



Day One: The Completed Picture

Our assignment to disciple nations and change the world through the life of God within us, is confirmed by countless scriptures throughout the Bible. We can see God's big picture dream everywhere that we look – our God is a God of prophecy. He speaks those things which be not as though they are and He continually declares UNTIL the natural realm lines up with what He has decreed. Prophecy is always God's reality and God's reality is OUR reality if we are living the life of the spirit and not the flesh.

While Jesus gave our commission to us in the New Testament, just before being transfigured, He was essentially confirming what God had already commissioned mankind to do in the Garden of Eden – to fill the earth with His life and glory! The Old Testament is full of prophetic promises about the transformation of the nations and the nations being paraded in all their glory. This has been God's plan from the beginning, and we can see it very clearly when we look at scriptures such as Psalm 67:

Psalm 67 (TPT)

*Send us out all over the world
So that everyone everywhere
Will discover your ways
And know who you are
And see your power to save!
Let all the nations burst forth with praise;
Let everyone everywhere love and enjoy you!
Then how glad the nations will be
When you are their King.
Yes! You, Lord, are the Shepherd of the nations!
Let all the people praise you more!
The harvest of the earth is here!
Then all the ends of the earth will give him
The honor he deserves And be in awe of him!*

There are a lot of 'all' references! This Psalm is clearly talking about every nation and all people in all places, loving and praising and knowing the power of the Lord! This is the dream of our God for this world.



Soak Time

Go back and read Psalm 67 again, laying down any limitations, existing perspectives or fleshly thinking. Pray, *'I command my flesh to lie down. Lord, I want to see this scripture through your heavenly eyes. Show me the truth of this scripture. Give me a picture of what this looks like'*. And then wait on the Lord, with your spiritual eyes wide open, and your natural eyes closed. What does He show you when you read this scripture with an open heart and then close your eyes and let Him paint a picture for you?



Day Two: Overflowing Glory

Now here is another feast for our souls as we look at prophetic promises from the Lord for the future of our earth. How do we know this is talking about the earth and not about heaven? There are no enemies in heaven. There is no reason to subdue and take dominion in heaven – these terms are about displacing evil with the Kingdom of God. So now, read this Psalm knowing that it is talking about the very earth underneath our feet.

Psalm 72 (TPT)

May he subdue and take dominion from sea to sea;

May he rule from the river to the rim.

Desert-nomads are bowing at his feet!

Every enemy falling facedown, biting the dust!

Distant kings will surrender and come with their gifts

From every continent and coastland;

They will offer their tribute to you.

O King of kings, they will all bow before you.

O King of kings, every nation will one day serve you.

...Long live this King!

May the cities be full of praising people, fruitful and filled –

So that his name may be honoured forever!

May the fame of his name spring forth!

May it shine on, like the sunshine!

He is the one and only God of wonders,

Surpassing every expectation.

The blazing glory of his name will be praised forever!

May all the earth overflow with his glory!

We must remember that this is not fiction. This is prophecy. Prophecy is God's truth – His reality, declared before we see it with our natural eyes. It is not a hope, it is not a bedtime story – it is THE truth. This is what the inhabitants of this world are going to see. And the how? I think the last line of Psalm tell us this...

All the earth will OVERFLOW with His GLORY!



The nations of the world are not going to fall to their knees before the Lord because we build some new church buildings or run some new programs! They are going to be captured by the glory of the Lord – His Presence, love and wisdom manifested in this earth! They are going to recognise His Life – His unshakeable, untainted, powerful life – flowing through His glorious sons and daughters (Rom 8:9). The ones who know who they are and Whose they are. The ones who live in oneness with Him – constantly abiding in the Life source that lives within them, as Jesus did.... Only doing and saying what they see and hear the Father do and say. The laid down lives of lovers who have put their flesh aside and the ideas of man – even the manmade ideas of the church - and are walking in the truth of Galatians 2:20 – *It's no longer I who lives but Christ Who Lives in me.* As His pure life and Presence overflows from His children's lives, His glory will be seen and felt all over the world. And everyone will want it!

His glory will not only be seen and recognised by those who profess their belief in Christ, but it is prophesied that the whole world – including those who don't know the Lord – will recognise His glory and it will be so magnificent and so inviting they will want it and they will run to it.

That means the glorious children of God who are being unveiled will be **distinctly different** to the world and even to the church as we know it. They will truly imitate their Father, like dearly beloved children (Eph 5:1), because their hearts are merged as one.

The world doesn't recognise who God is now... they do not know His glory because He has been represented as much by flesh as by spirit. What are they to think about God or know about Him, when the 'children' of God are in many ways divided, judgmental, powerless, and are experiencing as few solutions to their problems as the rest of the world? Yet, that is not the inheritance that has been given to us! We are the children of God, and we are called to be one with Him, Who is **distinctly different** to the world. When we are one with Him and His glory flows through us without limitation by our flesh, all the world will see who He is and all the world will want Him and all the world will finally know Him!



Ask the Lord what 'Distinctly Different' means for you and your life?



Day Three: The Earth Will be Filled

Imagine it! We've seen the glory flowing through individuals and the world changes forever as a result of their lives. But this is talking about a filling of the world with the glory of the Lord... many children and much glory flowing!

Habakkuk 2:14 (NIV) *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea...*

The world will know HIM. They will know Him because His children will be one with Him and the world will finally experience Who He really is.

Isaiah 2:2 – 4 (NKJV) *Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house...of God. He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

Or as the MSG states it: *He'll show us the way he works so we can live the way we're made.*

These scriptures give us a prophetic picture of the mountain of the Lord's House – the Kingdom of God (His way of doing things) – being established on the top of every mountain of society (think of business, family, education, celebration, media, government and religion – yes, religion and the Kingdom of God are two very different things!). Everyone in every sphere of society will recognise the Kingdom of God because of the glory of the Lord that they see demonstrated, through His sons and daughters who carry His glory wherever they go. They will seek His Kingdom and they will want to know His ways. And when this happens, it brings peace to the nations.

Isaiah 60:3 (NLT) *All nations will come to your light; mighty Kings will come to see your radiance.*



Even the Kings of nations will come to the light of the glory of God. In fact, I believe this is how many cities and nations will come into His Kingdom – the shifting that takes place when the leader recognises the Lord, and dedicates that city or nation to the Lord. We’re already seeing miraculous instances of this happening around the world even now, with Mayors and Presidents coming into the Kingdom of God in unprecedented numbers and miraculous ways (see www.transformourworld.org).

This may all ‘look’ impossible, but we’re made for this! We’re made to see ourselves, our lives and our world with spiritual sight, not natural sight. After all, we are the people who have been commissioned to pray for the sick knowing they’ll recover, raise the dead, speak other tongues, and Jesus has said of us that even if we step on poisonous snakes, they will not hurt us. If we have the capacity to look at a dead corpse in front of us and see and declare life, we can do the same thing when we look at our world, and declare His prophetic promises over it. If we choose to be the glorious children of God that the Bible speaks of, who will overflow His glory to the world, we can’t be convinced by what we see with our natural eyes. We were created to see with spiritual sight and to live with our spiritual sight as our reality.

“Our assignment is to live as though nothing were impossible. The command to disciple nations is not figurative. It was a literal command that has the backing of Heaven for those who embrace the assignment.” Bill Johnson

Soak Time

Will you embrace this ‘impossible’ assignment to live as though nothing were impossible, through the glory of God within you?



Day Four: True Revival is Transformation

We've heard much talk about 'revival' – stories of past revivals are told with much desire to re-experience them; reports of revival 'breaking out' now cause excitement within the body of Christ. However, the Lord said to me...

"There has never been a true revival."

The Lord showed me that there has been repentance from sin and mass conversions in many of the 'revivals' in the history of the world. However, the world has not yet seen a collective army of glorious sons and daughters – one with Him – arising at once, fully alive in His life, healing the sick, raising the dead, taking His wisdom, love and His ways into all of the institutions and facets of our society, and filling the world with His glory! Revival means 'life'. He doesn't bring revival – He IS revival. He IS life! It's only when His children come alive in His life that the world can come alive. Religion is nothing but a counterfeit – it does not raise the dead to life!

Many 'revivals' result in increases in church attendance and even periods of reduced crime in cities and places, yet in time that place may end up much the same as its former condition because there is no true and lasting transformation of all of the structures and institutions which make up its society. Until the Kingdom and glory of God is brought into the heart of a town, city, society, culture or nation, there is no heart transformation and therefore there is not permanent change. It is the same with people. Someone can accept Jesus, but never live out of the Kingdom and glory of God that is within them (Luke 17:21), and as such they may 'stop drinking or smoking' or they may go to heaven after they die, but never live as a truly transformed, glorious son or daughter of the Most High God... as ambassador of heaven on this earth.

We've seen glimpses of life – people truly alive and living from the Kingdom of God within them. People like Smith Wigglesworth and Kathryn Khulman brought the Kingdom of God to the 'mountain of religion'. Today the Lord is unveiling glorious sons and daughters over the whole earth, and in every sphere of influence. He's raising them up in homes and in marketplaces and in offices and in cities, towns and nations. The momentum is beginning and the collective glory is brightening. The glory of the Lord will be seen over the whole world, so there will be miracles in the marketplace, miracles in the schools,



miracles in government offices. There will be answers revealed to every problem. His Presence – the purity of love – will be evident everywhere and the true heart of God will be revealed, known and adored.

We have primarily been counting on people's fear of hell as their motivation to get saved, but there is a better way. Up to now, a sense of eternal insecurity has brought in much of the harvest, but in the coming days, the beauty and glory of God will win the hearts of the masses, and that harvest will be immense." Johnny Enlow

After all, it is *'the kindness of God that leads men to repentance* (Rom 2:4).

God has a purpose in inviting us to live with Him in the secret place and offering us His glory to display to this earth. He wants to give us, from His wisdom, the solutions to the problems of this world. He wants us to soak in His Presence in the secret place and then in His power, take His glory and love and wisdom to the world around us, so that mankind is liberated from the bondage brought to the earth by satan – who has come to try to steal the dream of God for His children.

Ephesians 3:10 – 11 (NLT) *God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Once again, He is asking us to be **distinctly different**, because the world is looking for solutions and they can't find them. The world is in pain and without hope, yet God intends that the glory of God would be displayed through His children to such an extent that the world would come to them – to the carriers of the Kingdom of God – to find the permanent transformation they so desperately need.



Soak Time

What wisdom – solutions to problems – have you already heard in the secret place?

What problems do you want to seek the Lord for solutions about now? What answers are planted in your heart that the Lord wants you to bring to the world? Ask Him to show you.



Day Five: Arise and Shine

The glorious sons and daughters of the Most High God are created for the world to be drawn to God in them. Within us lives the God Who has every answer to the most impossible looking situations. The Bible talks about this upcoming time in Zechariah. Remembering that at the time this scripture was written, there was no framework for the word 'Christian' as this was prior to Jesus' crucifixion.

Zechariah 8:23 (NIV) *This is what the LORD Almighty says: "In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.'"*

Stop and think about that! Have you had one person seek you out to the point of hanging onto you and going with you wherever you go because they can see God in and with you? And this is talking about ten people from all languages and nations, for each person who knows the Lord. What a drawing the light of the glory of God within us has to this world, if we will lay our flesh down!

As you can see, from what we have looked at this week, the prophetic vision for great hope for our world, has been painted throughout the scriptures. So that leaves us with only one question: Are we going to look at the darkness or the light?

When we hear such hope being shared, yet we then look around us or watch the news (which, I might add, is presently biased and controlled by the kingdom of darkness), we may find ourselves conflicted. Yes, there's still a lot to happen in order for this hope to come to fulfillment. However, we WILL see the restoration of all things (Acts 3:21). Yes, there is darkness in this world, but the Bible tells us that we have been transported out of the Kingdom of darkness and into the Kingdom of His dear Son (Col 1:13). We live in the Kingdom of God, just as the Israelites lived in Goshen. When the plague of darkness came upon the nation of Egypt, all of the Egyptians were in darkness, yet in Goshen – where the Israelites lived – there was continual light.

This is the reality in which we live right now. We live in a spiritual Goshen, and we will progressively see the darkness become light as we learn to live more and more, as one with our King, so that His glory shines through us and the



world sees it and is drawn to it. We will hear His voice in the secret place – He will give us answers to problems; He has already filled us with His love, wisdom and dunamis power. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead already lives within us now! And this power is greater than any darkness the world can bring. After all, *greater is He Who is in us than he who is in the world!* (1 Jn 4:17).

In the midst of this truth, there is only one choice we have to make:

Isaiah 60:1 – 2 (AMP) *Arise...! Shine..., for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you..., and His glory shall be seen on you.*

This is the time to ‘Arise and Shine’ not to ‘Behold Darkness’.

Which will you choose?



Consider your everyday perspective on your life and the world. Have you had the tendency more to ‘Arise and Shine’ or to ‘Behold Darkness’?

After doing this week’s devotionals, has anything changed in your perspective? Moving forward, do you choose to ‘Arise and Shine’ or to ‘Behold Darkness’?
