

THE GLORY OF THE GOSPEL IN YAHSHUA'S FACE OVERWHELMED THE GLORY OF THE LAW IN MOSES' FACE

(Exodus34:28-33; II Corinthians 3:10-18)

Shekinah Glory is a visible manifestation of God on earth, whose presence is portrayed through a natural occurrence. The word shekinah is a Hebrew name meaning "dwelling" or "one who dwells". Shekinah Glory means "He caused to dwell," referring to the divine presence of God. It is the majestic presence or manifestation of God in which He descends to dwell among men. Whenever the invisible God becomes visible, and whenever the omnipresence of God is localized, this is the Shekinah Glory."

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When our Lord and Savior came to earth as a baby, a bright star shone in that dark night announcing His birth. That was a very special star. The Magi of those days well understood the meaning of that star and took years traveling to meet the King that star was pointing to. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them, (the shepherds) and the glory of the Lord flashed and shone all about them and they were terribly frightened; but the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the town of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord! (Luke 2:11). The Shekinah Glory of the Gospel is YAHSHUA incarnated, bringing forgiveness to all who will receive Him as Lord and Savior- as the Son of God. John testified about Him and cried out, This was He of Whom I said He Who comes after me has priority over me, for He was before me. For out of His fullness, we have all received one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift, for **while the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through YAHSHUA Messiah.** (John 1:15-17).

When God came to mount Sinai, in His holiness, He came to establish the law with all its demands and consequences to covenant with Israel. The Bible says, Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, for the Lord Descended upon it in fire; its smoke ascended like that of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. (Exodus 19). God showed Israel His holiness, as never they had seen before. He said to Moses, Write these words, for after the purpose and character of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel; Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he ate no bread and drank no water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tables of the testimony in his hand, he did not know that the skin of his face shone and sent forth beams by reasons of his speaking with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone and they feared to come near him...Afterword, all Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all the Lord had said to him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on

his face. The Israelites saw the face of Moses, how the skin of it shone; and Moses put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with God (Exodus34).

In II Corinthians 3 we read a comparison Paul makes between the glory of the Law shone in the face of Moses and the glory of the Gospel, shone on the face of YAHSHUA. For if the service that condemns had glory, Paul said, how infinitely more abounding in splendor and glory must be the service that makes righteous! Indeed, in view of this fact, what once had splendor [the glory of the Law in the face of Moses] has come to have no splendor at all, because of the overwhelming glory that exceeds and excels it [the glory of the Gospel in the face of YAHSHUA Messiah]. For if that which was but passing and fading away came with splendor, how much more must that which remains and is permanent abide in glory and splendor! Since we have such [glorious] hope, we speak very freely and openly and fearlessly. Nor [do we act] like Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze upon the finish of the vanishing [splendor which had been upon it]. In fact, their minds were grown hard and calloused; [they had become dull and had lost the power of understanding; for until this present day, when the Old Testament (the old covenant) is being read, that same veil still lies [on their hearts], not being lifted [to reveal] that in Christ is made void and done away... But whenever a person turns [in repentance] to the Lord, the veil is stripped off and taken away. Now, the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (II Cor. 3: 10-17).

Paul said the code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive. Now if the dispensation of death engraved in letters on stone, was inaugurated with such glory and splendor that the Israelites were not able to look steadily at the face of Moses because of its brilliance, [a glory] that was to fade and pass away, why should not the dispensation of the Spirit be attended with much greater and more splendid glory? (3: 6b-8). The Law has no power to save, in that YAHSHUA came and fulfilled it. It condemned and put to death those who broke it. While the glory of the Gospel in its brilliance and splendor through the sacrificial work and love of our Lord forgives, and save the sinner. Many remain in the darkness of the faded glory of the Law, which shone only on Moses' face temporarily. Moses put a veil over his face and removed only at the presence of God. Today, this veil remains covering the understanding of the Israelites, when the Law is read to them. The only remedy for that is repentance of sins and turning to the Lord. The veil will then be stripped off and taken away (3:15-16). YAHSHUA is our salvation. The glory and splendor of the Gospel is powerful to transform through the word of God those who are unveiled, in every increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another (3:18). YAHSHUA said, I am the **Way**, the **Truth** and the **Life**; He is the Light of the world, its Splendor and Glory. We behold as in the mirror, the glory of the Lord, as we are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another (3:18).

We, His children, are supplied with one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and favor upon favor and gift upon gift, for while the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through YAHSHUA Messiah (John 1:16-17). The splendor of the glory of the Gospel is ever increasing through the spiritual blessings our Lord YAHSHUA gave us. Paul gives a list of all the spiritual blessings in the letter to the Ephesians. It is a very rich in blessings

book; In fact, it is the bank account of the Christian. The glory of the Gospel sparkles in this book. In chapter one, we have all the spiritual blessings given us; in chapter two we have the very life of Christ; we are saved by grace and in verse six, we are raised up together with Christ; sitting with Him in the heavenly sphere; in verse 10 through the church the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety and innumerable aspects might now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities in the heavenly sphere; in chapter 4 we are given gifts in order to perfect and full equip the saints; in chapter 5 we are instructed to redeem the time, making the very most of it, because the days are evil; the church of Christ is being sanctified having being cleansed by the washing of water with the Word; in chapter six we are equipped to fight the enemy with the armor of God.

The glory that will be reviewed to us, is the shekinah glory in which YAHSHUA lives. We will see Him face to face and be as He is... But for those who embraced the Law, trying to fulfill it, in order to be saved, there will not be glory for them, because "we are saved by grace through faith; it is a gift of God; not because of works, lest any man should boast." That's the splendor of the glory of the Gospel in YAHSHUA'S face that overwhelms the glory of the Law in Moses' face, which was not permanent, but temporary. Moses asked the Lord, Show me Your glory in a time when the nation failed God by committing idolatry against Him, for breaking the covenant with Him. The glory of God is embedded in His goodness. Moses was not allowed to see the face of God and live, so God showed him His goodness and did what he requested of him, because, He said, You have found favor, loving-kindness and mercy in My sight, and I know you personally and by name. (Exodus 33:17). The desire of every Christian should be that of shining the glory of the Gospel, by radiating the rays of the glory of YAHSHUA, by having a close relationship with God. Moses found favor with Him and his prayer was answered because God said, I know you personally and by name. How about you and me? Does God know us personally and by name? Are we able to hear His voice and reflect the splendor of His glory?

THINK ABOUT IT!