

Objective: to enable every believer to see the ‘bigger picture’ of their lives and believe in the current manifestation of power—restarting the the faith-miracle-producing lifestyle.

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From Faith to Faith in the Last Days – Pt 2 From Glory to Glory—Where is the Glory?

Rom. 1:16, 17 NKJV; Heb. 11:6; 2 Cor. 3:18; Ps. 9:7-10
Ps. 94:14,15

Introduction

In these days, we are we so challenged to ‘rediscover’ the power of our faith—the faith that came to us when we believed the ‘gospel’—the good news. Faith is one of those ‘always on,’ truths, that is to be released, in the ‘current moment’ of challenge and opportunity.

**A great man once said, “Trouble is meant to become your servant, not your master.” The only way this present trouble can be our “servant,” is if it causes us to do better, than we did before. A great part of the mastery of the present trouble is our precious possession of faith. It is in these days of ‘extreme circumstances,’ we must take out of the closet of our hearts, our most powerful means of making a difference: our faith. 1 John 5:4. The real battle is not the Corona (external) but the real battle is inward—in the human heart and spirit—the faith-fight on the inside. Study Caleb’s great faith speech—Josh.14:7-12.

****Some of my family and I went for a walk. Walking past a high fence I was suddenly overtaken with the urge to know what was behind that fence. I had never bothered to try to look although I had passed that way many times. This day, I decided to jump up in the air and have a peak. I was shocked by what I saw. The tall weeds and blackberry vines had grown very high, in entire garden, but in the middle of them, covered over by the vines and weeds, was a Rolls Royce Classic automobile in gold. 2 Pet. 1:1 says, “To **those who** through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ **have received a faith as precious** as ours:**

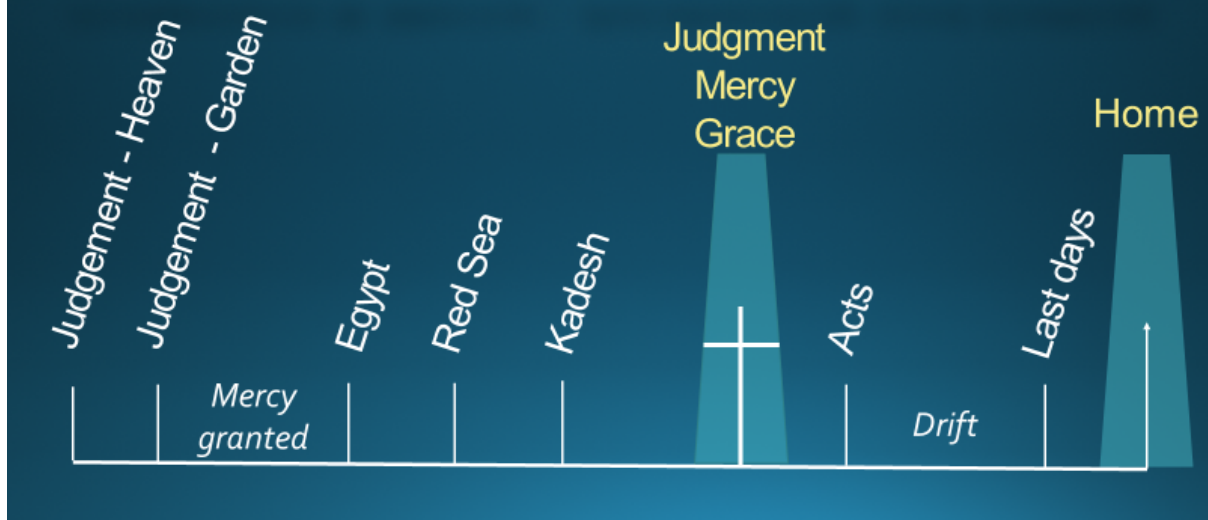




** Hairdresser in lockdown...just prayed...God spoke...go sweep the car park.

Mercy and Judgment, Faith to Faith, Glory to Glory

God, the Loving Judge & His Mercy Judgment & Mercy– Awakening and Calling



Understanding the Times

In general terms, redemptive history can be defined in the simplest sense, as 'cycles of mercy and judgment.' Many Christians often, may not have a clear view of judgment and immediately, their minds might turn in the wrong direction, as they try to comprehend God as a judge, using their own experience of human judges. They see God as loving and not 'judgmental,' as they say. However, God's love demands that He judge and His judging comes out of His loving.

God is love. John 3:16. God so loved the world, that He judged it and then put the surgery on His Son. If anyone and everyone would allow His painless surgery (salvation) because they suffer, from the disease of sin, they would have everlasting life.

God is Love. – 1 John 4:8, 16

God is Judge. – Ps. 50:6; Ps. 82:8; Acts 10:42; 2 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 12:23; Ps. 96:10, 13.

He never stops being other...He cannot change Himself. He does not change. Love and judgment as far as God is concerned are not contradictory or contradictions. Men's judgment is often wrongly motivated and poorly exercised. God is perfect judgment and His judging comes out of His loving.

Because He loves, He judges...otherwise He would be inconsistent with Himself. He cannot ignore His heart and His response, to what is opposite to Himself...evil. In responding to evil, He judges...lovingly, that those who walk in evil, might turn from it, to Him and everlasting life!

The Cycle of Mercy and Judgment: God's purposes with mankind, flow out of a continual cycle of mercy and judgment, borne of His great love for man.

God so loved the world...John 3:16. God loved mankind so much, that He put the judgment of sin upon His Son. He condemned sin in sinful man and put that condemnation upon Jesus that they might not have to carry it.

The wages of sin, on either side of the Cross, is still death or separation from God. Rom. 6:23; Isa. 59:2; Ps. 66:18-20.

Thus, judgment comes from loving. Parents who don't label sin, as sin, in their children's behaviour are saying to them, sin doesn't matter. Sin separates and kills. When the judgment is exercised through discipline, the parent is lovingly calling their son/daughter back to the right ways of God—imitating the Heavenly Father.

Human judgment is often wrongly motivated and unwisely exercised. So, we must understand the concept of judgment. God is The Judge. Men exercise judgment. The Bible tells us, "Judge not that you be not judged." Mt. 7:1 KJV. ...But then it tells us to judge righteous judgment. John 7:24.

The Basics of Faith – From 'Faith to Faith'

- God made His people to have a relationship with Him
- That God-Man relationship was 'connected' by the means of a capacity, that God had given man—the ability to believe or use what He had been given—his faith.
- This capacity is a 'gift of God.' Rom. 12:3 KJV.
- Everything there is about God, that the believer desires, is accessed by the use of that person's faith. Mt. 9:29
- Faith, is an operation of the Spirit, as its spiritual activation is by 'hearing the Spirit's voice.' This is why worship, meditation, listening/hearing and speaking in tongues are so vital. Gal. 5:22 KJV tells us the **faith** is a 'fruit or a work or a production, **of the Spirit.**' Rom. 10:17 tells us that faith **comes** by hearing...the voice of God, the Holy Spirit.

From Faith to Faith Corresponds to: From Glory to Glory

- We came into Christ, on the basis of faith—**saving faith**. Rom. 13:11 says, “And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we **first believed**.”

This ‘saving faith,’ is our **foundation of believing**, as it established our lifelong *ability and capacity* for believing and receiving, all that God is and has promised us.

- We **continue in faith** as we meet every challenge of living on this planet—whether it is physical, financial, relational, business or circumstantial. Our faith-life is a progressive ‘faith-life,’ growing and increasing as we walk on with Jesus. Philippians 1:25 says, “Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you **for your progress and joy in the faith...**”

Col. 1:23 says, “if **you continue in your faith**, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.”

1 Tim. 2:15 says, “if they **continue in faith**, love and holiness with propriety.”

Each faith step enables us to move to the **next level** and take on what seems to be greater challenges

Faith Releases Glory



John 2:11 says, “This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. **He thus revealed his glory**, and his disciples put their faith in Him.” When the servants acted in **faith**, they released the **miracle** that released the **glory**!

Thus, to go, from faith to faith, is to go, from glory to glory, as miracles occur at that point, to the praise of the great Miracle Worker! As a result of ‘seeing His glory,’ many put their faith in Him. Harvest follows glory—Acts 2:1-5; 17-21, 41.

Stages – Num. 33:1,2 NIV says, “Here are the **stages** in the journey of the Israelites when they came out of Egypt by divisions under the leadership of Moses and Aaron. At the Lord's command Moses recorded the **stages** in their journey. This is **their journey by stages....**”

- Israel’s journey was in stages or segments of time and travel. It was a microcosm or small picture of their earthly

journey unfolding according to God's purposes. This earthly journey is illustrated in Ps. 78, Ps. 105, Ps. 106.

God blessed, Israel rejoiced, Israel wandered away, God judged Israel and the earth, Israel came back in mercy and God blessed them. Again, and again, this cycle of mercy (blessing favour and grace) and then judgment, was repeated.

God judged or sent His judgments, into the earth, to turn the nations to Him and to turn His nation back to Him.

- Solomon's Temple – the ascending stages of the Temple – Ez. 41:7 says, "The structure surrounding the temple was built in ascending stages, so that the rooms widened as one went upward. A stairway went up from the lowest floor to the top floor through the middle floor."

The portion of the temple that was on the outside was built in *ascending stages upward*.

- The River of Heaven that flowed into the temple in Ez. 47 came in stages as it progressed. It was illustrating the journey 'from glory to glory.' – from one level, to a deeper level.

Faith and Glory in the Season of Judgments Outpoured

Our refuge in the time/season of judgments poured out in the earth – Ps. 48:8-49:20. **Read This.** God sustained Israel in Egypt

while the plagues were being poured out in the earth. He will do the same in the 'last days,' as His judgments are poured out in the earth.

God is speaking in this 'season' or 'stage' of our journey. He is calling us back to vibrant and powerful faith in Him, so much that we see ourselves going from, faith **to** faith, and subsequently, from glory **to** glory! Signs and wonders, an exercise of faith, release glory...the visible manifestation of God's love and power releases an invisible and supernatural dimension called 'glory' that calls all mankind to Him, whether saved or yet to be saved! Acts 2:22.

From Glory to Glory – Where is the Glory?



295 times the word, 'glory,' is used in the Bible. It is a very large word, expressing the nature, power, and transcendence of God, Himself. In the simplest terms glory can be translated: that which brings praise, honour to the Lord. Its root idea in

the New Testament word, 'doxa,' is judgment—an opinion of something that prompts praise to God. Miracles, for many, are a statement, 'God is good!'

Glory, in biblical terms, comes from: the revelation of the character and acts of God pointing to Himself—explaining and defining Himself, through this 'manifested explanation.' **John 2:11; Num.14:22-24.** The miracle that Jesus did through the obedience of the wedding servants, revealed His glory—a revelation as to Who He was, the Messiah, and as a result of this 'glory explanation,' many put their faith in Him. God uses many things to 'gain glory to Himself.' Ex. 14:4; Ex. 15:11-17;

The Bible speaks of: (seeds for you to ponder)

- A Glory **cloud** – Ex. 24:16 -- some might say that a 'glory cloud' descended on to many in the Toronto outpouring
- **Acts of glory** in miracles, signs and wonders
- **Acts of judgment** revealing God's power and holiness
- **Fire of glory** – Ex. 24:17, 18 here glory 'fire' and glory 'cloud.' This corresponds to Acts 2 – a cloud of glory or the manifested Presence of God in the Holy Spirit that looked like 'tongues of fire' on the heads of believers.
- A **place consecrated by His glory** – Ex. 29:43 ...the Tabernacle pointing to the New Testament 'tabernacle' of the believer. 1 Cor. 6:17,19, 20; Ps. 26:8
- **Glory so bright and powerful** you cannot stand to fully see it in all of its fullness. Ex. 33:22
- An **ever-increasing glory.** 2 Cor. 3:18. From 'glory to glory'...from one level to the next greater level...

- A **transforming glory**. 2 Cor. 3:18; Ps. 63:2-4. Where is this 'sanctuary' in which the **glory** is seen?
- An **appearing glory**. Lev. 9:23
- An **earth-filling glory**. Num. 14:21
- A **vindicating glory**. Num. 16:19
- A **departing glory**. 1 Sam. 4:21, 22
- A '**paralysing glory**.' 1 Kings 8:11
- A **crowning glory**. Prov. 8:5 believers crowned with glory!
- A '**declaring glory**.' Ps. 19:1 Heavens declaring!
- A '**King of glory coming in with power and might....**' Ps. 24:8-10

Let us go back and recover what is lost through this 'shock therapy' and release our faith and thus release the glory that consumes us and testifies to this world.

Application

God is always taking us to the Next Level...of faith expression and faith manifestation...take your steps today...heal everyone in your household and receive healing yourself.

Be who you are: A man/woman/child of faith – Gal.3:29; Rom. 4:16, 17. **Returning To your Heritage! (illustr. Merilee)**

- Heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, cleanse the lepers – Matt. 10, 7,8 Start today in your home.
- Forget Yesterday – Philippians 3:13
- Start today and do what needs to be done! Attack with authority, power, your faith, the Word and your **commanding words**, conditions to change in Jesus Name!

Return to your heritage and begin to move from 'faith to faith' and 'glory to glory.'

- If no one in your home—speak on the phone and command someone else's body to be healed! Don't beg, plead, or ask the Father, when He told **you** to do it, **you do it like He did it!** You **command it now** in Jesus' Name!

Songs: (These can be found on the Internet for singing along)

Keep Believing by Tim Pedigo

Glory to glory by Charity Bush...

As it is in Heaven (Hillsongs Worship)

Family Project: Take some time to read the speech of Caleb from Joshua 14 and discuss what you gain from the story and how to apply it personally, and as a family. Make sure everyone gets to contribute at their own level. This week also, practice the miraculous by 'doing the works of Jesus' as often as you see the need in your home and with all that you know. Get the children to lay hands on and command...speak your powerful words to any condition that arises or has arise or has been of longstanding. Get your family health and finance back to the 'blessing/prosperous' state that is your inheritance!