

EZEKIEL

INTRODUCTION

Glory

SESSION 1 STARTS HERE

God is a covenant-keeping God.

Psalms 89:34 KJV My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

The following passages declare promises that God has made.

Numbers 14:21 KJV But *as truly as I live*, all the earth shall be **filled with** the **glory** of the Lord.

Psalms 72:19 KJV And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be **filled with** his **glory**; Amen, and Amen.

Habakkuk 2:14 KJV For the earth shall be **filled with** the knowledge of the **glory** of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Glory: קָבוֹד *kavod* Root: כָּבַד *kaved* (heavy)

The word for “glory” (*kavod*) implies “heavy with everything good, splendor, copiousness.”

Adam and the Glory

Adam was crowned and clothed with the Glory of God. He enjoyed the glory of His Presence.

Genesis 1:26 KJV And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

God show me that this act of creation was not done in a corner. I believe that the angels were watching as God created man.

“man”

Man = אָדָם = *adam*

The following Psalm, I feel certain, tell of a conversation and angel had with God.

Psalm 8:3–9 KJV

Psa. 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

Psa. 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Psa. 8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

*“a little lower than the **angels**”*

The word translated “angels” is אֱלֹהִים (*Elohim*), the same word that is translated “God” in Genesis 1:1.

“you have crowned him”

תִּעֲטִירֶהוּ *ti'attirehu* = you have crowned him. From עָטַר *atar* (Strong's Hebrew 5849. See below.)

5849. עָטַר *'âtar*, *aw-tar'*, A primitive root; to *encircle* (for attack or protection); especially to *crown* (literally or figuratively): —compass, crown.

God crowned (encircled, surrounded) Adam with the highest heavenly substance, His very glory. The glory of God is the presence of God manifested.

Psa. 8:6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

Psa. 8:7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

Psa. 8:8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

Psa. 8:9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Man was not naked.

Man was clothed in the Presence of God.

When Adam fell, he said, “I hid myself” from the Presence of God.

He fell from Glory. He was separated from the Glory of God's Presence

The Vision

As I was getting ready for my Sunday school class one morning, a voice that I knew to be the Lord asked me, “Do you know Romans 3:23?”

“Yes!”

I was glad it was one I knew. I rather glibly began to quote, “For all have sinned and come short of—The Glory of God.”

I saw what it meant. The Fall was a fall from the Glory of God. The Fall was a fall from the Presence of God.

I swooned from the revelation. The Lord revived me with these words from Hebrews 2:10: But the Captain of your salvation is bringing many sons unto Glory.

That's it in a nutshell:

I crowned man with Glory.

He sinned and came short of the Glory.

But the Captain of his salvation is bringing many sons to Glory.

I wish you would look at the Fall from my point of view.

Within my spirit, I asked the Lord to show me. He responded with this parable.

A “hugging mother” parable:

What if you could not hug your children, for if you hugged them, you would destroy them; you would consume them; you would burn them up?

He showed me my son Terry. He was the typical bull rider with a big silver buckle on his belt.

What if you could not hug Terry, for if you hugged him, you would destroy him; you would consume him; you would burn him up?

That was my position in the Fall. The man, who was crowned with the Glory, wore the Glory as his clothing. He was made suitable for the Glory. He fell and became sin. If I had reached for him to clasp him to My bosom, I would have destroyed him.

Sin cannot stand in the Presence of God.

Hebrews 12:29 KJV states, “For our God is a consuming fire.” What does He consume? Sin. Love does that. Love destroys sin. Wickedness and evil cannot stand in His Presence.

If I had brought him into My Presence, I would have destroyed him. And Satan would have won. For I had already said he would have dominion over the works of My hands. The species man would have been destroyed.

If Satan can stop God’s words from coming to pass, Satan will defeat God.

Through the years God has let me hear Satan, on the occasion of Adam’s fall, laugh at God, thinking he had won. And he said:

“I did it! You put that will in him. I tempted him, and he turned that will to me.

“What are you gonna do now?

“What are you gonna do now?

“You can’t touch him.

“What are you gonna do now?”

God is perfect and pure. Sin can't stand in His Presence. And His man, whom He'd said would rule over the works of His hands, had fallen from His Glory—His Presence.

I saw that God did not answer. He had a plan. The Bible calls it a Mystery. He hid it in a secret place. The best hiding place in all Creation. This mystery was hidden in God.

The Hidden Mystery of the Body of Christ

All through the Old Testament, the prophets talked about the mystery. They wondered about it. Through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, it remained hidden. It was a Top Secret Mystery.

Truth is at once wonderful and terrible. God revealed to the Apostle Paul the hidden mystery of the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:1–8 KJV

1Cor. 2:1 ¶ And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

1Cor. 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1Cor. 2:3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

1Cor. 2:4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

1Cor. 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Cor. 2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

“*of this world*”

“of this world” = τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου (*tou aiōnos toutou*) = of this age

1 Cor. 2:7 But we speak **the wisdom of God in a mystery**, even **the hidden wisdom**, which **God ordained before the world unto our glory**:

1 Cor. 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified **the Lord of glory**.

1 Corinthians 2:7 AMPC But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding], and now revealed to us by God—[that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence].

Colossians 1:26–27 KJV

Col. 1:26 Even **the mystery which hath been hid** from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col. 1:27 To whom God would make known what is **the riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**:

When God crowned him, He knew the man would fall. When He crowned him, He positioned man in the heart of God and in the plans and purposes of God forever.

He knew man's fall would result in a curse upon the Earth. But nothing will stop God's plans.

The Creation separated from its Creator. His Creation, man, could not abide His Presence.

Reentry of the Glory

The fullness of the Glory was removed from the earth. And yet God's Word on the matter shows a different end.

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Psa. 72:19 KJV And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be **filled with** his **glory**; Amen, and Amen.

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Abraham

God was challenged to legally bring man back into His Presence. First, He finds a man.

Acts 7:2 KJV And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; **The God of glory** appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran.

First—A Man

God finds a man to whom He can reveal His Glory.

This man was Abram, a man of faith: a man who would believe in and follow God and who would teach his children. Abram walked with God.

Next—A Family

The twelve sons of Ya'acov (great-grandsons of Abraham).

Then—A Nation

In Egypt, the seventy who entered (Ya'acov's sons and their families) became a nation of 600,000 males: probably one and one-half million people. This nation was to be God's vehicle of revelation in the Earth. Satan, of course, would come out against them.

Moses at the Burning Bush

The Creator revealed himself and His Glory to Moses in a burning bush on Mount Horeb (Sinai) and instructed him to liberate the children of Israel.

God revealed His Glory—His manifested Presence—in the burning bush 3,600 years ago (2,400 years after the Fall).

Exodus 3:2-5 שְׁמוֹת JPS 1917

- ב** וַיֵּרָא מִלְאָךְ יְהוָה אֵלָיו, בְּלֶבֶת-אֵשׁ--מִתּוֹךְ הַסִּנֵּה; וַיֵּרָא, וַהֲנִההוּ הַסִּנֵּה בֵּעֵר בָּאֵשׁ, וְהַסִּנֵּה, אֵינֶנּוּ אֲכָל.
- 2** And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.
- ג** וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה--אֶסְרָה-נָּא וְאֶרְאֶה, אֶת-הַמֵּרָאָה הַגָּדֹל הַזֶּה: מִדּוּעַ, לֹא-יִבָּעַר הַסִּנֵּה.
- 3** And Moses said: 'I will turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.'
- ד** וַיֵּרָא יְהוָה, כִּי סָר לִרְאוֹת; וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו אֱלֹהִים מִתּוֹךְ הַסִּנֵּה, וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה מֹשֶׁה--וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי.
- 4** And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said: 'Moses, Moses.' And he said: 'Here am I.'
- ה** וַיֹּאמֶר, אֶל-תִּקְרַב הֵלֶם; שֶׁל-נִעְלִיךָ, מֵעַל רַגְלֶיךָ--כִּי הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה עומד עָלָיו, אֲדָמַת-קֹדֶשׁ הוּא.
- 5** And He said: 'Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.'

Exodus: Leading the Way Out of Egypt

Exodus 13:20–22 KJV

Ex. 13:20 And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

Ex. 13:21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

Ex. 13:22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people

At Mt Sinai

Exodus 19:18–21 KJV

Ex. 19:18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

Ex. 19:19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

Ex. 19:20 And the Lord came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the Lord called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

Ex. 19:21 And the Lord said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish.

At the Giving of the Word

In these passages, God is separating a People—a Nation—as vehicles to carry and manifest His Glory to the nations of the world. They must be a people of values. God's values, obedient to God's laws.

Exodus 24:12, 15–17 KJV

Ex. 24:12 ¶ And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them...

Ex. 24:15 And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

Ex. 24:16 And the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

Ex. 24:17 And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

Make Me a Sanctuary

Now God made it clear that He wanted to dwell among His people. Moses was to instruct the people to take up an offering for the purpose of building a place for Him to meet with them.

Exodus 25:1–2, 8, 22 KJV

Ex. 25:1 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

Ex. 25:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

Ex. 25:8 And **let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.**

Ex. 25:22 **And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee** from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

The Tabernacle (The Mishkan תְּמִשְׁכָּן)

Exodus 40:33 KJV And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

Exodus 40:34–35 שְׁמוֹת JPS 1917

לֹד וַיִּכַּס הָעָנָן, אֶת-אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד; **34** Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and **the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.**
וַיִּכְבֹּד יְהוָה, מְלֵא אֶת-הַמִּשְׁכָּן.

לֹה וְלֹא-יָכֹל מִנְּשָׁה, לָבוֹא אֶל- **35** And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode thereon, and **the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.--**
אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד--כִּי-שָׁכַן עָלָיו, הָעָנָן;
וַיִּכְבֹּד יְהוָה, מְלֵא אֶת-הַמִּשְׁכָּן.

Judged at Kadesh Barnea**Numbers 13:1–2, 17, 21–33 KJV**

Num. 13:1 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Num. 13:2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

Num. 13:17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain:

Num. 13:21 ¶ So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

Num. 13:22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, *were*. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

Num. 13:23 And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and *they brought* of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

Num. 13:24 The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

Num. 13:25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

Num. 13:26 ¶ And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

Num. 13:27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this *is* the fruit of it.

Num. 13:28 Nevertheless the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* walled, *and* very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

Num. 13:29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

Num. 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

Num. 13:31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we.

Num. 13:32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.

Num. 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Some of the spies saw themselves as grasshoppers compared to the giants in the land.

Numbers 14:1-4 KJV

Num. 14:1 ¶ And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

Num. 14:2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

Num. 14:3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

Num. 14:4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

Ironically, the people would eventually get exactly what they asked for in verse 2: "... would God that we had died in this wilderness."

Numbers 14:5–21 KJV

Num. 14:5 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

Num. 14:6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:

Num. 14:7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, *is* an exceeding good land.

Num. 14:8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

Num. 14:9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they *are* bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us: fear them not.

Num. 14:10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

Num. 14:11 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

Num. 14:12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

Num. 14:13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear *it*, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)

 | Moses appealed to God, not for the sake of the people, but for the sake of
 | God's name.

Num. 14:14 And they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land: *for* they have heard that thou LORD *art* among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and *that* thy cloud standeth over them, and *that* thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

Num. 14:15 Now *if* thou shalt kill *all* this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,

Num. 14:16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

Num. 14:17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

Num. 14:18 The LORD *is* longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation*.

Num. 14:19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

Num. 14:20 ¶ And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:

Num. 14:21 But *as truly as* I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

Satan perhaps thought he had won the battle. God's plan was to manifest himself through His people. But God made it clear that He would not destroy Israel; instead, He pardoned their iniquity. Why? Because His ultimate plan was that "all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD."

Numbers 14:22-24 KJV

Num. 14:22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

Num. 14:23 Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

Here God stated the punishment for their unbelief. They would not be permitted to enter the land that had been promised to their ancestors.

Num. 14:24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

A Holy Nation

Leviticus 11:45 KJV For I *am* the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.

The laws, statutes, and ordinances God told the people to follow were presented so they would be safe in the presence of the Glory of God.

The phrase "that they die not" was often used in these books.

The Temple

David was not permitted to build the Temple, but he envisioned it in his heart.

1 Chronicles 22:5 KJV And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnifical, of fame **and of glory** throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

2 Chronicles 5:1-3, 7, 11-14 ב הַיָּמִים JPS 1917

א 1 Thus all the work that Solomon wrought for the house of the LORD was finished. **{S}** And Solomon brought in the things that David his father had hallowed; even the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of God. **{P}**

אֶת־כָּל־הַמְּלָאכָה, אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה שְׁלֹמֹה, לְבֵית יְהוָה; **{ס}** וַיָּבֵא שְׁלֹמֹה אֶת־קִדְשֵׁי דָוִד אָבִיו, וְאֶת־הַכֶּסֶף וְאֶת־הַזָּהָב וְאֶת־כָּל־הַכֵּלִים--נָתַן, בְּאֲצִרוֹת בֵּית הָאֱלֹהִים. **{פ}**

ב אז יקְהִיל שְׁלֹמֹה אֶת-זִקְנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאֶת-כָּל-רָאשֵׁי הַמִּטּוֹת
נְשִׂאֵי הָאָבוֹת לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל--אֶל-
יְרוּשָׁלַם: לְהַעֲלוֹת אֶת-אָרוֹן
בְּרִית-יְהוָה, מֵעִיר דָּוִד--הִיא
צִיּוֹן.

2 Then Solomon assembled the elders
of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes,
the princes of the fathers' houses of the
children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, **to**
bring up the ark of the covenant of the
LORD out of the city of David, which is
Zion.

ג וַיִּקְהָלוּ אֶל-הַמֶּלֶךְ כָּל-אִישׁ
יִשְׂרָאֵל, בַּחֹדֶשׁ: הוּא, הַחֹדֶשׁ
הַשִּׁבְעִי.

3 And all the men of Israel assembled
themselves unto the king at the feast,
which was in the seventh month.

ז וַיָּבִיאוּ הַכֹּהֲנִים אֶת-אָרוֹן
בְּרִית-יְהוָה אֶל-מְקוֹמוֹ, אֶל-דְּבִיר
הַבַּיִת--אֶל-קֹדֶשׁ הַקֳּדָשִׁים: אֶל-
תַּחַת, כַּנְּפֵי הַכְּרוּבִים.

7 And the priests brought in the ark of
the covenant of the LORD unto its
place, into the Sanctuary of the house,
to the most holy place, even under the
wings of the cherubim.

יא וַיְהִי, בְּצֵאת הַכֹּהֲנִים מִן-
הַקֹּדֶשׁ: כִּי כָל-הַכֹּהֲנִים
הַנִּמְצָאִים, הִתְקַדְּשׁוּ--אֵין, לְשִׁמּוֹר
לְמַחֲלָקוֹת.

11 And it came to pass, when the
priests were come out of the holy
place--for all the priests that were
present had sanctified themselves, and
did not keep their courses;

יב וְהַלְוִיִּם הַמְשֻׁרְרִים לְכָל
לְאֹסֶף לְהִימָן לִידֹתָן וּלְבַנֵּיהֶם
וּלְאַחֵיהֶם מְלֻבָּשִׁים בּוּץ,
בְּמִצְלָתַיִם וּבִנְבָלִים וְכִנּוֹרוֹת,
עֹמְדִים, מִזְרָח לְמִזְבֵּחַ; וְעִמָּהֶם
כֹּהֲנִים לְמֵאָה וְעֶשְׂרִים,
מַחֲצֹרִים (מַחֲצָרִים)
בְּחִצְצֹרוֹת.

12 also the Levites who were the
singers, all of them, even Asaph,
Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and
their brethren, arrayed in fine linen,
with cymbals and psalteries and harps,
stood at the east end of the altar, and
with them a hundred and twenty
priests sounding with trumpets--

13 it came even to pass, when 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 music, and praised the LORD: 'for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever'; that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD,

יג וַיְהִי כְּאַחַד לַמַּחֲצֵרִים (לַמַּחֲצֵרִים) וְלַמְשָׁרְרִים לְהַשְׁמִיעַ קוֹל-אֶחָד, לְהַלֵּל וּלְהַדוֹת לַיהוָה, וּבְהָרִים קוֹל בְּחִצְצֹרוֹת וּבְמִצְלִיתִים וּבְכָלִי הַנְּשִׁיר וּבְהַלֵּל לַיהוָה כִּי טוֹב, כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֶסֶדּוֹ; וַתִּבְרֵא מְלֵא עָנָן, בֵּית יְהוָה.

14 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God. {P}

יד וְלֹא-יָכְלוּ הַכֹּהֲנִים לַעֲמֹד לְשָׁרֵת, מִפְּנֵי הָעָנָן: כִּי-מְלֵא כְבוֹד-יְהוָה, אֶת-בֵּית הָאֱלֹהִים. {פ}

The same thing had happened at the Tabernacle. The glory of the Lord was manifested to the point that the priests could not even stand.

When Moses “finished the work,” the Glory of God filled the Tabernacle.

When Solomon “finished the work,” the Glory of God filled the Temple.

In the New Covenant, we are being built as a habitation for God. We are His Temple. It’s the Holy Spirit who is doing it. We each have a measure of the Holy Spirit within us.

The class sings the following from Psalm 118:29.

הַלְלוּיָהּ כִּי טוֹב, כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֶסֶדּוֹ

Hallelujah, ki tov, ki l’olam chasdo.

Hallelujah, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

| The word *chesed* (here in its possessive form *chasdo*), translated “His mercy,” can better be understood as “His obligatory, loyal, covenant love.”

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