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The Glory of God: Feeling The Weight

Psalm 27:4 - *One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.* NIV

2 Chronicles 5:2-14 - *Solomon then summoned to Jerusalem the elders of Israel and all the heads of tribes—the leaders of the ancestral families of Israel. They were to bring the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant to the Temple from its location in the City of David, also known as Zion. ³ So all the men of Israel assembled before the king at the annual Festival of Shelters, which is held in early autumn. ⁴ When all the elders of Israel arrived, the Levites picked up the Ark. ⁵ The priests and Levites brought up the Ark along with the special tent and all the sacred items that had been in it. ⁶ There, before the Ark, King Solomon and the entire community of Israel sacrificed so many sheep, goats, and cattle that no one could keep count! ⁷ Then the priests carried the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant into the inner sanctuary of the Temple—the Most Holy Place—and placed it beneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁸ The cherubim spread their wings over the Ark, forming a canopy over the Ark and its carrying poles. ⁹ These poles were so long that their ends could be seen from the Holy Place, which is in front of the Most Holy Place, but not from the outside. They are still there to this day. ¹⁰ Nothing was in the Ark except the two stone tablets that Moses had placed in it at Mount Sinai, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of Israel when they left Egypt. ¹¹ Then the priests left the Holy Place. All the priests who were present had purified themselves, whether or not they were on duty that day. ¹² And the Levites who were musicians—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and all their sons and brothers—were dressed in fine linen robes and stood at the east side of the altar playing cymbals, lyres, and harps. They were joined by 120 priests who were playing trumpets. ¹³ The trumpeters and singers performed together in unison to praise and give thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, they raised their voices and praised the LORD with these words: “He is good! His faithful love endures forever!” At that moment a thick cloud filled the Temple of the LORD. ¹⁴ The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the LORD filled the Temple of God.*

God Responded To The People’s Sacrifices And Celebrative Worship

A Grace-Filled, Delivering God Who Desires To Dwell Among His People

God Placed His Name On His People In A Permanent Way

In The Presence Of God's Glory Is Renewal

Isaiah 40:31 - *But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.*

We See The Glory Of God In The Face Of Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 4:6 - *For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.*

Psalms 27:13-14 - *Yet I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness while I am here in the land of the living.¹⁴ Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.*

2 Corinthians 3:7-11 - *The old way, with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away.⁸ Shouldn't we expect far greater glory under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life?⁹ If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God!¹⁰ In fact, that first glory was not glorious at all compared with the overwhelming glory of the new way.¹¹ So if the old way, which has been replaced, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever!*

Isaiah 60:1 - *Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all to see. For the glory of the LORD rises to shine on you.*

Habakkuk 2:14 - *For as the waters fill the sea, the earth will be filled with an awareness of the glory of the LORD.*

John 11:40 - *Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?"*