

### CHOSEN TO REVEAL GOD'S PRESENCE

Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.'<sup>13</sup> If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."<sup>14</sup> The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."<sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."<sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"<sup>17</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."<sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."  
Exodus 33:12-18 (NIV)

- God dwelling among His people.  
And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. Exodus 3:2 (ESV)
  - Glory literally means WEIGHT. God's PRESENCE is His glory.
- God's glory fills the TABERNACLE.  
Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.<sup>35</sup> And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Exodus 40:34-35
- God's glory fills Solomon's TEMPLE.  
When Solomon finished praying, fire descended from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. 2 Chronicles 7:1 (HCSB)
- God's glory DEPARTS.  
Then the glory of the LORD departed from over the threshold of the temple and stopped above the cherubim. Ezekiel 10:18 (NIV)
- God reveals His glory to SHEPHERDS.  
And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.<sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. Luke 2:8-9 (NIV)

- The FULLNESS of God's glory is in JESUS.  
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NIV)
- God's glory fills His CHURCH.  
When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.<sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)
- God's glory resides in FOLLOWERS of JESUS CHRIST.  
To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.<sup>28</sup> We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.<sup>29</sup> To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. Colossians 1:27-29

#### How does a Culture Change?

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:<sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.<sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.<sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:1-5 (NIV)

- Committing to absolute TRUTH and objective MORALITY.
- Relying upon the HOLY SPIRIT to help us.
- Being the faithful PRESENCE of God wherever we are, in whatever we are doing, with the influence we have.