

NKJV Exodus 40:34 -38 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁶ Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of the Lord was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

NLT The Lord's Glory Fills the Tabernacle

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses could no longer enter the Tabernacle because the cloud had settled down over it, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle.

³⁶ Now whenever the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out on their journey, following it. ³⁷ But if the cloud did not rise, they remained where they were until it lifted. ³⁸ The cloud of the Lord hovered over the Tabernacle during the day, and at night **fire glowed inside the cloud so the whole family of Israel could see it. This continued throughout all their journeys.**

**TITLE: The Cloud of His Presence----The Pleasure of His Presence-
The Privilege of His Presence MAY 7, 2023**

There is a FAVOR OF GOD that comes from the glory. There is 1 thing that we have yet to see here at Impact Church that Sheryl and I are contending for and that is the heavy, weighty glory cloud of his presence! A glory so strong that we don't have to minister because it does all the ministering for us.

Key: The Glory was always visible. Cloud by day and fire by night. There is nothing more refreshing, liberating and invigorating than the tangible manifest glory of God that can be seen and felt that transforms lives.

Vs 34 "Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle." How many of you want to be under that kind of cloud?

Can you just imagine seeing God literally lead you? As the cloud moves, you move. And as the cloud stops, you stop. As the fire moves, you move. As the fire stops, you stop. Throughout all your journeys, you are following God as he takes you, collectively as a people, by the hand and just leads and guides you every step of the way, with His glory on display in front of you at all times.

We cannot live and function outside of the cloud! We need a presence-based focus! The anointing breaks the yokes of bondage. Good services come and go, revivals come and go. You can have an experience and still not be changed.

Transformation changes lives! We need an encounter not just an experience.

Today, that same cloud of His presence hovers over your secret closet of prayer. It waits for you every day to envelop you in its peace. It will lead you, empower you and give you peace. And it will give you detailed guidance for your home, work and relationships.

“Sometimes the greatest deterrent to revival is our satisfaction without it.”
Bill Johnson

We were born for this seamless uninterrupted interaction with the King of Glory. Our praise unlocks the door to the inner chambers.

There is something coming that is bigger than you. Bigger than your fears. Bigger than what you have collectively experienced in Jesus to date. Something that will dwarf your understanding and rattle your cage. Something so big that your tears of repentance will be the doorbell to his presence.

There will come a time when life as you know will stop as the King of Kings walks into the room. Your spirit and soul will force your body to bow in respect as you are suspended in time for such a moment. He will fill every blank space, every crack, crevice-all dead air will come to life.

The power of praise will be evidenced in your silence!! Awe will make place for wonder and signs/miracles will follow. Every descriptive word you have ever known will be void of meaning!

The tragedy is when we are satisfied with a program with no power; a performance with no presence. Jesus was all about relations

I don't want you to leave here feeling better, I want you to leave transformed because you have been in the presence of a living God.

Bill Johnson, "I can't make myself suitable but I can surrender"

God has done so much more than giving you and I, today, a cloud or a fire to follow. He has put his very spirit, the Holy Spirit, inside each one of us. To lead us, to guide us, to direct us, to totally transform our thoughts, and our desires, and our actions according to his will. You have the Holy Spirit of God, the glory of God dwelling inside of you right now.

Look at vs 38 again from the NLT the **"fire glowed inside the cloud so the whole family of Israel could see it. This continued throughout all their journeys."**

We have the Holy Spirit of God, the glory of God, dwelling in us right now. He's leading us, guiding us, and transforming us into the image of Christ.

Live your life in such a way that it demands an explanation

PROVERBS 16:15 In the light of the Kings face is life and his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.

Passion: Life giving light streams from the presence of a King and his favor is showered upon those who please him."

Favor comes from the GLORY! When the King smiles there is life giving streams and favor is showered on those who please him!!

The Favor of God comes like a cloud of refreshing rain.

My focus should be on the smile on the King's face. That smile means approval, love, acceptance, happy with you.

What brings the smile of the King? Just simply YOU!! Just your simple desire to want to be with him.

Look at Esther for a moment. She found favor with the king. She was chosen, no royal rights, she went through 6 months of prep. She wanted to catch the king's eye. She actively pursued the favor of the King.

Her focus was to find favor!!

Vs 15 "In light of the King's face" Hebrew means God turns his face towards me.

What would happen if God turned his face towards you? What would favor look like from the Father?

David knew there was a favor of God that came in the light of the Kings face!

HOW MANY OF US WANT THAT KIND OF FAVOR?

There is a divine favor that comes in the glory and his favor comes like a cloud of protection, provision and power. It paves the way. In other words, it goes before you to make the rough places smooth.

MAY WE NEVER GET AHEAD OF GOD!!!

Life comes from the King's Face!!!

Exodus 33:12-18

New Living Translation Moses Sees the Lord's Glory

¹² One day Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Take these people up to the Promised Land.' But you haven't told me whom you will send with me. You have told me, **'I know you by name, and I look favorably on you.'** ¹³ If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people."

¹⁴ The Lord replied, “I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you.” ¹⁵ Then Moses said, “If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don’t go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.” ¹⁷ The Lord replied to Moses, “I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses responded, “Then show me your glorious presence/GLORY.”

KEY: Israel said, “ if your presence doesn’t go with us we are not moving.”

Moses had a difficult job assignment that was given by the Lord. His duty was to lead a rebellious, self-centered, stiff-necked people through a desert to the promised land. To get this job accomplished, Moses needed a close relationship with the Lord. Now, when we come to chapter 33, Moses has just received the 10 Commandments and the Law from the Lord. He was gone for 40 days and nights while he received the Law and while he was a way, the people made a golden calf, began to worship it as God and committed terrible sins of immorality.

When Moses came down from the mountain, he saw what they were doing and threw down the stone tablets containing the Law and broke them. Now, the Lord is angry with the people and He refuses to go with them into Canaan, 33:1-3. Moses responds by reminding the Lord that the Israelites are God's people and that if the Lord doesn't go with them, then Moses isn't going. So Moses and the Lord discuss the matter and God decides to go with them and bring them into the land of promise.

Moses found favor because he was a friend of the Father.

Glory follows favor-Favor follows presence.

Don’t concern yourself with the presents over his presence because it is from his presence that you receive his presents.

GO BACK TO ESTHER....The king noticed Esther among all other woman! She set herself apart in preparation for the invitation. As a result, the King said, “ask what you want up to half my kingdom.”

Divine favor brings an invitation. She was in preparation for the invitation. Listen....favored people not holy/religious people get the attention of heaven where it becomes manifest on earth.

Favor, Glory and Goodness all come from abiding under the shadow of the cloud of his presence.

Isaiah 60 Arise shine for **your light has come** and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. 2. For behold, the darkness shall come to the earth and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will rise over you and his glory will be seen over you!!

NLT “Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all to see. For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you. ² Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth, but the glory of the Lord rises and appears over you.³ All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance.”

I WANT THAT GLORY!! I want the Light of the Kings Face in Proverbs!! Favor extended - let us make the preparations- you will stand out from others; whatever it takes.

Don't confuse what I am saying with works of righteousness! This has everything to do with devotion not duty.

Over the years, I have found that favor never comes because I demand it or simply because I was in the right place at the right time. It never came simply because I was exposed to the glory.

Exposure gives you a taste. Impartation gives you a sample of what could be.

The Glory makes you stand out like Joseph and David from their brothers. God favored Jacob above Esau, Esther over all others, Joseph found the favor, Moses found the favor

People who have found favor have the authority for breakthrough.

Another word for favor is grace

Luke 2:52 “Jesus increased in both wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.

Increased wisdom and favor, maturity.

Acts 4:33 Supernatural Grace “And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And Great grace was upon them all.” Grace means favor that was supernatural Vs 34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked!!!