



GLORY IN UNITY....

Introduction:

We are always asking God for things! It is good to pray and ask... and we are instructed in Zechariah chapter 10 : 1 to ask for 'RAIN IN THE TIME OF THE LATTER RAIN' But how often do we take the time and trouble to hear what God is wanting from us? Relationship is two-way.... And often answers to our prayers are slow in coming, because we have not taken the time and trouble to hear from God – what He requires from us!!!

We long for the GLORY TO FALL.... But there are certain conditions that we need to meet in order for this to happen.

“GLORY” IS REVEALED BY A DIVINE VISITATION IN SOME WAY, where the SUPERNATURAL SUPERSEDES THE NATURAL, bringing thanksgiving and praise to the Lord.

In Philippians chapter 2, we see that Jesus when He came to earth laid aside His glory... Instead of the glory of Heaven, where He is OMNIPOTENT, OMNISCIENT AND OMNI-PRESENT,

He laid it aside and took on Himself the form of a man, a servant.... Humbling Himself.

In fact, He was as limited as we are... with human facilities! River Jordan at His baptism, when the Spirit descended on Him like a dove.... It was only then that He was endued with POWER FROM ON HIGH..... and could move in the miraculous!

The first account is in John 2:1-11.... 'This, the first of His miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus REVEALED HIS GLORY, and His disciples put their faith in Him.' THE NATURAL WATER WAS CHANGED INTO SUPERNATURAL WINE!

Whenever the miraculous took place, He manifested His glory... and God the Father was glorified as a result!

1. John 17 The prayer of Jesus reveals the desire of His heart!

'That they all may be ONE as We are ONE... that the world may believe that You have sent Me.' UNITY WAS ESSENTIAL....

The early church was used in the miraculous, and brought glory to the Father as a result. Before they could... there needed to be an OUTPOURING OF GOD'S GLORY.....

2. DAY PENTECOST.... Luke 24:45-49 '...but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high!' During the time of waiting for the promise of the Father, various issues had to be resolved! They had to get over the power struggle that they had revealed during the time they were with Jesus, as to who would be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven!!!

They had to elect someone to replace Judas.... They had to pray together and get into harmony with one another....

Acts 2:1.... 'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all TOGETHER in ONE PLACE. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting!'

KJV.. 'They were all of ONE ACCORD in ONE PLACE!'

Psalms 133 - It is good and pleasant for brothers to dwell together in UNITY...

In this Psalm there is the indication that the anointing flows when there is unity!

2. TROUBLE OFTEN BRINGS PEOPLE INTO UNITY.....

1. KING JEHOSHAPHAT..... Surrounded by the enemy
2 Chron. 20:4 'The people of Judah came TOGETHER to seek help from the Lord. They came from every town in Judah to seek Him.
God gives the strategy, and because of the UNITY, Verse 15 says that the battle was not theirs, but God"!!!
Togetherness in PRAYER brought Unity in obedience.

2. JERICHO WALLS.... Joshua 6... Marched round 6 times (once a day) and on the 7th day marched 7 times.... In total silence (Note verse 10)

Then when they unitedly gave the SHOUT, the walls fell down!

3 UNITY VITAL TO EXPERIENCE THE CONTINUAL GLORY OF GOD FALLING....

CHALLENGE:

Time for the Church of Jesus Christ to lay aside our differences and be united in our efforts to reach the world.
Revival – the glory of God falling – will require an effort on the part of each one, as we work at UNITY!!!