



## THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES - \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:9 NLT

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified...

### 1. Biblical Characteristics of God's **Glory**

- A. **Brightness**
- B. **Weighty**
- C. **Beautiful**
- D. **Desireable**

### 2. Experiences When God's **Glory** Can Be Felt

Exodus 40:34-38 NLT

<sup>34</sup> Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> Moses could no longer enter the Tabernacle because the cloud had settled down over it, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. <sup>36</sup> Now whenever the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out on their journey, following it. <sup>37</sup> But if the cloud did not rise, they remained where they were until it lifted. <sup>38</sup> The cloud of the Lord hovered over the Tabernacle during the day, and at night fire glowed inside the cloud so the whole family of Israel could see it. This continued throughout all their journeys.

#### A. Often connected to **worship**.

2 Chronicles 5:13-14 NLT

<sup>13</sup> The trumpeters and singers performed together in unison to praise and give thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, they raised their voices and praised the Lord with these words: "He is good! His faithful love endures forever!" At that moment a thick cloud filled the Temple of the Lord. <sup>14</sup> The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the Lord filled the Temple of God.

### 3. We Are **Recipients** of the Glory of the Lord

Psalms 3:3 NLT

But you, O Lord, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high.

Psalms 84:11 NLT

For the Lord God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.

John 17:22 NLT

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.

### 4. We Are Being Changed From **Glory to Glory**.

A. **Redemption**

Romans 3:23 NLT

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

B. **Sanctification**

Colossians 1:27 NIV

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.

C. **Glorification**

Philippians 3:20-21 NLT

<sup>20</sup> But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. <sup>21</sup> He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

5. Keys to **Experiencing** God's Glory

- A. Create a **glory** environment.
- B. Create **new opportunities** every day.
- C. Create moments of **praise** and **worship**.
- D. Ask God to **see**.