

Be radiant with the Glory of the Lord

Consider this: when Moses returned from spending time with the LORD he returned with a radiant glow so dazzling that the people demanded he cover it with a veil. The surpassing glory could not be dimmed or controlled. (See Exodus 34:35.) Moses heard God speak and saw God (His back parts), and went away with a glow of glory unlike anything the people had seen before.

Before Stephen was stoned the people couldn't take their eyes off him, because his face became as bright as an angel's. And because the glory of God could not be contained the inner glow of the Spirit manifested on His face.

As we spend time resting in His presence the beautiful glory of Christ will visibly shine through us. We will not have to work to make it happen, as it will be a natural result of the time we spend loving on Jesus and listening to Him speak. The warm glow of the Spirit will become as a "light" and others will know that we have been with our Jesus. This visible sign will inspire others to run hard after God, (see Matt. 5:16) until they too are desperate to experience the reality of the glory of God in their own lives, and refuse to take no for an answer. We may never have to wear a veil, but others will take notice we have been with the Lord.

The people in Moses' day were terrified by even the idea of that kind of close relationship with the Lord, because the thundering and flashes of lightening that came from the mountain of God caused them to shrink back in fear. (See Exodus 20:18.) Yet Moses dared to seek the face of God, and in the process he was consumed by the very glory of God.

We now live in day where we do not have to fear coming before the Lord. (See Hebrews 4:16.) We are invited to come with bold confidence to the throne of grace, because Jesus' paved the way with His very lifeblood. As we come and rest in His presence we are saturated with His love so that we actually shine with the beauty of the Lord. His glory changes even the countenance of those who allow Him to move and shine through them. Others will recognize that, because of His presence, you've become clean and holy—you've been changed, reflecting the beauty of His holiness.

For Isaiah 60:1 says it best:

...Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

And what could be better than that!

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