And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. 3who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. (Mark 5:2-4)

Jesus then proceeds to cast out a legion of demons from the man, the man being totally set free! Immediately they get back into the boat and leave. It seems that the whole purpose for the trip and even crossing through and calming the storm, was for one man to be set free! This is our God. This is the nature of God that we must receive as revelation. I have read this story and thought, "If Jesus would cross the sea for that one demon-possessed man, and then He would certainly do it for me!"

The bible says that God is love. We can see what He is in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, *"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."*

Hallelujah! God is not counting our sins against us! He is slow to anger, He is

love and He is our Father! This is the revelation that will bring the revolution.

Ready or Not, Here I Come

Again the Lord spoke to me recently, "Ready or not, here I come. If you thought what I did in Toronto was weird, wait until you see what I am about to do." Then he spoke to me about the release of the anointing that rested upon Maria Woodworth Etter. Maria was born in 1844 in Lisbon, Ohio. At the age of 13, she was born-again.. She gave birth to six children and five of those six children she lost to disease. Supernatural phenomenon was common in her ministry. It was normal for people in her meetings to be frozen in a trance like state. Many people would have visions of heaven and hell. Miracles, signs and wonder were common occurrences. Even then, many people would be fall under the power of God in her meetings. The glory of God permeated the atmosphere when she ministered. I believe the Lord is coming with the fullness of His glory!

The Glory of God

God is releasing unusual manifestations of His glory today. When we look in scripture we will find many prophetic pictures of what God is doing.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isaiah 6:1-3)

The whole earth is already filled with the Glory of the Lord. What the Lord is releasing is the knowledge of the Glory.

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone out of darkness, who has shone 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)

Under the old covenant, a man would die if he saw the face of God, as we saw in the previous passage from Exodus 33. Under the New Covenant, if we don't see the face of God we will die.

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

The very next verse in chapter 4 and verse 1 says, "Therefore, since we have

this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. "What ministry is he talking about? The ministry of beholding the Lord's face and being transformed into His likeness, this is the ministry of every believer. God hid Moses in the cleft of the rock. The scripture says we are hidden in Christ, who is the Rock. We are commanded in scripture to seek His face forevermore (Psalm 105:4).

"The earth shall be filled with the Glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."
(Habakkuk 2:14)

I had an open vision where I was attending a normal church service and I saw a veil being torn from top to bottom and a radiant light shone in the face of the people that were worshipping. It appeared that no one knew that they had entered the Holy of Holies. We must pray that God will open our spiritual eyes that we may see His glory and understand when it comes.

Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days, He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.
(Hosea 6:1-2)

The church has entered into the third day, the day of resurrection. There many examples in scripture of things being in "threes". The Bible says, "for Yours is the kingdom, power and the glory." The kingdom represents Passover in the feasts of the Lord, the power represents and outpouring of the Holy Spirit as Pentecost and the glory represents the tabernacles. We have entered into the time of tabernacles where the glory of God will dwell with men. In meetings today people are receiving gold teeth, gold dust on their body, instant weight loss and instant hair growth. Diamonds and other gemstones are falling from heaven and these are only a few of the things that are taking place in the realm of the glory. This is only the beginning. I believe entire services will be taken into third-heaven encounters.

I was in a meeting with Todd Bentley where I had an open vision. I was in a garden, whether my eyes were open or closed I could still see it as I was actually there. I freaked out and screamed out loud during Todd's message, "I'm in a garden!" People from all over the congregation began to yell out, "So, am I!". This is just first fruits of what happens in the glory realm. There will be meetings where every eye will see the pillar of fire and the cloud of glory. Every person with disease will instantly be healed in the atmosphere of God's glory. These things already beginning to take place, but this is only the beginning.

The Glory vs. The Anointing

The glory is different from the anointing. Someone can release the anointing through faith and the gifts of the spirit, but the glory is released by God. When His glory comes, most often through high praise and worship, there is no toiling or striving. After ministering to people in the anointing, very often ministers are tired from laying hands on people and casting out demons. But when the glory comes, you don't become tired. It's the difference between Acts 2, where signs and wonders were done by the apostles, and Acts 4, where the apostles prayed "Lord stretch forth Your hand to heal at the name of Your Holy servant Jesus." In the glory we watch what the Lord does and we enter into The rest of Hebrews 4.

A key scripture to the glory is Hebrews 12:2, "*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.*" In a corporate gathering, if we could all come to place of realizing that the veil has already been torn, then the whole meeting could come into an experience with the Holy of Holies. The priest in the Old Testament experienced the glory and couldn't even stand in it. The book of Hebrews says that we have received a better testament with greater glory. The mind cannot fathom what would happen if this revelation left our heads and entered our hearts. There are no formula's to the glory of God, but here is a key from a general, who went home to be with the Lord, that walked everyday in the glory realm. Ruth Ward Heflin said, "Praise until the spirit of worship comes, worship until the glory comes and when the glory comes stand in the glory."

The bible says that man has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. But in Christ we have been cleansed from our sins now it's time to return to the Glory. The goodness of God is the glory of God. Let us have the faith to pray like Moses prayed, "Lord show us your glory!"