

My Open Vision of:

The Glory of God

A True Story

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Father's Day! God the Father chose to show His Glory in church service on Father's Day! Wow! There must be some significance to this! Well, there is!

Suddenly, W H O O O M !! Not a sound could be heard in the sanctuary. Not even the proverbial deafening sounds of silence. The walls around the platform and the ceiling over it lit up, glowing with clear bright "golden amber."

Now, in a trance, I peered deep within Him. Liquid swells of burning fire moved within itself as if to be slowly boiling likened to the liquid hot fire of molten steel or the slow rolling action of a candy's soft boil stage.

A vaporous layer! A mist of smoke formed a canopy! It came forth from out of God's fire, slowly transported through the air, coming directly above my head.

...there were no shadows! His Light, His Glory was so overpowering, so consuming, it not only **did not** create shadows, it drove any and all existing shadows from the sanctuary.

...when God's Glory is present, not even a hint of darkness shall be found.

The Light of God permeated the elements so much so, even the molecules of air illuminated the glow of His Glory.

As God's Cloud of Glory continued slowly rising behind the choir, their physical bodies were transformed before my very eyes into spiritual bodies.

Dedication

This work is dedicated to the glory of

*God the Father,
God the Son, and
God the Holy Spirit*

Without whom this book would not be possible

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Preface

This is a shortened version of the original story which was first published in 2009 under the book title, "A Divine Revelation of the Glory of God." That was the "long" version.

I felt an urgency to write this brief yet detailed synopsis so that readers can jump directly into the story. You will feel as though you are there experiencing what I am describing. All contained in this little book is 100 percent true and is told exactly as it happened. However, written words do not even come close to the actual involvement of witnessing God's glory.

Biblical scripture was later added to show the correlation between my story and how it reflects what God has written in His holy word. You will better understand the select scriptures as you dive into His divine glory.

A Moment of Scripture

(Habakkuk 2:2/KJV) Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

(Revelation 1:11/KJV) I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST: AND, WHAT THOU SEEST, WRITE IN A BOOK

(Isaiah 30:8/KJV) Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for a time to come for ever and ever.

(1Chronicles 16:24/Amplified) Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all peoples.

CHAPTER ONE

“Introduction”

Entering the foyer entrance of the church, I approach the information desk. Mrs. Cormier leans over greeting me, “God bless you this morning. How are you doing?”

I'm feeling so very happy, “I'm doing just fine, praise God!” I answered.

Her eyes are glistening as she is somewhat taken aback, “Faith!!! Honey!!! You're glowing!!! Your eyes are glowing!!! You're glowing all over!!! The Lord must be with you this morning!”

I sense myself beaming on the inside, “Yes, God is with me.”

My husband, Bobby and I find our seats and begin worshiping in song and praise.

Pastor's message is two-fold, the first part being: “Three Key Elements of Prayer” followed by “Four Things to Do When Praying.”

It was 11:45 a.m. when he finished the first three; he continues, “A fourth thing....I'm closing on this.... You can stand to your feet. A fourth thingFourth key to prayer. Now remember, we are going to pray involved in our prayer. We are going to pray with passion, emotion.....”

As the pastor is speaking, Bobby's focus is interrupted. He hears the sounds of a deluge of rain drops hammering on the roof and sides of the building like a riveter's gun. Resounding clamors of thunder echoed a constant rumbling roar resembling eight large train diesels pulling a long line of freight cars. We planned for a week to have a BBQ this afternoon, and he won't let the rain defeat him. He hears the

pastor's message about praying, and his heart's desire is to prayerfully speak to and command the rain to leave so we can follow through on our plans for the day which will be after church service.

Pastor continues still building into the fourth point saying, ".....caring about our prayer. And we were going to pray in faith. You get faith, by the way, by reading the Word. That way, you know what God's Will is, and you can trust God when you know what He wants. Then also, we are going to pray without ceasing. We aren't going to quit until we can"

With Bobby still concerned about the rain and our plans for an outdoor BBQ, an interruption occurs. God tells Bobby, "SPEAK IT!" And so he does. He turns to me with full assurance speaking with courage and boldness, "The sun has come out!"

(Lamentations 3:37/ICB) Nobody can speak and have it happen unless the Lord commands it.

As Bobby spoke, something miraculous begins occurring

CHAPTER TWO

“The Sound of His Arrival”

The sound of the rumbling thunder and the riveting rain ceases. I now hear, live and in full volume stereo, what sounds like a roaring, loud train mixed with a stage coach of galloping horse hooves coming into the church building. After this, there is a loud lingering screech as if the vehicle has bad brakes. At this time, there is the noise of a huge squeaky door opening. The screeching continues as the door is slamming shut, which sounds like a tremendous loud BANG. It brings back to my memory the horrid noises the old city garbage trucks made from back in the day. These sounds now merge with the voice of my pastor.

Over the years, I have replayed this open vision in my mind and have often wondered why the Creator of the universe and of all things would travel in a vehicle that sounds like it has seen its last days. I am left baffled on this issue.

At this time, the pastor continues speaking on the fourth thing to do when praying. The sound of his voice becomes distant as though he is gradually moving away. Now I can no longer hear him. Other sights and sounds begin fading. *[Ref. Habakkuk 2:20 and Zachariah 2:13]*¹

After Bobby speaks saying, “The sun has come out,” I begin wondering, “How does he know that the sun has come out? If there were windows in this place, the lighting on the inside of this building would change!”

I hear a “still small voice.” It’s as though I am hearing my own thoughts in my own voice. Yet somehow this sounds

different. It is the voice of Almighty God, "LOOK! LOOK FOR THE LIGHT! LOOK AND YOU WILL SEE!"

I begin looking. I look hard, real hard! I cannot and will not let up. My eyes now transfixed on the altar.

Suddenly, WHOOM!!!!!! Not a sound can be heard in the sanctuary. Not even the proverbial deafening sounds of silence. The walls around the platform and the ceiling over it lit up, glowing with a clear bright "golden amber." This glowing light radiates from everything and everywhere like a crystal ball pulsating through the boards, the floors, the sheetrock, and all the materials that makeup the sanctuary. Nothing is visible; everything and everyone vanish from sight upon His appearing. Even the large steel beams supporting the ceiling cannot be seen. [*Ref. Romans 8:30*]²

Permit me to expound: When you see and hear in the spirit realm, things in the natural become invisible and inaudible yet they can still be heard and seen. Although this may sound like an apparent contradiction, it clearly is not. When you are seeing and hearing in the spirit realm, time and life stand still in the presence of Almighty God.

During this experience, much of my thinking is frozen in suspended animation with mainly observation in full play. It's as though a time-lapse in my thought processes and senses are occurring while peace and tranquility are at their best. I can see but cannot hear, smell, taste, or touch. With God ordering me to look for the light, exclaiming that I will "see," His direct command upon my obedience turns into a reality. I become a "visionary" peering into the third heaven.

The pastor introduces the musicians and choir for a special song to end the service. He sits down in the front row to enjoy the music along with the rest of the congregation. [*See II Chronicles 5:13,14*]³

Glancing at the main aisle which leads from the sanctuary entrance doorway to the sanctuary's platform altar, I see "ultra high speed" activity of beings moving to and fro. It is comparable to a highway of heavy traffic. My ability to distinguish detail of their features is taken from me, nevertheless, I know that it is angelic movement. If we all have a personal guardian angel with each of us along with warring and ministering angels, then this all makes sense.

CHAPTER THREE

“The Pillar of Cloud”

The light rays are as bright or even brighter than the noonday sun. Gazing upon its radiance should have brought tears to my eyes. Squinting so I can peer through this awesome “golden amber” radiation, I see what appears to be a cloud-like shape. It creeps along the floor coming from my left-side view of the altar’s hallway entrance, moving e v e r - s o - s l o w l y. In order to visualize the speed at which the Glory of God is traveling, I must paint a mental picture. His movement seems nearly motionless, retarded to less than a snail’s pace, and vaguely visible like the rising and setting of the sun.

Similarly, when watching the sun rising or setting in the distance; it appears to take so long, to move so slow, and to be much closer than it actually is. It’s been calculated that the sun is about 93 million miles from earth, yet the earth is rotating at approximately 1,000 miles per hour.

Let’s travel into space for another analogy. Astronauts have stepped out of their spacecraft into nautical space where the absence of gravity causes them to appear as though they are moving in hyper-slow motion. Actually, they and their spacecraft are traveling at a speed nearing 25,000 miles per hour. Even at this tremendous speed, it takes more than three days to reach the moon. The absence of gravity in nautical space fails to come close to God’s timeless pace.

In comparison, the movement of God’s pillar of cloud and fireball is similar to watching the slow movement of an object in space or the rising or setting of the sun.

In the natural realm, time and distance are measured by one another; they cannot be separated. It takes time to travel from point (A) to point (B). God's movement is not governed by natural laws. The third heaven is in a different dimension, where time and distance have no bearing. To God, a thousand years is as a day and a day is as a thousand years (II Peter 3:8).

God is right before my eyes; while at the same time, He is beyond the other side of intergalactic space, which is the furthest distance we can measure with today's technology. Space continues in all directions and has no known limits.

God moves and does things in ways so as not to startle or frighten. Perhaps, this could be another reason why His cloud of Glory is moving slowly across the altar' floor.

The cloud is approximately seven feet long, four feet tall. He glistens and glows, hovering and pulsating, mimicking the motions of seaweed swept by the current on the ocean's floor. [*Ref. Acts 7:55 and Psalm 17:15*]⁴

Just as Bobby tells me, "The sun has come out," God's presence becomes visible to my spiritual eyes. I now begin seeing Him come out.

How odd...I am looking for sun light and see God's marvelous, glorious, Spirit of Light making a grand entrance from behind the sanctuary. A vaporous mist of light – (His glorious Spirit) – comes through the dark hallways from behind the sanctuary, through the open-way of the baptistery.

I see His glory traveling ever-so-slowly in the form of a cloud of intense glowing light while everyone on the altar and in the sanctuary fades away as though suddenly becoming invisible. He now removes all obstacles for me to see Him. My eyes shift, in that fixed trance, onto the bottom of His Pillar of Cloud, and I see countless finger-like

projections underneath – a form of transportation for the body of His spiritual cloud to travel on. The only thing I can think of to describe this is a caterpillar. Caterpillars are long with many short legs to travel on. God's Pillar of Cloud moves in super hyper-slow motion. Underneath the Pillar of Cloud, I see His fingers undulating as if to be gently dusting the altar's floor. *[Ref. Numbers 12:5 and Revelations 21:11]*⁵

He is so radiant that I grow to be in awe of His Him. My eyes widen and mouth drops wide open while I absorb His grand entrance into His house of worshipers.

CHAPTER FOUR

“Sedated by a Trance”

I'm in such awe of this God-show, I feel as though it is a dream of some sort. He now places a mighty trance upon me, keeping my eyes wide open to His Shekinah Glory. *[Ref. Numbers 24:4 and Isaiah 60:1]*⁶

I wonder what my reaction would have been had I not been tranquilized by God? Would I have screamed in fear? Would I have yelled out to the congregation, "Hey! Do you all see what I am seeing?" Perhaps I would have fainted. I just know that I did have 100 percent peace and tranquility.

There are many Biblical references to individuals whom God places into a trance and which relates to having a vision from God. In one instance, the Apostle Paul speaks of falling into a trance-like state. Paul talks about a person who saw the glory of God and who had fallen into a trance. It is believed by many that he was referring to himself.

Peter had a vision and had fallen into a trance: *[Acts 10:9-11] (9) The next day at about the sixth hour, as the men were approaching the city on their journey, Peter went up on the roof to pray. (10) He became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. (11) He saw heaven open and something like a large sheet being placed down to earth by its four corners....*

[Numbers 24:16/NLT] the message of one who hears the words of God, who has knowledge from the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who bows down with eyes wide open....

I can just imagine the Lord saying, "Honey.....I have to put you into a trance so that you can handle what I am about to show you! Here is your spiritual shot of high-dose valium

and a mild anesthesia. You will remain calm and experience utmost peace during this time."

CHAPTER FIVE

“Spiritual Bodies”

The choir that was taken away from my sight now reappears back into my line of vision.

Pulsating amber-gold light illuminates from the altar – around, above, and now, through the members of the choir. Each person becomes as still as a mannequin, radiating in His Glory. They are visible, yet are frozen in the Glory of God. His intense rays of light is growing greater and greater. Many of the choir and band members are glowing. I see my magnificent heavenly Father, slowly rising above them. *[Exodus 14:24]*⁷

I ponder, “Lord, God, they’re not moving. Are they moving in the natural?”

He shows me a glimpse of their movement while keeping them fixed in their transfigured state. With my eyes still focused on His Glory, I see, without looking, each member move and freeze, move and freeze, move and freeze as if to be watching a motion movie film clip frame by frame. When I realize life is still going on the natural realm, He again freezes everyone and everything. Nothing is able to move in His splendorous company. Yet while remaining in the spirit realm of the third heaven, I know the musicians continue to worship Him on their instruments, and the choir continues to sing praises to God’s Holy name. *[Ref. Psalm 108:1-5; Matt. 17:2]*⁸

A shaft of light comes piercing from within His glory, and I see a lady standing far stage-right; her head glowing as if to be a tremendous light bulb, an intensity of wattage beyond human comprehension. Encompassed in God’s glory,

her head is shone brighter than the sun; her clothing looks to be a radiant white light. [Ref. *Matt. 13:43; 17:2; Eccles. 8:1; Malachi 4:2; II Corinthians 3:7*]⁹

The light shining from that woman burns my eyes, causing me to turn my gaze to the woman standing next to her who is outlined by the brilliance of a glowing light, dazzling into an array of colors, outlining her contour with the shades of a rainbow. [Ref. *Ezekiel 1:27; Revelation 10:1*]¹⁰

Another woman – standing center stage – is outlined with a glowing light. I see within her a desire to please God; peace and joy creates a soft white glow, filling her temple. Her garments are clear as crystal, having nothing but the color of white light.

While yet, still another woman – who stands in the forefront leading the praise and worship – is outlined in a metallic white glow. Her head is shown with an intense beaming light, nevertheless, it is softer than that which radiated from the first lady. [Ref. *Luke 2:9*]¹¹

As His cloud of glory continues slowly rising behind the choir, their physical bodies are transformed before my very eyes into spiritual bodies. I can see right through them as if to be looking through an empty glass. Peering into the depths of their ghost, the glowing light of God's Holy Spirit fills their emptiness like prisms in a crystal chandelier. [Ref. *Rev. 4:6; II Corinth. 3:18; Matt. 6:22; Psalm 67:1*]¹²

There are differences in each individual's appearance; SOME glow DAZZLING much brighter than others.... [Ref. *I Corinth. 15:39-41; Job 23:28; Proverbs 4:18*]¹³

There is a man in the choir I try to look at but have much difficulty placing my eyes of him. Each time I attempt, my focus instantaneously repels like oil refusing to mix with water. Maintaining a persistent determination to see this soul

of a person, I refuse give up! Two or three tries to gain visual contact is comparable to a quick game of tennis until there comes a brief onslaught. In, what could have been, a nanosecond of observation, I see that he is not glowing nor is he “frozen” in God’s presence. He’s in the natural, continuing to move with God’s cloud rising, while the other stand still glowing in God’s light. [Ref. *Habakkuk 1:13; Exodus 40:34-37; Matthew 6:29*]¹⁴

Focusing on that man, in retrospect, I would eventually begin to wonder if he was not touched by God’s glory because he was filled with something other than the Spirit of God. Was he not holy and pure in the Lord’s glorious presence?

He becomes blurred, distorted, and crystallized, disintegrating as if to be crushed into minute particles of dust, crumbling to the ground. He vanished. [Ref. *Job 4:16-20*]¹⁵

The light within three other choir members appears dim, flickering and wavering much like a light bulb on a generator running out of gas. As difficult as it is to look upon them in their degenerated condition, my concern of their spiritual lives is heightened at God’s presence. [Ref. *James 1:6-8*]¹⁶

Those wavering appear to be distantly lingering in the background; barely existing. I wonder if the dim flickering light within them will totally burn out. [Ref. *Rev. 3:15*]¹⁷

My eyes slowly scan the altar’s stage for one final glimpse of the musicians and singers. Their bodies from the neck down appear insignificant in contrast to the radiant glory shown in their faces. All who are glowing with God’s marvelous rays of light are robed in long white gowns.

The white robes symbolize a “wedding garment” which represents the **garment of salvation** and the **robe of**

righteousness. According to the Prophet Isaiah, these things are necessities for a wedding. [*Ref. Isaiah 61:10; Rev. 7:13-15*]¹⁸

Before long, I find myself looking at my left knee. It is as clear as glass. This is all that God permits me to see. The focus is not to be on me.

God's presence is growing, expanding and changing shape and form. I am aware there are people all around me in the congregation, yet in the spirit realm, they are frozen in their seats. Nothing can move at the glorious presence of the Spirit of Almighty God!!! Nothing!! Absolutely nothing! [*Ref. Exodus 40:37; Psalm 19:1-5*]¹⁹

CHAPTER SIX

“Liquid Fire on the Wall”

Everything is standing still including time as Heavenly Father's brilliant cloud **quickly** swells into an upper and lower layer of smoke, expanding up and outward, down and outward, above and below the choir, then outward from the altar.

Notice how the speed of the movement of the Lord's glory changes. He travels speedily in "super rapid motion" in one scene then suddenly and drastically treks in the slowest-of-slow "hyper-slow" motion in the next scene.

His cloud, now a thin vapor of smoky white light, is traveling **ever-so-slowly**, rising and spreading toward his body of worshipers. The bright light, the mist, this pure white fog which is pulsating and hovering – rises above the altar, growing and spreading, filling the entire building with the brilliant white light of God and smoky white clouds of glory. *[Ref. Isaiah 6:3; Rev. 15:8]²⁰*

Suddenly, the layers of smoke begin burning then **quickly** join together at the foot of the altar's stage, swiftly traveling over and onto the wall on the side of the sanctuary where I am sitting. The smoke – the vapor – God's cloud burst into a fireball; three and a half feet long, two feet high; in a shape resembling Halley's Comet. Burning swells of liquid fire is rolling within itself. It is trimmed in a brilliant white-gold light so pure like nothing I have ever witnessed on this earth.

God's Holy Word tells me that He is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29). His fireball is so intense, it should consume

everything; yet, just as when Moses saw the burning bush, nothing was burned by His fire (Exodus 3:2).

I understand the meaning of the expression “like a moth to the flame,” for I am likewise drawn to God. I have no thought nor desire to look anywhere else but to gaze intently at Him as He travels along the wall, coming directly at me.

He is passing the wall-banners which bear His name. They begin glowing and radiating His glory. A sparkling opalescent array of brilliant colors dance three feet outward from the banners, praising His name. Amber-gold dominates the multiplicity of color. In God’s trail, He leaves a glistening wake. The only descriptive thing on the face of this earth that might resemble the sparks that are shooting out from the banners would be a powerful fireworks sparkler that people light during some of the holiday seasons.

His ball of fire stops mid-line on the wall, spewing out a mist of vapor. A white, smoky canopy travels over the people with a destination to reach a certain chosen few. Perhaps they are being anointed or maybe their prayers are being answered as He reaches out to them. God allows me to look no further than mid-line view, nor is a view of the congregation permitted. My eyes can only follow His vaporous white mist traveling across the sanctuary. Obviously He does not want to expose or reveal the individuals He is reaching out to.

Near the altar’s stage, a tremendous light many times brighter than the sun shows upward. The blinding rays illuminate so bright, my trance-like gaze brushes the edges of its horizon. I wonder if it is His glorious light coming from the form of my pastor. Perhaps it is Jesus standing there. I don’t know, I cannot look upon it. [*Ref. Job 37:21. 22; Acts 26:13; Psalm 84:11; Acts 2:19*]

Clearly, God's intention and desire is for my eyes to remain on the fullness of His glory. When I question if there is a congregation in the sanctuary, I briefly see – without looking as if to have spiritual eyes inside and out – a glimpse of their spiritual bodies from behind and an array of wavering souls. I can see in a 360 degree radius while still focusing on the altar, as if I have eyes all around.

Some of the congregation dazzle multiple sparks of colors; others flicker, while many, who are spread throughout, are showing in the physical. [*Ref. Psalm 80:3*]²²

Even though I see the congregation's spiritual bodies, still it hurts my eyes to look upon those who do not show forth the light of God.

His glory overpowers the natural elements; the ceiling and walls are no longer to be seen. Everything becomes like glass. The light of His glory permeates the elements so much so, even the molecules of air illuminate the glow of His glory. I cannot see anything outside the sanctuary except the light of His glory. It is rising like the sun to a noontime high, right where the ceiling had been, as though I could reach out and touch it. His glory is now sitting in place of the roof, shining down and around, encompassing the people, the church. [*Ref. Zach. 2:4; Isaiah 63:15; Psalm 113:3-6 and 123:1*]²³

Please realize that the true church is not the elements which comprise a physical building. The church is each individual which, collectively, makes up the Body of Christ.

Momentarily, nothing else exists but God's church (the members of the congregation) and the banners, emblazoned with glory, still hanging on the now glass walls.

My eyes slowly shift in reverse, moving along God's canopy of drifting white smoke. Once again, I gaze into His

shapely fireball on the wall, which continues toward me, still ever-so-slowly. He stopped to my immediate left.

My eyes are fixed on Him. It appears He, in turn, is gazing right back at me, and allowing me to see the presence of His Glory. Still better, I can see His glowing outline of pure white light, giving Him that oval, comet-like shape.

Now, in a trance, I peer deep within Him. Liquid swells of burning fire moves. It is rolling within itself as if to be slowly boiling, likened to the liquid hot fire of molten steel or the slow rolling action of a candy's soft-boil stage.

In comparison, the ocean, when smooth as glass, reflects the sun as though the water is on fire. Suddenly, a swell rises brining the reflection up with it rolling around and around within itself. *[Ref. Rev. 15:2]²⁴*

He stops on the wall as if to be looking at me. I know there is a person in that fire or to put it more bluntly, He "IS" the fire. I feel love coming from Him and my love going out to Him. It is truly a love story!

A vaporous layer! A mist of illuminating smoke forms a canopy! It comes forth from out of the fire, slowly transported through the air, coming directly above my head. *[Ref. Zechariah 2:5; Ezekiel 1:27, 28 and 1:4]²⁵*

My eyes are still fixed on Him. Neither one does blink. He controls the direction in which I look, commanding me not to take them off of Him, not even for a blink of an eye. *[Ref. Ecclesiastes 7:11, 12 and 11:7]²⁶*

I want to continue watching through spiritual eyes, but at that very moment, when His canopy of smoke reaches over my head, it is as though a physiological reflex suddenly kicks in. With my head slightly cocked upward, eyes following the movement of God's traveling canopy, I immediately shut them, turning my head down and away. Either He shut my

eyes or perhaps it is His overwhelming glory causing me to momentarily look away. I do not know. I now lift my head up; opening my eyes all to find that the vision I am seeing has left me. All as gone back into the natural elements in the natural realm. [*Ref. Isaiah 29:10; Ezekiel 11:24*]²⁷

My soul cries out from within, "Noooooo! Please don't goooo! Don't leave me!"

From this....I receive an even greater understanding of scripture relating to keeping my eyes on God's eternal presence, which in the past, I thought I understood. Now, I understand in a much, much greater way, "Don't take your eyes off of God! Don't look back! Hold fast!"

*****AMEN*****

Reminiscing, God allowed me to rest my spiritual eyes on His cloud and fire of glory for a brief period of time which, at the same time, seemed to be as long as a good slow rain seeping into dry ground. It felt as though a time-lapse had occurred; as if time had stood still in the spirit realm. God had interrupted the world's natural laws of time and space.

For two and a half years, I didn't know why I had looked down and away from the canopy of drifting smoke. Looking away seemed to cause the vision to come to an end. God's grace, love and mercy is so great that He caused my eyes to close because it was time for Him to withdraw the manifestation of His presence. He knew that I was so enraptured in where I was that if I saw Him withdrawing from me, I conceivably would have followed Him in my spirit, leaving my body lifeless. It was not time to leave this earth to be with Him in His Eternal Kingdom. I am not finished with what He wants me to do. At the time, all I knew

was, "This is real! But is this real? I know I'm not dreaming. But am I really dreaming?" I was in awe of the Glory of God. [See *II Corinthians 4:6; Matthew 13:16, 17*]²⁸

Once the open vision comes to an end, it is immediately removed or suppressed from our memories as if nothing had ever transpired. Bobby and I didn't speak of that which we had seen until later that night. He temporarily hid this magnificent vision from our memories. Later, that same day, the Lord brought His glory back into our remembrance. [Ref. *John 14:26*]²⁹

CHAPTER SEVEN

“Back to Remembrance”

It was ten o'clock at night when Bobby and I sat at the computer to write down the events of the day. Before we began, I asked for us to pray. He turned to take my hand and suddenly looked at me intensely, “Did you see that in church service today? When I turned to you and said, ‘The sun has come out,’ did you see what happened? That was the Glory of God! We had, I believe, a visitation, a manifestation of the Glory of God!”

“BOOM!” Suddenly and drastically all that I had seen of the Glory of God made a dashing leap, with great impact, in my mind's memory bank! Our conversation became comparisons of what we had both seen, and the excitement intensified as we painted the picture of the Glory of God.

I wondered if anyone besides Bobby and I had seen the Glory of God this day. [Ref. Deut. 4:29, 30, 36]³⁰

I prayed, “Oh, my Lord, you've blessed me with spiritual eyes to see and ears to hear. You've shown Yourself to me in a pillar of a cloud, through Your mist-like fog, through Your amber glow, through Your radiant white glow, through Your multiplicity of rainbow colors, through Your golden trim outlining the spirits of the people and of Your liquid pool of burning fire. Allow me, my Almighty God, to continue living with my eyes open to You and Your glory. Now that I've seen Your glory, the sanctuary will no longer be desolate in Your presence.” [Ref. Daniel 9:17; Psalm 24:1-10]³¹

CHAPTER EIGHT

“Nothing Moves in His Presence”

It was approximately one month later when I listened to the June 20, 1993 church service tape. Knowing there would be an indication that God was truly present in the sanctuary; I carefully listened and found confirmation. The recording equipment did not duplicate that portion of the service when God manifest Himself before Bobby and me. I continued listening to the master tape and heard our pastor’s voice gradually fade into a time of silence in the presence of God just as I had heard His voice fade within my own hearing at the time of His magnificent glorious appearance. [*Ref. Habakkuk 2:20*]³²

From this, I understood what had happened exactly one year ago when God’s Holy Spirit enveloped me at a women’s meeting and my prophesy was not recorded on tape. Nothing moves in the mighty presence of God. Not even recording equipment!

CHAPTER NINE

“Bobby Shares His Experience”

Dear Reader,

During the time I was in the presence of God’s Glory, I did not think about anyone or anything. It was as though nothing else existed. His presence consumed me so much, I didn’t even think about whether I or anyone else around me was saved. As eternally and extremely important as salvation is, that became inconsequential at the appearance of the Glory of God.

Do not misunderstand me. I am not saying salvation is trivial or to be taken lightly. This book is written that you may know how much God loves and desires for you to be saved and be ushered into His presence eternal. [*Ref. John 3:16*]³³

When Faith described the vaporous clouds and the liquid ball of fire, I actually found myself becoming somewhat envious and even a little jealous, as I did not see all that she saw, in the way that she did.

After turning to her, telling her that the sun has come out, the sanctuary got brighter and brighter. I have stared into a very large beacon such as a searchlight you would see at an airport and have, on several occasions, stared directly at the sun. There are two things I remember about these experiences: (1) the light was so bright it hurt my eyes causing me to squint and tears well up in order to protect my eyes, (2) the shadows from the beacon were much larger than the object it shone on and the shadows from the sun were very solid and dark. This brightness I am attempting to describe to you cannot be compared to even a combination of

the sun and the airport beacon light. It would take many, many suns and all the beacons in the world to begin to come close in luminosity; yet my eyes neither squinted nor teared. Even more astounding is that there were no shadows! His light, His glory was so overpowering, it not only **did not** create shadows, but God's glory drove any and all existing shadows from the sanctuary.

I realize that shadows are a representation of darkness; therefore, when God's glory is present, not even a hint of darkness shall be found present.

I focused my attention to the platform or altar. The choir, the singing and the pastor faded, almost completely, but still dimly visible and audible. I saw a cloud come out from the baptistery, rising up slowly, all the while getting brighter. Everything began to glow as did members of the congregation, yet at the same time, everyone paled in comparison to what I was witnessing. Although I may not have seen as much as many other children of God, I have seen God do wondrous, marvelous, miraculous, spiritual things that cannot be fully described with the limited vocabulary I possess. None the less, what I was witnessing is the most awesome to this point in my life.

His cloud rose slowly, then suddenly split but never separated or parted from itself, likened to a thunderhead in the sky on a hot summer afternoon. It rose and spread toward the ceiling while at the same time lowering and spreading toward the floor and moving out to the walls.

The choir became translucent with three members glowing so bright it was almost impossible to gaze upon them. The same lady Faith had seen was absolutely dazzling, sparkling so bright that only the Glory of God was brighter than she. Another member vanished. I thought perhaps he

was hidden by the glow of the other three. But when I looked at the place where he had been standing, I saw, as it were, fine crystal disintegrated as if by sound waves; becoming pulverize back into sand and dropping quickly to the ground by the weight of the lead it was impregnated with. I kept this in my heart and prayed for him.

Looking at the sanctuary, in panorama, everything was glowing so intensely as God’s cloud of glory moved and slowly filled the temple. The edge of everything was much like the horizon at dawn’s first light, but with an array and brilliance of color unlike any sunrise I have ever seen.

The following is the best way I can describe how I viewed the members of the congregation in his radiant beauty:

“The Glory Chart”

<u>Percentage of People Glowing</u>	<u>Description of Level’s of Glory</u>
1 %	Radiant (Full Glory)
9%	Glowed (Not Full Glory/God’s Presence in them)
40%	Shone (A dimmer Light)
25%	Highlighted only
10%	Flickered and Wavered
15%	Nothing (Dull or Vanished)

I would like to change these numbers around, but; alas, I know I cannot. However, God can if we will humble ourselves, and fast, and pray. I cannot tell you where I was in the percentages, but I do know I saw His glory. Halleluiah!

God's time is His. He does as He wills when He wills. I did not make the decision for the presence of His glory to end when it did; He closed my eyes. When I opened them a few seconds later, His glory was gone along with any memory of my witnessing such a glorious sight. I could not remember His glory but felt a deep and dreaded emptiness in his absence. Faith thoroughly agrees to having experienced that same dreaded emptiness.

If I continue describing what I saw, I would only be repeating most of what Faith has already written. But I will tell you this; the words we used to describe all that we saw and all that God has done fail to come close to His wonderful, marvelous glory. Glory, glory, glory to God forever and ever! [Ref. Rev. 21:23-27; Isaiah 60:19-21]³⁴

“Closing”

Reader, there are some individuals in the world today who combat against the light of God. They are the ones who cannot understand Him; for unto them, His ways are found to be strange, mysterious, and deviating from what is considered the socially acceptable norm according to the world's standards. Neither do they remain in the lighted path (*Job 24:13*). With all my heart, I pray that you WILL NOT be found among those who waver from the light but that you will “remain steadfast in the faith – (*I Corinthians 16:13, Colossians 2:5*)” allowing God to reign supreme each day in all that you do and in all that you are.

I hope you take this time right now to turn your life completely over to Jesus Christ. After having witnessed the manifestation of the “Glory of God” and after having witnessed seeing the “spiritual bodies” of many individuals, I have come to a greater realization of the importance of keeping God's complete Holy Word intact and active in my life. Won't you take this time, here and now, to make your commitment to Jesus Christ?

The Purpose of This Book

This publication is **not** intended as a biblical addition to God's Holy Word, the Bible, **nor** is it my intent to subtract from any of the Holy Scriptures. However, this book does contain some scripture references as confirmation to me from God that the vision of His Glory was, indeed, from Him and not a counterfeit.

It is not my desire to gain profit from this book. My motive for selling this book is that I may save souls through Jesus Christ, and any finances generated as a result of selling this book will be submitted toward the production costs, such as publishing, printing and distribution. In the future, this book may be translated into other languages, which will take finances to translate it. A website for this book will be created, which might take finances for its establishment and maintenance. Any monetary compensation received in regards to this book, pays for the expense of travel that may occur for public speaking engagements in relation to this book. In a nutshell, the sole purpose of this book is not to create self-financial gain, but to reach the lost at all costs.

*[Isaiah 45:13/KJV] I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and **he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward**, saith the Lord of hosts."*

Making Your Commitment

Now is the time to turn your life over to Jesus Christ. All you need to do is confess your sins (Romans 10:9, 10) and make it the number one priority to refrain from entering back into that which you have confessed. Ask Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of your life. In Matthew 10:33, Jesus said that whosoever would confess Him before men, He would also acknowledge that same person before His Heavenly Father. Tell Christian friends and family about your commitment.

APPENDIX

Bible References

ICB = International Children's Bible (New Century Version)

KJV = King James Version

TLB = Living Bible

NI = New International

RSV = Revised Standard Version

- 1 *(Habakkuk 2:20/KJV) But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth **KEEP SILENT BEFORE HIM.***

(Zechariah 2:13/KJV) Be silent, Oh all flesh, before the Lord: for He (the Glory of God) is raised up out of His holy habitation.

- 2 *(Romans 8:30/TLB) And having chosen us, He called us to come to Him; and when we came, He declared us **NOT GUILTY**, filled us with Christ's goodness, gave us right standing with Himself, and **PROMISED US HIS GLORY.***

- 3 *(II Chronicles 5:13,14/KJV) (13) It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good; for His mercy endureth forever: that then the house was filled with a CLOUD, even the house of the Lord; (14) So that the **PRIESTS COULD NOT STAND TO MINISTER BY REASON OF THE CLOUD:** for the **GLORY OF THE LORD** had filled the house of God ...*

- 4 (Acts 7:55/ICB) *But Stephen was so full of the Holy Spirit. He looked up to Heaven and saw the Glory of God.*
(Psalm 17:15/RSV) *As for me, I shall behold Thy Face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with beholding Thy form.*
- 5 (Numbers 12:5/KJV) *And the Lord came down in the PILLAR OF THE CLOUD, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.*
- (Revelations 21:11/ICB) *It was shining with the GLORY of God. It was shining bright like a very expensive jewel, like jasper. It was clear as crystal.*
- 6 (Numbers 24:4/KJV) *He hath said which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a TRANCE, but having his EYES OPEN:(Isaiah 60:1/KJV) Arise, shine for thy LIGHT is come and the GLORY of the Lord is RISEN UPON THEE.*
- 7 (Exodus 14:24/KJV) *And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of Egyptians through the PILLAR OF FIRE and of the CLOUD...*
- 8 (Psalms 108:1-5/KJV) (1) *O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. (2) Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. (3) I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations. (4) For thy mercy is great above the heavens; and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. (5) Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy Glory above all the earth;*

(Matthew 17:2/KJV) And was transfigured before them; and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

- 9 *(Ecclesiastes 8:1/KJV) A man's wisdom maketh his face to SHINE, and the BOLDNESS OF HIS FACE SHALL BE CHANGED.*

(Matthew 13:43/KJV – Jesus speaks) Then shall the righteous SHINE forth as the SUN in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

(Malachi 4:2/KJV) But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise ...

(II Corinthians 3:7/ICB) ...Moses' face was so bright with GLORY that the people of Israel could not continue to look at his face. And the Glory later disappeared.

- 10 *(Ezekiel 1:27, 28/ICB) (27) Then I noticed what he looked like from the waist up.... I saw a bright light all around him. (28) The glow around him looked like a RAINBOW in the clouds on a rainy day. It seemed to look like the Glory of the Lord...*

(Revelation 10:1/ICB) He was dressed in a cloud and had a RAINBOW around his head.

- 11 *(Luke 2:9/KJV) and the glory of the Lord shone round about them*

- 12 *(Revelation 4:6/ICB) Also before the throne was something that looked like a sea of GLASS. It was CLEAR LIKE CRYSTAL.*

(II Corinthians 3:18/KJV) *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the **GLORY OF THE LORD**, are changed into the same image from **GLORY TO GLORY**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*
(Matthew 6:22/KJV) *The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, the whole body shall be full of light.*

(Psalm 67:1/KJV) *God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us;Selah!*

- 13 (1 Corinthians 15:39-41/KJV) (39) *All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. (40) There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the **GLORY** of the celestial is one, and the **GLORY** of the terrestrial is another. (41) There is one **GLORY** of the sun, and another **GLORY** of the moon, and another **GLORY** of the stars: for **one star differeth from another star in the GLORY.***

(Job 23:28/KJV) *Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the **LIGHT shall shine upon thy ways.***

(Proverbs 4:18/KJV) *But the path of the just is as the **SHINING LIGHT**, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

- 14 (Habakkuk 1:13/NI) *Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong ...*

“The Cloud Over the Holy Tent”

(Exodus 40:34-37/ICB) (34) *Then the cloud covered the meeting tent. The greatness of the Lord filled the Holy tent. (35) Moses*

could not enter the meeting tent. This was because the cloud had settled on it. And this was because the greatness of the Lord filled the Holy tent. (36) When the cloud rose from the Holy tent, the Israelites would begin to travel. (37) But as long as the cloud stayed on the Holy tent, **THE PEOPLE DID NOT TRAVEL**. They stayed in that place until the cloud rose.

(Matthew 6:29/KJV) And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

15 (Job 4:16-20/ICB) (16) The Spirit stopped, but I could not see what it was. A shape stood before my eyes, and I heard a quiet voice. (17) It said, "Can a man be pure before the one who made him? (18) God does not trust his servants. He even blames his angels for mistakes. (19) So he puts even more blame on people who live in clay houses." The foundations of these houses are made of **DUST**. They can be **CRUSHED** more easily than a moth. (20) Between dawn and sunset, they are broken to pieces. They are not noticed. They die and are gone forever.

16 (James 1:6-8/KJV)(6) ... For he that **WAVERETH** is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. (7) For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. (8) A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

17 (Revelation 3:15, 16/ICB) (15) I know what you do. You are not hot or cold. I wish that you were hot or cold! (16) But you are only warm – not hot, not cold. So I am ready to spit you out of my mouth.

18 [Isaiah 61:10/KJV] I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my god; for he hath clothed me with the **garments of**

*salvation, he hath covered me with the **robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*

*(Revelation 7:13-15/ICB) (13) Who are these people in **White Robes**? Where did they come from? (14) They have **washed their robes with the blood of the Lamb**. Now they are clean and white. (15) And they are before the throne of God. They worship God day and night in his temple. And the One who sits on the throne will protect them.*

19 *(Exodus 40:37) But as long as the cloud stayed on the Holy tent, the PEOPLE DID NOT TRAVEL. They stayed in that place until the cloud rose.*

(Psalm 19:1-5/KJV) (1) The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. (2) Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. (3) There is NO SPEECH nor LANGUAGE, where their voice is not heard. (4) Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the SUN, (5) which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

20 *(Isaiah 6:3, 4/KJV) And one (Seraphim) cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. (4) ... and the house was filled with smoke.*

(Revelation 15:8/ICB) The temple was filled with smoke from the GLORY and the POWER of God.

21 (Job 37:21, 22/NI) (21) Now no one can look at the SUN bright as it is in the skies after the wind has swept them clean. (22) Out of the north He comes in golden splendor; God comes in awesome majesty.

(Acts 26:13/KJV) At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, ABOVE THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE SUN, shining

(Psalm 84:11/KJV) For the Lord God is a SUN and shield: the Lord will give grace and GLORY: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

“Joel Prophesied”

(Acts 2:19/KJV) And I will shew **WONDERS** in heaven above, and **SIGNS** in the earth beneath; blood, and **FIRE** and **VAPOUR OF SMOKE**:

22 (Psalm 80:3/KJV) turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to SHINE; and we shall be saved.

23 (Zechariah 2:4/KJV) Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns **WITHOUT WALLS** for the multitude of men

(Isaiah 63:15/KJV) Look down (god looks down) from heaven, and behold from the habitation of Thy holiness and of Thy Glory:

(Psalm 113:3-6/ICB) (3) The Lord’s Name should be praised from where the sun rises to where it sets. (4) The Lord is supreme over all the nations (the people). His glory reaches to the skies. (5) No one is like the Lord our God. He rules from heaven. (6) He bends down to look at the skies and the earth.

(Psalm 123:1/KJV) Unto thee (God) lift I up mine eyes, O thou (God) that dwellest in the heavens.

24 *(Revelation 15:2/ICB) I saw what looked like a **SEA OF GLASS MIXED WITH FIRE**...*

25 *(Zechariah 2:5/KJV) For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a **WALL OF FIRE ROUND ABOUT**, and will be the **GLORY** in the midst of her.*

(Ezekiel 1:27, 28/ICB) (27) He looked like glowing metal with fire inside it I saw a bright light all around him. (28) It seemed to look like the Glory of the Lord

*(Ezekiel 1:4/KJV) And I looked, and behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a **FIRE INFOLDING ITSELF**, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of **AMBER**, out of the midst of the **FIRE**.*

26 *(Ecclesiastes 7:11, 12/KJV) (11) Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the **SUN**. (12) For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.*

*(Ecclesiastes 11:7/KJV) Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the **SUN**.*

27 *(Isaiah 29:10/KJV) For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep (a trance), and hath closed your eyes*

*(Ezekiel 11:24/KJV) ... So the **VISION** that I had seen went up from me.*

“Preaching the Good News”

28 (II Corinthians 4:6/ICB) God once said, “Let the LIGHT SHINE out of the darkness!” And this is the same God who made his LIGHT SHINE in our hearts. He gave us LIGHT by letting us know the GLORY OF GOD that is in the face of Christ.

(Matthew 13:16, 17/KJV) Jesus speaks: (16) But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. (17) For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those thing which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

29 (John 14:26/KJV) but the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall TEACH YO ALL THINGS, and BRING ALL THINGS TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE, whatsoever I have said unto you.

30 (Deuteronomy 4:29/KJV) But even from thence thou shalt seek the Lord they God, though shalt find him, even thou seek Him with all they heart and with all they soul.

(Deuteronomy 4:30/KJV) even in the later days, if thou turn to the Lord they God, and shalt be obedient unto His Voice;

(Deuteronomy 4:36/KJV) Out of heaven He made thee to hear His Voice, that He might instruct thee: and upon earth He shewed thee HIS GREAT FIRE

31 (Daniel 9:17/KJV) Now, therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy **FACE TO SHINE UPON THY SANCTUARY** that is desolate, for the Lord’s sake.

(Psalm 24:1-10/KJV) (1) The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. (2) For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. (3) Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? (4) He that hath CLEAN HANDS and a PURE HEART; who hath NOT LIFTED UP HIS SOUL UNTO VANITY, NOR SWORN DECEITFULLY. (5) He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the god of his salvation. (6) This is the generation of them that SEEK HIM, that seek thy face, O Jacob. (7) Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the KING OF GLORY shall come in. (8) Who is this King of Glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. (9) Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the KING OF GLORY SHALL COME IN. (10) Who is the King of Glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of Glory. Selah.

32 *(Habakkuk 2:20/KJV) But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep SILENCE BEFORE HIM.*

³³*(John 3:16/KJV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

The New Jerusalem

34 *(Revelation 21:23-27/ICB) (23) The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it. The GLORY OF GOD is its light, and the Lamb is the city's lamp. (24) By its light, the people of the world will walk. The city's gates will never be shut on any day, because there is no night there. (26) The greatness and the honor of the nations will be brought into it. (27) Nothing unclean will ever*

enter the city. No one who does shameful things or tells lies will ever go into it. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will enter the city.

(Isaiah 60:19-21/ICB) (19) The sun will no longer be your light during the day. The light from the moon will no longer be your light. This is because the Lord will be your light forever. Your God will be your glory. (20) Your sun will never set again. Your moon will never be dark again. This is because the Lord will be your light forever. And your time of sadness will end. (21) All of your people will do what is right. They will receive the earth forever. They are the plant I have planted. I made them with my own hands to show my greatness.