

## TOTAL TRANSFORMATION

### SESSION 4 – Beholding the Glory

**Romans 12:1-2** – <sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup>And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God

#### Review:

- **When we are born again our Spirit is completely changed – new birth**
- **We are a 3-fold being; spirit, soul and body**
- **While our spirit is completely transformed/changed by God at the new birth, our soul and body are changed through a renewal process.**
- **Text – we are transformed by the renewing of our mind**
- **It’s a Harvest – much of what we experience is a harvest of our thoughts, actions and words.**
- **Transformation occurs from the inside out**
- **Jesus came to heal the broken hearted.**

**Luke 4:18** – The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

- **Many issues – including sickness/depression, anxiety, addictions, bondage – are the result of a broken heart – or an injury of the soul – MIND/EMOTIONS.**
- **JESUS CAME TO TRANSFORM**
- **TRANSFORMATION CAN ONLY OCCUR AS HEALING OCCURS INWARDLY.**
- **Many have experienced a SOUL INJURY**
- **While the spirit is reborn the soul is still suffering from past injuries**

## I. The Change Process

A. The renewing of the Mind – Romans 12:1-2

B. What is your mindset?

**Colossians 3:2** – Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

*It is possible to set your mind!*

- Is your mind set on past injuries?
- Is your mind set on past failures?
- Is your mind set on past abuse?
- Is your mind set on past words that have been spoken over you?
- Is your mind set on past sins?

C. The New Covenant Process of Change

**2 Corinthians 3:12-18** – <sup>12</sup>Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: <sup>13</sup>And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: <sup>14</sup>But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. <sup>15</sup>But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. <sup>16</sup>Nevertheless when it shall turn to the LORD, the veil shall be taken away. <sup>17</sup>Now the LORD is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is liberty. <sup>18</sup>But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the LORD, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD.

1. Change comes by the Spirit of the Lord, vs 18
  - a. I can't change myself
  - b. I can influence, but not impose change.
2. Change is progressive (From glory to glory)
3. Change comes from beholding the glory, vs 18

*If change comes by beholding the glory, I must understand what the glory is.*

4. What is the glory?

a. It is not a cloud, mist or fire; God was not the cloud but was in the cloud; Ex 13:21, Ex 14:24, Ex 16:10, Ex 24:16

b. It is revealed in Exodus 33 and 34

- *Summarize the account of Moses going to Mt. Sinai for forty days and nights.*
- *Moses experienced the glory in a cloud*
- *People below the mountain saw the glory in the form of fire*
- *God gives Moses many instructions including the ten commandments on stone.*
- *Moses breaks the ten commandments*

**Exodus 33:18-19** – <sup>18</sup>And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. <sup>19</sup>And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

**Exodus 34:1-8** – <sup>1</sup>And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. <sup>2</sup>And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. <sup>3</sup>And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount. <sup>4</sup>And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, <sup>7</sup>Keeping mercy for

thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. <sup>8</sup>And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

- **Moses said, show me your glory**
- **God said, I will show you my goodness**
- **To see the glory must have something to do with seeing His goodness**
- **The glory is God's person and his true nature**
- **God passes by and declares who he is**
  - i. *Compassionate and merciful*
  - ii. *Slow to anger – longsuffering*
  - iii. *Filled with unfailing love and faithfulness*
  - iv. *Forgiving all kinds of sin*
  - v. *Just and righteous in all judgment – extending mercy to third and fourth generations.*
- **The presence and the glory are not the same**
  - i. *Moses had been in the presence*
  - ii. *Moses had seen the cloud that was hiding the true glory*
  - iii. *The children of Israel had seen the fire that was a covering of the true glory*
  - iv. *The Glory proceeds from His presence*
  - v. *You can be in His presence and never see His glory*
  - vi. *You can be in His presence and never be transformed*
  - vii. *You see His glory – you gain knowledge of Who He is*
  - viii. *You experience His glory (His person, His character, who He is) real transformation takes place.*
  - ix. *Moses was not transformed in God's presence*
  - x. *Moses was transformed while beholding the glory*

5. To behold His glory is;
  - a. To see who He is
  - b. To see His goodness
  - c. To see His faithfulness
  - d. To see His mercy
  - e. To keep your eyes focused on these
  - f. To behold is a continual, ongoing, daily and intentional focus.
  - g. **Thayer Definition:**

1. to see with the eyes
2. to see with the mind, to perceive, know
3. to see, i.e. become acquainted with by experience, to experience
4. to see, to look to
  - a. to take heed, beware
  - b. to care for, pay heed to
5. I was seen, showed myself, appeared

Origin: properly, to stare at

6. As I behold His glory, I see myself in Him
  - a. Rather than my sin, I see His righteousness
  - b. Rather than failure, I see potential success
  - c. Rather than loss, I see gain
  - d. Rather than hurt, I see inward healing
  - e. Rather than unforgiveness, I see forgiveness
  - f. My focus changes
  - g. The progressive ongoing transformation is taking place in me

7. Jesus, the glory
  - a. **[John 1:14 NASB](#)**

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth

b. **Hebrews 1:3 NASB**

And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

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