Allowing His Glory to Come

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 5:11-14 Matthew 15:8-9

2 Chronicles 7:14

2 Chronicles 5:11-14 NKJV ¹¹And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions), ¹²and the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in linen, having cymbals. white stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets—13 indeed it came 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, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

Introduction

A remarkable thing occurs as the musicians and singers worship before the Lord ... His presence so fills the place, the priests cannot even minister.

I. When the glory came in

1 Chronicles 5:13 NKJV ¹³indeed it came 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, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, ¹⁴so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

- A. Knowing and heeding His direction
- B. Uninhibited worship
- C. Honoring His agenda
- D. Obeying Him instantly and completely

II. What prevents His glory from entering

<u>Matthew 15:8-9 NKJV</u> ⁸ These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁹And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

- A. Disobedience
- B. Glory seeking
- C. Religiosity

III. How to bring His glory into our midst / lives

2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV ¹⁴if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

A. I must humble myself

Psalm 10:17 NKJV ¹⁷LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear,

Isaiah 57:15 NKJV ¹⁵For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy *place*, With him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

- B. I must pray
 - 1. Petition
 - 2. Intercession
- C. I must seek His face

Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV ¹³And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.

- 1. Discerning His will
- 2. Understanding His will

The big question here is, "Where is God headed?"

- D. I must turn away from my personal wickedness
 - 1. Our secret sins
 - 2. Our religiosity
 - 3. Our own agenda
 - 4. Our self seeking / self glorification