THE SEASON OF GLORY

Key Texts: Haggai 2:9 | Isaiah 60:1–3 | 2 Corinthians 3:18 | Romans 8:18

Introduction: A Crucial Moment on Heaven's Calendar

Hear me today: we are standing at a very crucial moment in the calendar of heaven. Many of the things Jesus said would happen before His return are no longer prophecy waiting in the distance — they are headlines. This is not a time for the church to sleep. This is a time to lift up our heads and discern the season we have entered.

There is a rhythm written into all of creation. Solomon declared, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). We know seasons of sowing and seasons of reaping. We know seasons of weeping and seasons of laughing, seasons of want and seasons of plenty. Every farmer knows you cannot treat harvest like planting time — the season determines the response.

But Scripture points us to a season that rises above all others — a season the prophets ached to see, the apostles labored to enter, and the Holy Spirit is still bringing to fullness in our day. It is the Season of Glory.

What is glory? In the Hebrew it is kabod — literally "weight," "heaviness," the substance and worth of who God is. In the Greek it is doxa — splendor, brightness, the visible expression of the invisible God. So when I say a season of glory, I am not talking about human applause. I am not talking about temporary success. I am talking about the weighty, manifest presence of God breaking into a moment of time and transforming everything it touches.

And here is the good news before we even begin: **God has reserved His greatest glory not for the past, but for the days ahead.** Somebody's best is not behind them — it is in front of them.

1. The Glory Belongs to God Alone

Exodus 33:18

And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

Before we can desire a season of glory, we must settle whose glory it is. When Moses cried out, "Show me thy glory," notice what God did. He did not show him a thing. He did not show him a

place. He revealed His own goodness, His own name, His own character. Glory is not a possession we earn; glory is a Person we encounter.

A season of glory is a divinely appointed period when God reveals His power, His favor, His excellence, and His purpose in the lives of His children. It is not merely human success or recognition — it is the manifestation of God's presence, nature, and goodness in and through a believer.

Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up, and the seraphim cried, "The whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). The same God declares, "My glory will I not give to another" (Isaiah 42:8).

So here is the first lesson of this season, and do not miss it: it is never about us, and it is always about Him. The church cannot generate glory through programs, talent, or strategy. We can only host what heaven sends. Our posture, therefore, is not ambition — it is surrender.

2. God's Purpose for You Is Glory

> **Hebrews 2:10 (NIV)**
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> *In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.*

Look at that phrase again: "bringing many sons and daughters to glory." Glory is not an accident; glory is God's plan. Glory is not a bonus for a few super-saints; glory is the destination of the redeemed. Before God created humanity, He intended that His children would reflect His image and carry His glory.

And all through Scripture, watch what God does: He takes ordinary people and brings them into extraordinary glory. Joseph — from the prison to the palace. David — from the sheepfold to the throne. Esther — from obscurity to the king's court. Unlearned fishermen — to apostles who shook the world. If He did it for them, He can do it for you.

How do you know the glory is working in a believer's life? Favor comes beyond qualification. Supernatural visibility — people begin to see you whom you did not campaign to impress. Separation from the crowd. A fresh hunger for God. New opportunities appearing unexpectedly. Favor in unusual places. Divine connections. Restoration after long delays. Greater spiritual

sensitivity. Fresh confidence in God's promises. And above all — a deeper desire to know the God of the glory, not just the glory of God.

3. The Latter Glory Exceeds the Former

Haggai 2:9

The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

When the second temple was being rebuilt after the exile, the older generation stood there and wept, because it looked so small next to the memory of Solomon's magnificent temple (Ezra 3:12). They were measuring the future by the past. But God interrupted their tears through the prophet Haggai with a word that defies natural reasoning: "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former."

How can a lesser structure carry a greater glory? Because glory is not measured by the grandeur of the building, but by the presence of the One who fills it. And centuries later, Jesus Himself — the Word made flesh — walked into those very temple courts. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). The smaller house received the greater Presence.

Hear this word for somebody today: your latter days are designed to carry more of God than your former days. What is behind you, however glorious, was only preparation. Stop grieving over the temple that seems small. The Presence that is coming is greater than the structure you remember.

4. Glory Requires You to Arise and Shine

Isaiah 60:1–2

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

A season of glory is not passive. Isaiah does not say, "Sit and wait for it." He commands: "Arise, shine!" And notice the timing — the glory rises precisely when the darkness is deepest. The prophet does not deny the darkness; he says plainly that it covers the earth and gross darkness the

people. But against that black backdrop, the people of God are commanded to rise. The darker the world becomes, the more visible your light will be.

Say this with me as a confession:

- *I will arise.*
- *I will arise in the place of prayer.*
- *I will arise in the searching of the Scriptures.*

This is the responsibility of the believer in a season of glory: not to hide, not to retreat, but to arise. Think about it — it took Jesus only three and a half years to produce men who turned the world upside down. Yet many have sat in church for ten, twenty, thirty years without rising into their assignment. The problem is not the glory; the glory has come. The question is whether we will respond.

And when the church arises, watch the promise: "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising" (Isaiah 60:3). Glory on the church becomes a magnet for the lost. Arising is not just for your benefit — somebody's salvation is attached to your shining.

5. You Are Being Transformed from Glory to Glory

> **2 Corinthians 3:18**
> *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.*

Now here is the heart of the matter for every believer. The Season of Glory is not merely something we observe — it is something that changes us. As we behold Him, we begin to reflect Him. And the transformation is progressive: from glory to glory. Not from glory to decline. Not from glory to average. From glory to glory. No believer is meant to stay where they are — with God, there is always more.

Moses had to veil his face because the glory on him was fading. But you and I behold with open, unveiled faces, because in Christ the glory is not fading — it is increasing. The trajectory of your life in Christ is upward, not downward. Yesterday's encounter was real, but hear me: it was not the ceiling.

And when the road gets hard, remember Paul's arithmetic: *"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).* What you are going through cannot outweigh what God is bringing you into. Do not give up on the threshold of a breakthrough.

6. How to Live in the Season of Glory

So how shall we live as people anticipating and hosting the glory of God? Let me give it to you plainly.

Cultivate His presence above His blessings. Seek the Giver, not merely the gifts. Like Moses, let your prayer be, "Show me Your glory."

Refuse to despise small beginnings. The latter house may look smaller than the former, but God measures by presence, not appearance. Stay faithful in the rebuilding.

Arise in the darkness. Do not be discouraged by the spiritual condition of the world. That is the very signal for your light to shine. Step forward in faith.

Keep beholding Him. Transformation comes by gazing, not striving. Stay in the Word, in worship, and in prayer, and you will be changed into His image.

Endure present sufferings with eternity in view. What you sow in tears, you will reap in glory.

Conclusion: Step Into the Season

The Season of Glory is not a distant fantasy reserved for the prophets of old. It is the inheritance of every believer who will surrender to the presence of God. The glory belongs to Him alone — and yet, astonishingly, He chooses to reveal it in and through us. Jesus prayed it Himself: "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them" (John 17:22).

Your latter days will carry more of God than your former days. The light has risen. The transformation is underway. And the glory that shall be revealed in you is greater than any suffering you now endure.

So arise. Shine. Behold Him. And step boldly into the Season of Glory.

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"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee." — Isaiah 60:1

1. Prayer for the Revelation of His Glory
Father, like Moses I cry: show me Your glory. Let me not settle for religion without presence. Reveal Your goodness, Your name, and Your nature in my life, in Jesus' Name.

2. Prayer Against Every Veil and Covering
In the Name of Jesus, I tear down every veil covering my destiny, my vision, and my shining. Every cloud of darkness assigned to hide my light, scatter by fire, in Jesus' Name.

3. Prayer for the Greater Glory
Father, You declared that the glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former. I decree that my latter days shall carry more of God than my former days — my best is ahead of me, not behind me, in Jesus' Name.

4. Prayer for Grace to Arise and Shine
Lord, deliver me from every spirit of slumber, retreat, and hiding. I receive grace to arise in the place of prayer and in the searching of the Scriptures. As darkness covers the earth, let Your light be seen upon me, in Jesus' Name.

5. Prayer for Transformation from Glory to Glory
Holy Spirit, as I behold the Lord with an unveiled face, change me into His image from glory to glory. I refuse to remain where I am — take me deeper, take me higher, in Jesus' Name.

6. Prayer for Favor and Divine Visibility
Father, release upon me favor beyond my qualification. Give me supernatural visibility, divine connections, and open doors in unusual places. Let my gifts make room for me and bring me before great men, in Jesus' Name.

7. Prayer for Restoration
Lord, where there has been shame, release honor. Where there has been delay, release acceleration. Where there has been dryness, release abundance. Restore every year, opportunity, and blessing the enemy has stolen, in Jesus' Name.

8. Prayer for the Glory to Be Seen Upon Me

Father, let this season mark a new chapter of divine manifestation in my life, my family, and my church. Let the glory of the Lord be seen upon me, and let my shining draw many to Christ. I step boldly into my Season of Glory, in Jesus' Mighty Name. Amen.