

## Until the Earth is Filled with His Glory 4 – He Spreads His Glory

Habakkuk 2:14 - For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Quote: John Piper – called the created world, “mirrors of His glory”

Quote: Jonathan Edwards – “The world is a dark place without Christ, and therefore is dark till He comes, and until His kingdom of glory is set up.”

### 1. When God Does the Miraculous

- John 11:1-4 – 1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”
- Think of all the miracles going on throughout the world...
  - Church is growing exponentially through the miraculous in Iran, China, Africa, Latin America...
  - David Hogan (missionary to Mexico) – Personally saw 32 people raised from the dead, and his ministry has seen around 500
  - Heidi Baker (Iris Ministries in Mozambique) – Her ministry had seen 53 raised from the dead... and 100% of deaf in their area are healed
  - Dennis Balcombe (Revival Chinese Ministries) – Over 400 raised from the dead in their ministry
  - 2011: Almost 600 million Spirit-filled, Charismatic-Pentecostal-Third Wave Believers worldwide... 600 million people who believe in the power of God and present ministry of the Holy Spirit
    - Fastest-growing religious group in the world
  - Most of the world’s largest churches preach the present-day ministry of the Holy Spirit:
    - Yoido Full Gospel Church, Seoul, Korea (253,000 weekly attendance)
    - Jotabeche Methodist P. Church, Santiago, Chile (150,000)
    - Calvary Temple, Hyderabad, India. (120,000)
    - Deeper Life Bible Church, Lagos, Nigeria (120,000)
- So how do we respond?
  - Go to the sick and hurting and expect God to do the miraculous

### 2. When God Rescues His People

- Psalm 102:12-17 – 12 But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever; you are remembered throughout all generations. 13 You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. 14 For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust. 15 Nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory. 16 For the Lord builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; 17 he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.
- So how do we respond?
  - Stand in faith, trusting God to rescue you and get glory
  - Don’t get stressed out when things aren’t going as you expect or you make a mistake. God can rescue you and get glory.

### 3. When God Judges the Wicked

- Isaiah 59:14-19 – 14 Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. 15 Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. 16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him

salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. 17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. 18 According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. 19 So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the Lord drives.

- Proverbs 11:10 - When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness.
- Ezekiel 28:22 - ...Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I am against you, O Sidon, and I will manifest my glory in your midst. And they shall know that I am the Lord when I execute judgments in her and manifest my holiness in her.”
- Ezekiel 39:21 - And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them.
  - Vs. 13 – He refers to pouring out His wrath on Gog as “the day that I show my glory”
- Exodus 14:4 - And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.” And they did so.
  - His glory spread to Israel, to Egypt, and even further than Egypt, even to those in the land of Midian (Exodus 18:1), to the city of Jericho and the Canaanites (Joshua 2:10), to the Gibeonites (Joshua 9:9)...
- So how do we respond?
  - 1) We separate ourselves from evil, loving and having mercy on those caught up in it, but refusing to be a party to sin, knowing that you reap what you sow.
  - 2) We trust God to overthrow and destroy wickedness. Ultimately, it's His job to overthrow evil, not ours.
  - 3) We do, however, have an obligation to humbly, lovingly expose evil and resist it.

#### 4. When Jesus Returns in Glory

- Luke 9:23-26 - 23 And [Jesus] said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? 26 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”
- Quote: John Chrysostom – “In the first advent, God veiled His divinity to prove the faithful; in the second advent, He will manifest His glory to reward their faith.”
- So how do we respond?
  - 1) We are free to show mercy to sinful people, knowing that God will be their judge and every sin will be paid for
  - 2) We preach the Gospel, in hope that some will repent and receive forgiveness before His coming
    - Matthew 24:14 - And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.
  - 3) We long for the day of His appearing, setting our hopes on eternity and not the here and now
    - Quote: Didache – “Let not your lamps be quenched, nor your loins unloosed; but be ready, for you know not the hour in which our Lord will come.”
    - Quote: John Calvin – “We must hunger after Christ until the dawning of that great day when our Lord will fully manifest the glory of His kingdom.”

### Hymn by Charles Wesley (1758)

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favored sinners slain;  
thousand, thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Ev'ry island, sea, and mountain,  
heav'n and earth, shall flee away;  
all who hate him must, confounded,  
hear the trump proclaim the day:  
Come to judgment! Come to judgment!  
Come to judgment, come away!

Now Redemption, long expected,  
see in solemn pomp appear!  
All his saints, by man rejected,  
now shall meet him in the air.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own.  
O come quickly, O come quickly;  
alleluia! come, Lord, come.