

## Message Four

### In the Father's House —Living in a Realm of Glory

Scripture Reading: John 14:2; 17:22-23; Eph. 3:21; Rev. 21:10-11

- I. **To live in the Father's house, the dwelling place of the Triune God, is to live in a realm of glory—John 14:2; 17:22.**
- II. **Glory is the expression of God; the glory of God is God expressed in His divine life and nature—Acts 7:2; John 17:22.**
- III. **The Son is in the divine glory of the Father's expression; thus, for the believers to be with Him where He is means that they are with Him in the divine glory to express the Father—John 17:23.**
- IV. **The glory of God is intrinsically related to the economy of God—Heb. 2:10; 1 Tim. 1:4:**
  - A. God is a God of glory—Acts 7:2; Eph. 1:17; 3:14, 16; 1 Cor. 2:8; 2 Cor. 4:6; 1 Pet. 4:14.
  - B. God's purpose is to bring many sons into glory—Heb. 2:10; 1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:6-7, 12, 14.
  - C. God created us as vessels prepared unto glory—Rom. 9:23.
  - D. Sin is falling short of God's glory—3:23.
  - E. Christ's redemption has fulfilled the requirements of God's glory—vv. 24-25; Heb. 9:5; cf. Gen. 3:24.
  - F. Through the gospel of the glory of God, God has called us into His eternal glory—2 Cor. 4:4; 1 Tim. 1:11; 1 Pet. 5:10; 1 Thes. 2:12.
  - G. Christ in us is the hope of glory—Col. 1:27; 3:4.
  - H. We are being transformed into the Lord's image from glory to glory—2 Cor. 3:18.
    - I. The goal of God's organic salvation, and the last stage of this salvation, is glory—Heb. 2:10; Rom. 8:17, 21, 30.
  - J. We will enter into the highest stage of oneness—the oneness in the divine glory—John 17:22.
  - K. There is glory to God in the church—John 17:22-23; Eph. 3:21.
  - L. There will be the glory of God in the kingdom—Matt. 6:13; 16:27; 26:64; Rev. 5:13.
  - M. The glory of God in the economy of God involves deification—God becoming man that man may become God in life, in nature, and in expression—John 1:14; Col. 3:4; Heb. 2:10; Rev. 21:10-11.
- V. **An outstanding feature of the New Jerusalem is that it has the glory of God, His expression—Rev. 21:11, 23:**
  - A. The entire city of New Jerusalem bears the glory of God, which is God Himself shining out through the city—v. 11a:
    1. The glory of God is the content of the New Jerusalem, for the city is completely filled with His glory; this indicates that the New Jerusalem is a vessel to contain God and express Him.

- 2. The glory of God is actually God Himself being manifested; thus, for the holy city to be full of God's glory means that God is manifested in this city.
- B. The New Jerusalem, as the corporate expression of God in eternity, bears the appearance of God, expressing God's image in His glory—vv. 10-11; 4:3.
- C. It is only when we express God in the New Jerusalem that He is truly glorified in the universe—Rom. 16:27; 1 Cor. 10:31.

**VI. Glorification is the final step of God's organic salvation—Rom. 5:10; 8:30:**

- A. The believers will be glorified from within through the life-long saturation with the glory of God and from without through their being brought into God's glory—Eph. 4:30; Heb. 2:10.
- B. Glorification is the ultimate step of God's organic salvation, wherein God obtains a full expression, which will be manifested eternally in the New Jerusalem—Rev. 21:10-11.
- C. God's glory will be expressed from our spirit to our soul and through our body; the three parts of our being will be the same as Christ is and will be fully saturated with God's glory—2 Cor. 3:18; Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:1.

**VII. The church today should have God's glory, manifesting and expressing Him in this marvelous divine attribute—Eph. 3:21:**

- A. God's glory is wrought into the church, and He is expressed in the church; hence, God is glorified in the church.
- B. "O Jehovah, I love the habitation of Your house, / And the place where Your glory abides"—Psa. 26:8.
- C. "In His temple all say, Glory!"—29:9b.