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Glory

Dear Glory and the Twelve Tribes of Israel,

There is so much going on here. It is hard for me sometimes though because I want so much to go on down south. It is difficult to wait. But people are still being drawn to us. So I know our Father still has a plan here.

We are learning a lot though and I wanted to share with you some about this. I was thinking a lot about your family since I came here. There are lots of Cham people here. I wish your whole family could come here. We need a lot of help shepherding people here. But you would have to learn to speak Portuguese. That's hard.

We would like you to know something, Yoneq and I, that we are learning about your name. Personally for me, it is very exciting because "glory" always seemed a little distant to me, a little mystical, a little unclear and definitely out of reach. But Yoneq was talking about it defined as "a quality of inner worth". This teaching about glory came right after some teachings about the Law. I learned a lot about the Law and I put it together so now I see things much more clearly.

The Law was given to Moses to define the character of our God, in whose image we were created. In this image man was created full of glory. Everything was created with a different kind of "glory" (I Corinthians 15:40,39,41). But everything does have glory — a radiance coming from inner confidence that it is doing what it is created to do, functioning in its created instincts. Look at everything our Father made and you will see it "glory". Except man and the things upon which fallen man has had a devastating effect. For mans glory leaked out from his being after the fall, draining him of all his self worth.

Man became guilty of every sort of "low sin" his conscience become more and more defiled. Look, you can see them walking down the street — a creature formerly created in the image of Elohim but devoid of glory.

But when Moses went up on the mountain he received the Law from Elohim — and it was so marvelous. It was all that God is — good, clean, clear. Oh, at last men know how to be, how to act to again be like his creator. He wrote it down, now all he had to do was obey, and the glory would shine forth. It was shining from Moses' face! II Corinthians 3:7,13But the glory did not last.

Man could not do it. Romans 8:3 (first part only) The Law was weak because of man's flesh. He was always getting a bad conscience and his inner glory again began to fade away. Guilt destroys glory.

Then our Master prayed...John 17:22...that we would have His glory. This glory will enable us to be ONE. The things which rob our glory are also the things which divide men from one another. (these are the things which keep our Master waiting in heaven until all these enemies are put under His feet) But Yahshua's blood inaugurated a New Covenant which makes it finally possible for our glory to be restored to us — for He now writes the Laws on our hearts and gives us the life to obey these laws. Now we can obey. We have the grace to do it. And this life will be the Light (of witness) to all men. For a life of unity is that Light.

But the glory which shines forth from us must grow, grow and grow — as we judge everything within us which causes these "leaks". When we are obedient to our New Covenant hearts we are full of glory. Not that we are some strangely mystical creature radiating light — no, we are like the birds in the trees, the deer in the forest, the lion in the jungle — simply radiating the glory of His highest creature — MAN. We do what we were created to do.

Thus we now fulfill the Law. II Corinthians 3:3-13,18 , Romans 8:3,4 When you have a good conscience and you're doing right your inner worth is restored. (definition: glory is the importance which exhibits a man's inner worth and demands the respect of others)...Even in the world if a man is at least mostly faithful to the second covenant he carries a certain amount of dignity — glory — inner worth. But you see all the perverts and lawless men, how they have not the tiniest bit of inner worth left in them. How far men have fallen in these days!

Soon, the distinction between those with glory and those without will be so clear. This glory is what will enable us to rule the nations. Glory is the normal state which a man should exist in. We will respect one another if we have His glory upon us.

You remember the story about the time when they took the ark of the covenant lawlessly out to battle against the Philistines and then the ark was captured. One of the priests who was killed in battle that day (Eli's son) had a wife who was having a baby at that time of the battle. She named her son "Ichabod" = the glory had departed. The glory of Israel was that Elohim dwelt in their midst. His presence was with the ark [the law and the manna (miraculous provision) and the budding rod (authority)] and when it was gone, the glory was gone... We too are nothing but Ichabod without His presence within us. We need to be restored to the state in which we were first created — full of glory.

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I need to stop now. I hope you can understand a little of what I shared with you. It has spoken deeply to my heart. I only want His glory to increase in me and among His people.

I was glad to be able to speak with Lo Nekar on the phone one day. I miss you and your family a lot. I love Yasha so much. I wish she was here. And I also think a lot about Shimon. I hope he is encouraged and walking in the Spirit. Well, I love all your children.

Please see the great name by which you have been called and know it's significance —
for our Master Yahshua's sake. I love you.

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