

Show Me Thy Glory

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of seeking the glory of God and experiencing a deeper relationship with Him, which brings about a spirit of inexpressible joy, peace, and love.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses how the Gospel can work in the lives of individuals. He uses the example of Julie, who was set free by the power of God, to illustrate that anyone can be set free by God. The preacher emphasizes that God reveals Himself through the church and calls believers to reveal Christ in their lives. He also highlights the importance of sharing the Gospel with others, as many people, even those who attend church, do not know about Jesus or their need for Him. The sermon concludes with a reference to Moses and his love for the people of Israel, despite their disobedience, highlighting God's love and calling for His people.

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For more information, visit us at www.bethelpulpitministries.com or email us at [info at www.bethelpulpitministries.com](mailto:info@www.bethelpulpitministries.com) Exodus 33, we'll begin at verse 12, and it says this Moses said unto the Lord, See thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people, and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. Now therefore I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight, and consider that this nation is thy people.

And he said, My presence will go with thee, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us up, not up hence. For within shall it be known here, that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight.

Is it not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be separated, and I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast

spoken. For thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

And he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

And he said, Thou cannot see my face, for there shall no man see me and live. And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock, and it shall come to pass whilst my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in the cliff of the rock, and I will cover thee with my hand while I pass by, and I will take away my hand, and thou shalt see my back pass, but my face shall not be seen. May the Lord bless his word to us tonight.

Our focus tonight for this message is upon that very small yet all-encompassing phrase of Moses in verse 18. Show me thy glory. This is the heart of the message.

This is the message for us tonight. I want to focus upon that clause, not only in seeking understanding of its meaning, but also with conviction to turn this into a corporate prayer, an individual testimony. You have to receive this tonight experientially.

I do not intend to preach the message in a technical or dry theological sense. Rather, the desire here tonight is to stir the heart of the church, that we may have the blessing, the blessing of seeing the glory of God unveiled to us in the inward parts. David cried that he might know God, that he might have truth in the inward parts, that inner man, that born-again, that spiritual man on the inward parts, and this glory being revealed.

This is the vital need of the church today. The church is in need. You see, there is no evidence in the church in Wales today that the glory of God is being manifested.

There is none. The church is fragmented. It's cold, it's dead, and it's dying.

There is no evidence that the church is what the church claims to be. There is no evidence there, but God is alive. And just as God was alive to Moses and those people in the wilderness, God was still there.

If the church is dead, God is still alive. This is a vital message for the church, that we come back to understanding what the glory of God really is. You see, the background of the text is one of desperation for the Israelites.

We live in a nation today very much like these people. We're desperate. The church is desperate.

If there's no desperation in the church today to see the life of God back in this nation, we're not the church. If you're cold to these things, you're not part of the true church, the church of Jesus Christ. This is a time of desperation for the Israelites.

You see, Moses, he'd gone to Mount Sinai to receive the patent for the tabernacle and the law. He was receiving instruction concerning the house of God, the priesthood and the ministry of sacrifice. But the patience of the people, oh, it had run thin.

They'd grown weary waiting for this man. They believed that the man of God, Moses, he's not going to return. They believed that he died.

And if the man of God had died, these people believed that God had died with him. They were so sure of it. So they gathered to themselves another man and persuaded him to make them God of gold.

A God that would reflect their prosperity. A God that would minister unto their natural desires. This is the God that they desire.

We see so much of this in Wales today. A God that is not the God of heaven. A God that is false.

A God that is nothing more than a golden calf. Now, if you study this passage of scripture about Israel, you'll see the Antichrist there. You'll see, you'll find where this man comes from.

You'll see what he rises up from. You see that word Baal. There's nothing wrong with the name.

The name means husband. Jehovah was the husband of Israel. But they were describing everything to something that was not Jehovah himself.

His nature. His name. His power.

His authority. Could only be revealed in the inward parts. And through that glory.

Nothing tangible. Nothing outward. No display of gold.

Nothing to touch. And their carnal, natural, humanistic desires. Everything of God was leading these people to this place.

But they'd grown weary. Weary, waiting for God. The church is like this today.

Tired. Sick and tired. For a hundred years, we've spoken, prayed for, and preached about revival.

We've waited patiently. But the patience of the saints is wearing thin. Now is the time for the church to be stirred again.

It's at the hour when the church least expects God to move, that God must move. He must move. He never moved on the greater, larger part of the church in 1904.

He moved upon a handful of people. He moved upon them that would not be moved by what the world said. Would not be moved by what the church said.

They believed God. Mr. Roberts and those around him. If they prayed one prayer, it would have been this.

Show me thy glory. We need it, not just for ourselves, our churches. But for our community.

And for this nation. The whole of Israel had been brought out of Egypt on a great wave of revival. Not very long before this wave crashed upon the rocks of apathy and unbelief.

The nation began to fall from grace. Now the Lord was ready to punish them. To smite them.

To utterly consume them. Oh, this is the awfulness, the terror, the fear of the living God. If God rose Moses today and said, Moses, you go and preach in Swansea.

I don't believe Moses would come and preach a message and call Jesus loves you. I believe that the message would be that this fearsome, awesome God. Our God, the Bible says, is a consuming fire.

You see, our souls would fare well with God if we could learn tonight this message of Moses. If we could know, if this could be our experience. Seeking God for the glory.

The wrath of the Almighty at this time was about to be poured out upon Israel. The justice of God demanded that these ungrateful, unbelieving, apostate people should be wiped from the face of the earth. This is our God.

This is the gentle God. In chapter 32, the Lord commanded Moses not to cry for them. Them that danced naked and worshipped the gods of gold.

Them that were intoxicated with a promiscuous liberty. Them with a shameless devotion to their personal wealth. Them that had no fear of God.

Don't cry for them, Moses, he said. Let them cling to them gold. Let them lust for one another.

Let them be what they really are. Don't cry for them. Oh, you can feel that pain in the heart of Moses.

You can see it welling up within him. All of it he sees coming to the end. God had offered, I'll smite this nation.

I'll destroy them. I'll put them to powder. I'll begin with you, Moses.

But that's not enough for Moses. He loves these people. God has called these people.

He knows the call upon the nation. You see, the tears of the intercessor are more than able to quench the fiery wrath of God. The pitiful, the sobs so pleased of a man upon his knees are able to melt the heart of God.

Situations, people, nations are changed by the prayers of the saints. We've lost this message. We've forgotten this.

That if we change a nation, if we do change our families, if we do change a people, then we must be a people of persistent prayers. No wait for a hundred years revival, a remembrance party. That will do nothing to stir the living God.

It's a day in, day out devotion to God. A people that will come and seek to melt his heart through our prayers, through our tears, through the intercession of the local church. Not bringing in some bigwig that's been on some TV evangelism explosion, but the local church, your church, the churches that you belong to, those churches seeking God and finding his heart.

Having him to stir your own fellowships. If he doesn't stir you from the pulpit, you'll not stir them outside in the streets. It's the local church.

When the people had turned from their shame, when they repented of their sin, once again the Shekinah glory of God, it would be seen. Moses then pitched the tabernacle outside the camp and the glory of the Lord descended and the entire nation rose up and worshipped God. That's every man, woman and child.

You see, true worship is always a spontaneous result of knowing the real presence of God. Big bands, large choirs, wonderful choruses. They're all meaningless and ineffectual in ministering to the Lord unless worship is inspired and charged through an inward knowledge that will proclaim and magnify this truth.

God is in his holy temple. Where is God tonight? We pray sometimes, trying to pray Christ out of heaven when he's there in his temple. He's in his church.

We need to be stirred up to know where this God is. It's not a question of God coming out of heaven. It's allowing God to break through this tabernacle of clay.

Oh, are we keepers of this Christ? Or are we just prisons of him? We owe a testimony unto the world. We owe a testimony to the people of Swansea that our God lives. Our God reigns.

They're not interested in what the Bible says. They're not interested in anything on the TV. They want to see, does it work? Before Mark was set free, he saw that the gospel had worked in the life of Julie.

Everything that she was set free, God could set that man free. Lee was the same pattern after pattern. It's always the same.

God always displays his son in a man or a woman. This is how he reveals Christ. He's called the church to reveal this Christ.

The nation knew that God had come. And so they rejoiced. They rejoiced to a man.

They danced and they worshipped. But remember this? They had just done that just before in front of a golden calf. They sing the same songs.

They'll dance, they'll kick their shoes off. They were doing flip-flops and everything else. The only difference was they did one thing in an immoral sense, naked.

Now it was different. There was great conviction. They knew God is in the temple.

They dare not mess about. You dare not be a hypocrite when you know God is in his house. They knew that their man, Moses, their intercessor, their leader was standing there in the midst of the glory.

Moses was well aware of this wonderful fact. He's in the midst of the glory. It surely would have been enough for him experimentally to have lived the rest of his life with the assured knowledge that he had met with a living God.

Oh, imagine the churches today that would have had Moses testifying in their pulpits. I stood in the glory of God. I built a tent for him.

I was there when the Shekinah, the holy smoke, came down upon me. Imagine every church, every pulpit would want such a man. But it's not enough for Moses.

This experience is not going to be enough. He's been touched of God, but he needs more. You see in type, Moses is a saved man.

He's a Christian, just like you and me. Not only does this man, Moses, know the name of God, but the Lord also knows the name of Moses. This statement is much deeper than a mere acquaintance with a formal name.

To know someone's name is to know their nature. Moses knew the name of God, Jehovah. Not only judgment and wrath, but he was also full of grace and full of mercy.

This is how God was revealed to Moses. His grace and his mercy. We read it in that chapter.

He drew a line, whoever's for the Lord, cross this line. Whoever's not for the Lord, kill them. Three thousand were slain.

Three thousand died. This is our God. He is judgment.

He's wrath, but he's grace and mercy for those that will walk his way. This is God's word. That's God's voice.

There is nothing in between. There isn't an intermediate state. There's no man's land.

It's not there. You're either for him or you are against him. The Lord knew the nature of Moses.

It was meekness. God knew this because this was the work of God in Moses. The Lord was sculpting his nature.

Making this man a humble, a bow down, a weak, a low in spirit man. Moses was being conformed to the image of God. The conformity caused him to become a man with great needs.

The closer you get to God, the more you'll be like Jesus. The greater you are, the greater you are in the sight of God, in that conformity, the greater you know your needs are. You have a great need.

If there is no need, if there's no sense of any need within us, it's because we're nothing like this Christ. We're nothing like the conformity that God says is there for us. It's there for us.

This is what the gospel is about. That we be conformed to the image of Christ. That we be made like him in nature.

In the same way that Christ represented God, that we would represent Christ on this earth. Though he's the one, this man, this Moses that intercedes for the needs of others, there is now deep within the soul of Moses a greater need. Greater than national need.

There's a burning desire within this man. He's the one that is thirsting. He's the one that is hungering for the glory.

He's the one that's driven to despair. He's the one desperately pleading on the other side of madness. Lord, show me thy glory.

He's already had so much of God. So much more than the rest. But he's the one driven to this despair.

Where he cries out, God, show me thy glory. This should be the pulpits Christ. This should be the cry of the pulpit.

That God reveals the glory in the man. That we can preach this message. Oh, that the church should be stirred.

And to call out tonight upon the glory of God. That it would be seen within us tonight. That we'd leave this place with faces shining like Moses.

That we'd go back tomorrow to our own fellowships. And people would say, where have you been? What happened to you last night? It couldn't have been because Wales played a game of football. Must be because we've met with the risen God.

The more you have of God, the more that you'll want of him. Those who do not seek, they do not have. You see, Mark was a drug addict.

Couldn't get enough of those amphetamines. Couldn't get enough of the cannabis. But now he's a Christian.

Hopefully he'll be addicted to the things of God. He'll be addicted to the ministrations of the saints. He'll be addicted to Christ.

He'll be addicted to God Almighty. I hope that addiction is never taken from him. I hope he hungers and thirsts continually.

Panting to the point of despair. That he finds God in the fullness. And when he's found Him, he's still not satisfied.

He has to keep going. He has to keep seeing that inward revelation of Christ. Multiplying and growing and producing and producing fruit.

That this river of life can come forth from this man's soul. That he can reach and touch his family. The lost in his community.

What is the glory? What is this glory? First of all, it's not a mere visible manifestation of majesty. It's not that. The glory of God is an inward revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's an expression of God's satisfaction with his own nature. Glorification is the full measure of Christ. Manifested through a person.

God has not saved a single person here tonight for the sake of salvation. You hear me tonight. You're not saved for the sake of salvation.

Salvation is not something in itself. It cannot be separated from Christ. Salvation and sanctification are first and foremost for the benefits of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Savior. It's for His benefit that salvation has come to mankind. We enjoy, of course.

We reap those benefits. But we hinder our glorification if we see salvation and sanctification apart from Jesus Christ. Cannot separate them.

The last time that I preached in Swansea. A man came up to me after the meeting. He complained that I pronounced two words wrong.

I didn't come to give a lesson on English literature or linguistics. It's not my thing. The biggest word that I know is wheelbarrow.

And I've never used that in any message so far. Never used that word. I don't know English literature.

I don't know these things. But I know something very simple. Every word that you have.

They're all found between the A and the Z of the alphabet. Every one of them. Every word that's ever written.

All of English literature. Everything that's ever written. You'll find them between those two letters.

The A and the Z. Outside of them there's nothing. Absolutely nothing can be written or spoken outside of those letters. It's the same with Christ.

He's the Alpha, the Omega. He's the A and the Z. There is nothing outside of Him. Everything is inside Him.

When we take salvation as a thing in itself. And detach it from Christ. It is not salvation.

We must see these things. The things that have happened as part of this Christ. He must be central.

He's God Almighty to us. He's the Lord Almighty. He's the abundant Lord.

He wants to have His will amongst us. And the will of God is to reveal His glory in His people. When we understand what the glory is.

It will bring about a spirit of inexpressible joy, peace and love. This is because Christ is filled in the heart. Life begins to walk in perfect harmony with its surroundings.

The glory of God is built in its rest for the soul. It's contentment and it's satisfaction. Regardless of situations.

We're happy when things go well. And we're sad when we're disappointed. But the glory of God.

Regardless of situation and circumstances. There's a peace within that heart. John wrote in his gospel.

And we beheld His glory. The glory as of the only begotten Father. Full of grace and truth.

This is the Lord Jesus Christ. Full of grace and truth. That is His glory.

Who can say here tonight then. That we have no need to behold this great glory. I'm not talking about understanding it theologically or mentally.

But being shown that glory inwardly. You see if you pray any prayer tonight. Please pray that God.

You show me the glory. Show me Thy glory. Show me Jesus Christ in the inward part.

Let me know that He's there. He's alive and He's manifesting Himself through me. Give me the power.

Humble me. Break me. But reveal that glory in me.

You see which one of us would not trade. The treadmill of this world. For absolute rest.

All of us. We weary people. Modern life is a curse.

Who would not exchange the dark trials of life. For the serene beauty. The light and the life of heaven.

Who would fail to replace the anxiety of modern living. With an unwavering peaceful satisfaction. Who would refuse such a blessing.

I pray no one here tonight. But there are people that would refuse these things. Those that love their money.

And the things that love money. Can buy. They'll refuse God.

Those who have no shame in the nakedness of this generation. They'll refuse God. Those that drink in secret.

All the pleasures of this world. They will refuse God. You see we have to search ourselves.

The Bible says while it is day. Because the night cometh when no man will work. No man will search.

You see do you have this cry deep within your soul? Do you have it? And can you hear it? That still small voice of God. Is it crying out tonight for you? Lord show me thy glory. The glory in the Old Testament.

It was the Shekinah. This was to be veiled by the tabernacle. It was an awesome and fearful presence.

When the Shekinah descended. The people knew that God was tangibly present in the tent. There was an unconditional reverence.

A total surrender. A knowledge that went beyond all understanding. God had come.

And they knew that he'd come. That he was in the midst. When they saw the glory.

The irreligious charismat that was soon exposed for what it really was. It's the works of the flesh Aaron. The gold.

The calf. The dancing. It's just the works of the flesh.

It says in the book of Hebrews. That they could not endure that which was commanded. Even Moses said.

I exceedingly fear and quake. No man could be the fullness of the glory. It came with the law.

It was the ministration of death. Yet Moses cried out. Lord show me your glory.

No fear of death. No fear of that burden upon him. God Almighty.

Show me thy glory. Admire this man's appetite. His zeal.

The desire. The spiritual veracity of the man. Admire the courage.

The bravery. The defiance. And the audacity.

To come before this God. This man Moses cut away through the law. He cut his way through death with the prayer and supplication.

Because he knew that there was a way through that glory. This man. This type of believer.

Knew that there was a path within the glory. This man. This one man.

Knew that there was a way to secure. So great a revelation. Not only for himself.

But for his people. Our normal Christianity today. It is so lacking.

It's just not enough. It's just not radical anymore. It's not the Christianity of the book.

We're sometimes as evangelicals and all of that. We're sometimes more religious. Than the people we point to as being religious.

It's not enough. Normal Christianity today. We have to become radical.

We have to be different. We have to seek God. We have to find our way.

Through that law. Through the death. Find our way back to the glory.

For the sake of our nation. We've been down on the streets. Today.

In Swansea. I've watched these people preaching the streets. I've watched them tracking.

They did the same thing last week. People in Swansea do not know that the church exists. They do not know that Christ is alive.

They do not know his name. We're not talking about the Muslims. We're talking about people that go to church.

They don't know there is a Christ. They don't know there is a savior. They don't know that they have a need.

They don't know these things. We've been there. I've been there with the adults and watched them.

We've been there with young children. Jesus Christ pulled a child to himself. And said we should become like one of these.

Come out here David. I've watched this boy today. How old are you? Nine.

I've watched him handing out tracts. I've watched the pain in this young boy's eyes. As we watched a tramp.

A vagabond. A vagrant. Walk from side to side.

Up and down the main street. David asked the question. Is he hungry? Why is he so scruffy? Why does he look smelly? Can I give him a tract? Would God save such a man? There's more concern in this young child's eyes.

Than I've seen in the pulpit in decades. In decades. Unless we become like one of these.

Unless we become like one of these. A child. Nothing will change in Wales.

Or people say or perhaps we shouldn't be put in. As such a young child out in the streets. Until the adult church in Wales grows up.

And takes those streets for Christ. We're going to have to use people like David. You go sit down.

Unless we become like a child. Radical church. We don't want to put children out in the streets.

We didn't ask David. He came with his parents. They couldn't take the tracts off him.

But this is what the church should be. Not enough that we just be a modern normal church. We have to be radical.

Paul right into the Galatians says. But God forbid that I should glory. Save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By whom the world is crucified unto me. And I unto the world. I unto the world.

The cross is the way to the glory. This is what Moses discovered. This is what every Christian must discover.

The way to the glory. The way for glory. Is through the cross.

What is the cross? It is the dying to all of selfishness in our life. It's that soul life dying. It's the dying of all selfish aspirations.

There is no other way. Except this way. The way that the Christian dies to self and dies to this world.

There is no shortcut. There is no comfortable ride. It's still a dangerous journey to the far side of eternity.

But there is no other way. There is no other way. It's not through theology.

It's not through your church creeds. It's not through your own acceptance of what the pulpit says. It's through that cross.

Christ working in you. Bringing you to his cross. And dying laying everything down.

Die at that cross that he might live through us. Oh God that he lives through the church. Moses asked the question.

Show me now your way. That I might know you. That I might find grace in your sight.

And consider that this nation is your people. Oh I believe and I claim this for Wales. God that this nation is your nation.

This people in Swansea. It's your people. I don't believe he came a hundred years ago to tinker with the church.

I don't believe that was the last manifestation that Wales will ever see. I believe God came in great power. And I believe he's longed to come again and again.

I believe he's longing to come today. If God can find those people that would cry show me your glory. Reveal this Christ in me.

Not just for our sakes. But for the sake of them on the street. Oh please go there.

Go there with these people and watch the pitiful emptiness. The barren expressions. The wasted lives.

The pain in people. The suffering on those streets. Go there.

And ask of God that he'd show his glory in you. Not one of us here today hasn't got someone in our family that will go to hell. They will go there.

And we become detached to that thought. We become detached. Saying if God wants to save them he will.

And if he doesn't then let them go. God desires that every man should be saved. Even more that every man has the right to accept or deny, refuse Jesus Christ.

They have to. God help us in Wales. The land of revival.

If people are there on judgment day and they say they never even knew that Christ had lived. When we had our first revival crusade in Loughar. I couldn't find the place.

I stopped in the garage, the petrol station. And I asked the girl, do you know where the church is? She said, which church? The church of Evan Roberts with the great Welsh revival. You know what? 1904.

Shocked the world. Everybody knows about it. Never heard of it she said.

I walked out across the forecourt and it was straight in front of me. She only lived a few yards from that place. She'd never heard of that great Welsh revival.

If she'd never heard of that she'd never heard of Jesus Christ. Oh God, that he come to Wales again. And I do believe he's longed to because this nation is his nation.

It's his people. He must find this man again. Moses was already on that journey.

Yet he asked again, show me now your way. Reveal it to me again God. This man is not just called.

This is a chosen man. He's been given a promise. And he's been given a task.

And his calling is assured. I do believe that every one of us has a calling. I do believe that every one of us that is saved is chosen.

You have to be. You have to be chosen for a task. And if you find that task there will be an assurance with it.

You cannot fail. The church cannot fail. All that we have to do is find that way.

The way of the cross. Accept our crucifixion. That Christ may live through us.

Without the assurance for Moses. The journey would be over. But the weight of the task.

Not only determine the character of Moses. But also fills him with a fear of failure. Not a failure in a personal sense.

But in the sense that the whole nation is dependent upon his relationship with God Almighty. They depend on us tonight. They depend upon the church.

It doesn't matter if you're Baptist, Anglican, Pentecostal or anything else. Presbyterian. I couldn't name them all.

If you're in Christ's church. This nation is dependent upon you. Your relationship with God is vital.

It's vital that the church today. We come together because of the blood of Christ. We come together because of his cross.

We come together because he said do this in remembrance of me. We come together because Christ said they'll know you for the love that you have for one another. Oh this is the common ground.

Common ground. We come because of Christ. Do this in remembrance of me.

What a terrible responsibility. What burden for a people could be heavier upon the shoulders. What burden could be heavier upon the shoulders of one man.

Yet all of us must have the same state of mind concerning the people around us. Friends and families. They're blinded to these things.

Yet they're dependent upon our relationship with Jesus Christ. Just as Moses bears the burden. So must the true church of Jesus Christ.

Not the ecumenical church. Not the organized church. Not the nominal church.

Not the crazy church. But the church that has a hope of glory. Has a driving force.

Urging it to finish the call which it was chosen for. That's the church. The church with the drive.

The church that is urging itself to finish that call. The call of God. As he called you tonight.

Talking to the church. And talking to Christians. As he called us.

As he called us. Then we are chosen. An awesome responsibility is upon us.

Don't take it lightly. You cannot. It's a burden that will crush you.

It is a crushing responsibility. Yes, it's impossible for us to imagine. But unless we offer ourselves corporately to the hand of God.

And become that intercessor. With one hope and one desire. That God reveals his glory.

This nation will not be able to experience the awesome presence of the almighty God. Wales will go to hell. Unless we stand today.

You hear me tonight. Now listen. This nation will go to hell.

If the church is not stirred up. If we don't find our way to God. If we don't find a full manifestation.

If we don't have a revelation to give them. It will go to hell. Or we not sleep tonight if we could see hell.

More importantly. We not sleep tonight if we could see Jesus Christ. We not sleep tonight.

Don't ask anybody to seek an antichrist or a revelation of hell or anything else. You find a vision of God. You find Christ inside.

You'll not sleep. You'll pray for this nation. Moses knew and spoke to the Lord directly.

He said in verse 15. Unless your presence go with us. You might as well leave us here to die in the desert.

Same for the church today. If the presence of God is not in the church. Then we might as well pack up.

We might as well go home and not come back to a church. If he's not in the church. I don't want to be part of it anyway.

And I've been in many churches. Many meetings where God is not there. There is no life of Christ.

Most of the church today. We have prayer meetings. People do not pray.

Simply because they've not been taught how to pray. The disciples in that ministry with Christ. Came to him and said.

Lord teach us to pray. You have to be taught to pray. To be encouraged to pray.

To be instructed to pray. It's so vital. Without his presence in the church.

There'll be no revival. And certainly no salvation for the lost. We've drifted so far away.

From the significance and the necessity. Of the glorious presence of Christ. That we are as blind as those.

Whose hearts are veiled. Are you listening? The church is blind today. It says for the preaching of the cross.

Is to them that perish foolishness. Oh how many Christians have you witnessed to. In this last year that said.

We don't want to hear that old fashioned gospel. How many people James has told you. We saved to live in the nightclubs.

And to live like everybody else. How many people has told you that. It's foolishness to them.

The cross is a foolish thing. But it is the way to the glory. It is the only way of salvation.

How much of what's gathered here tonight. Is in the name of Jesus. How much is really the church here tonight.

I'll tell you a secret. I'll tell you how to discern. What is of Christ.

And what is not. Those who are Christ's. Have embraced his cross.

They denied self and selfishness. They found themselves to be worthless. And impotent.

In fulfilling the will of God. They labor in this ministry. Seeking that which cannot be seen.

They labor that others may reap. What they have sown. They labor and suffer.

Because they trust in the living God. Who is the savior. The ordinary people.

With no desire for recognition. Acclaim or approval. The world and especially the world of religion.

Will mock such a people. But God will alter the frame of the universe. For his people.

The people that no one find that way. Those that come. By the way of the cross.

We have to be a people in this hour. That can impact the church. For Christ.

The whole of Moses life. Is leading him to this place. To this assured position.

To where he can beg of God. Show me thy mercy. Show me thy glory.

Those outside the tabernacle. You see those people. The religious they must have thought.

Oh this poor Moses. He's been in the desert too long. The sun has gone to his head.

He must be going funny or something. How can there be anything left. For this man to see.

He knows God. He's walked with God for years. How can he ask for more.

He's a leader. He's a shepherd. He's a preacher.

What more can there be for them. Isn't the church enough for Moses. Doesn't the ministry satisfy him anymore.

What more can this humble. Meek and mild man. This righteous person.

What more can he want. What more can this man want. Show me thy glory.

That's the answer. Show me thy glory. You cannot understand the heart and the mind of Moses.

In the technical sense. This is the result of spiritual ascendancy. The supernatural leading the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of God. Leading a man. And where his flesh does not want to go.

The Spirit stripping a man comprehensively. Of all self-worth. Moses is an empty vessel.

Waiting to be filled with water. Waiting for the water to be turned into wine. You cannot understand his heart.

Theoretically. It must be experienced. In you and me.

This is the way of understanding. The answer God gives to Moses. Basic and fundamental.

To all spiritual requests. The Lord told him. My goodness.

Will pass before you. I will proclaim my name to you. I will have mercy on you.

And I'll give you grace. But my face. To see it.

You have to die. Did you hear him? To see the face of God. You have to die.

To see the glory of God in Christ. Means that the natural man. He has to die.

Christ is a prison. Through which God can be seen in humanity. He's the tabernacle of God.

The whole of the Godhead. Veiled in flesh. Whatever Christ was.

There was the glory of God. The glory that was seen in his nature. The fullness of grace and truth.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians. For the same God. Who commanded the light to shine out of the darkness.
And shine in our hearts. To give the light of the knowledge. Of the glory of God.
In the face of Jesus Christ. Oh blessed be the Lord. This law of communicating.
The presence of God. It's never been repealed. It never will be repealed.
In any age. In the age to come. In eternity.
That law will never be repealed. Just as the glory of God was seen in the face of Jesus Christ. So now the
glory of God must be seen.
In the face of his people. You're not shining. You're not burning like Moses.
But it's an inward. The inwardness of Christ. The church is now.
The tabernacle of God. If a man wants to see a monkey. He goes to the zoo.
If a man wants to see a fish. He goes to the sea. And if the same man wants to see the glory of God.
He must have the right to see him. In the church. The only place that a man can see the glory of God.
Is in the church of Christ. What do they see in the church in Wales today? Do they see much of this
Christ? How much of it? How much is it just crepe? How much of it is just floss? Do they see Christ in the
church today? In the book of Acts. We see the church moving.
Spontaneously in the will of God. This was achieved through the acceptance of faith. By certain truths.
These people had an experience of God. They had an encounter with Christ. They were apprehended.
Body, soul and spirit. Later their experience is related. Through doctrine.
But always the doctrine followed the experience of what God had done previously. The undeniable fact of
the early church is. That it was a living church.
The result of an encounter with God. A result that God was there. Life they had.
An abundant life. Life didn't come to them out of doctrine. Doctrine came out of their life.
The doctrine comes out of life. The modern church today. Set up systems of rules and regulations.
An ecclesiastical desert. And hope that life will come out of rules. But it never has.
And it never will. We can order women to wear headscarves. We can keep them silent.
We can put all our peculiarities on people. But life will not come out of rules. I'm not against those things.
If there's life there. Get the life in the church first. And then bring the doctrine.
To build a church we must begin by applying faith to biblical truths. And allowing God to live and to work in
and through us. The book of Acts church.

Is the pattern that must be duplicated. Especially in the last days. Not just admired from a detached historical point of view.

That is the only church that God knows. Because that is the church through which his son was seen. All through history.

You'll find that the church has duplicated this. You'll find it here and there in pockets until church today. We still have access through Christ to the same throne of heaven.

It's the same Holy Spirit working through me. Working through you. The work through Peter, James, John and the apostle Paul.

It's the same spirit. The difference is the desire. The desire in the people.

The only way to have the life of God. Is to seek his face. When we get to this place of asking.

We will encounter the truth that says. Before you can see. You have to die.

This truth of course that I'm preaching tonight. Is only for disciples. It's not applicable to church members.

Who nominal Christianity. The true church is made up exclusively of disciples. Taught ones.

Those that desire to learn of Christ. The reason we have to die to this world. And keep on dying.

Is because the Lord Jesus Christ. Is still an offense to that old nature. You might be convicted.

When a message from the word of God is preached. You're not offended by anything. Except Jesus Christ.

When we're convicted. We're convicted of him. Because we're not like him.

But at the same time. We must be satisfied. That we are being conformed into his image.

The worldly things that he hates. The church still holds on to. And we cherish.

Whatever you did yesterday. Could you honestly do it. With Jesus Christ.

Whatever you watched last night. Would you watch it with him. Sitting next to you.

The conversations that we had this afternoon. Were they fit for heaven. It has to be.

A break in of the alabaster box. To let out that fragrance of Jesus Christ. And the Lord said.

Behold. There is a place by me. Thou shall stand upon a rock.

And it shall come to pass. While my glory passeth by. That I'll put thee in the cliff to the rock.

And will cover thee with my hand. While I pass by. And I will take away my hand.

And thou shall see my back pass. But my face shall not be seen. He says in chapter 34.

That Moses rose up early in the morning. Climbed Mount Sinai as the Lord commanded. There he stood.

Waiting with the law written in stone. Clenched tight in his hands. Waiting on the Lord.
I believe that Moses. He is salivating at the prospect. Of seeing the glory of God.
His heart was running like a train. And his mind was slowly catching up. Everything was leading Moses.
To this point in time. To a place where he could experience. The Lord God Almighty.
In a greater way. God said to him. When my glory passes by.
I'll put you Moses. In the cliff to the rock. I'll cover your face with my hand.
While I pass by. But when I take away my hand. You'll see the back parts.
But my face. You cannot see. You see at this time.
Moses. I believe was having a revelation of Jesus Christ. Not just outwardly.
But inwardly. This is what's going to keep Moses. When the glory descended.
I do believe that the Lord Jesus. He stepped out. He covered Moses' face with his own hands.
And when he conveyed his nature. To the inner parts of Moses. Moses stood and watched the back.
Of Jesus Christ. As he walked away. This was experience.
For Moses. All that. The experience.
Of Moses was understood. And revealed in what he saw. In the midst of the glory.
In the midst of that consuming fire. All that Moses saw was Christ. He saw the hands.
He saw those nail scarred hands of the Christ. He saw his bruised heels. As he walked away.
They're the only things. That Moses saw. What was Moses seeing? He's seeing the marks of the cross.
He's experiencing that cross. Show me your glory. There's the glory for you Moses.
It's in the nail scarred hands. It's in the bruised heel. Of the Savior.
That's the glory. It's the glory of the cross. It's the dying.
It's the dying of the cross. You see Moses would have remembered the promise. Of Eden.
The serpent. Or bruised in the heel of Christ. Ultimately.
The head of all wickedness. Would be crushed. Oh.
What a. What a victory now. In the soul of Moses. What a victory in his spirit.
The glory come in his inward parts. He saw the cross. He saw the Christ.
The victory over sin. And over death. Nothing.

But victory in the life of Moses. Who can stand against Moses? Which devil in hell can stand against him?
There is none. There is none.

Because he found his way. In that glory. Oh.

If the church could wake up today. If the church in Wales could experience. This cross.

This glory of God. Who could defeat the church today. Who could bring her low again.

Who could make her apathetic. Who could make her unbelieving. Who could make her weak.

Lazy and tired. Who could do these things. Absolutely nothing.

All that we need. It's not another preacher. It's not another program.

It's a revelation of Jesus Christ. Personal. Inward.

Revelation. Of the glorious son of God. If you ask Moses.

Who the Lord was. He's not going to give you a name. He'd have said.

His name through experience. The Lord is merciful. The Lord is gracious.

The Lord is long suffering. And abundant in goodness and truth. The Lord keeps mercy for a thousand.

Forgiving iniquity. Transgressions. And sin.

This is who the Lord was. The name of the Lord. Was being revealed in Moses.

And through Moses. We must be able. To reveal Christ.

The glory of God. Is to have an ongoing. Living testimony.

A living fellowship. With the father. Your age here doesn't matter tonight.

I'm so glad. And so pleased. And there is so many.

Elderly people here. Experienced people. Mature people.

Your lives are not wasted. You're there to lead us. On into the next phase.

It's not for the new. Young generation. It's for the old.

To take the young through. If you've had the experience. If you've walked with Christ.

It's for the old people. To stand up. Rise and lead the church.

It's not a young man's job. To take the church. Through the waters.

Moses may not have gone there. But Joshua was no young lad. When he crossed that river.

It's for the old. Age does not matter. All that the church needs.

Is the glory of God. To know and to have peace with God. Through participation.

With his divine nature. The glory will flourish. It will multiply.

It will be effectual. In the hands of God. Not a sinner.

In the hands of an angry God. But a saint. In the heart.

Of a faithful savior. This is what I'm preaching tonight. A saint.

In the heart of a faithful God. A faithful savior. Oh that God would reveal his glory.

Amongst us here tonight. I'm going to read you the last things. Moses.

Says he made haste. Bowed his head towards the earth. And he worshipped.

Let us stand tonight. Let us worship this God.

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