

Taken Up In Glory

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"These things I write unto you, hoping to come unto you shortly; but if I tarry long, so that you may know how you ought to behave yourself in the House of God, which is the Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And by-confession, great is the Mystery of Godliness: God, Who was Revealed in the Flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by Angels, Proclaimed in the Nations, Believed in the World, and Taken up in Glory." (1 Timothy 3:14-16)

Taken: from the Greek word *anēlempthē* (a verb) which means: was-taken up; from *analambano*: to take up, to raise up, to receive up. Usage: take up, raise; pick up, take on board; carry off, lead away. In context: the ascension of Jesus Christ back into heaven forty days after His resurrection.

Glory: from the Greek word *doxe (doxa)* (a noun) which means: an opinion, (always good in N.T.); thus having Glory and Honor; Usage: glory, honor, renown; praise. As a verb: exercising personal opinion which determines value; in context: to praise, to honor, to extol, to glorify, to magnify. Also, especially the divine quality, the unspoken manifestation of God's splendor and majesty.

Was Taken Up In Glory: After His resurrection from the dead, Jesus was taken up in glory and honor, and was seated at the Right Hand of His Father in heaven in the Glory, splendor, and majesty of the Father, before the holy angels of God; where He now sits as our Advocate and Intercessor; and as Judge (future) over the nations of the Earth! The context of His Glory also, and most importantly, includes the glorious personal opinion, approval, and pleasure of the Father in His Beloved Son Jesus.

The historical event is described as follows:

"And He (Jesus) said unto them, 'Go you into all the world, and preach the Gospel (Good-news) to every creature. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he who does not believe shall be damned. And these signs shall follow those who believe: in My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.' So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was taken-up (anēlempthē) into heaven, and sat on the Right Hand of God (i.e. in Glory!). And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." (Mark 16:15-29)

"Therefore, when they had come together, they asked of Him (Jesus), saying, 'Lord, will You at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel?' And He said unto them, 'It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power. But you shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.' And when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken-up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; who also said, 'You men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, shall also come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:6-11)

In John 8:52-54 Jesus, Himself made mention of His Glorification:

"Then said the Jews unto Him (Jesus), 'Now we know that You have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If a man keeps My sayings, he shall never taste of death.' Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead; whom do You make Yourself?' Jesus answered, '**If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing:** it is My Father who **glorifies** Me; of whom you say, that He is your God.' "

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And Again:

"Therefore, when He had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God shall also glorify Him (Jesus) in Himself (God), and shall immediately glorify Him (Jesus).'" (John 13:31-32)

"Father, the hour has come; glorify You Son, so that Your Son may also glorify You. You have given Him power over all flesh, so that He should give Eternal Life to as many as You have given Him. And this is Life Eternal, that they might know You the only True God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth; I have finished the work which You gave Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me with Your own Self with the Glory which I had with You before the world existed.'" (John 17:1-5)

Consider also the following scriptures:

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, Crowned with Glory (doxa) and Honor (time); that He by the Grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Author of Their Salvation (Jesus) perfect through (His) sufferings." (Hebrews 2:9-10)

Honor: from the Greek word *time* which means: the perceived value, price, or worth of something. Figuratively: the value, or honor, willingly assigned to, or spoken of something or someone.

"On the next day many people who came to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet Him, and cried out, 'Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel who comes in the name of the Lord (Psalm 118:25).' And Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it, as it is written, 'Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, Your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt (Zechariah 9:9).' These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified (and taken-up). then they remembered that these things were written about Him, and that they had done these things unto Him. " (John 12:12-16)

The Glory that Jesus has now humbly been taken up into, that is in heaven at the Right Hand of the Majesty of God the Father Most High, is none other than the supreme pleasure, approval, and praise of His Glorious Father! The opinion of the Father towards His Son Jesus is as said:

"And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, behold, the heavens were opened unto him (John the Baptist) , and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and coming upon Him (Jesus). And behold, a Voice from out of heavens, saying, "This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17)

"And after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them separately up onto a high mountain. And He was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His cloths were white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with Him. Then Peter spoke, and said unto Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if thou will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. While he was speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a Voice out of the cloud, which said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear you Him.'" (Matthew 17:1-5)

Here we see Jesus appearing in Glory as bright as the Sun, and as the Morning Star; and His clothing as bright as white light! But of infinitely more Glory is the glorious state of being caught up humbly into the supreme approval, praise and honor spoken by the Father concerning His Son in whom He is well pleased!! Consider also this:

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"And Jesus answered them, saying, 'The hour has come, that the Son of Man should be Glorified. Truly, truly, I say unto you, 'Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit. He who loves his life shall lose it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it unto Life Eternal. If any man serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall My servant also be. If any man serves Me, him will My Father honor. Now My soul is troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour? But for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, **Glorify Your Name.**' ' Then there came there a Voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." (John 12:23-28)

The Second Coming return of Jesus to the Earth will also be in the Glory of His Father, and He will reward every man according to his works: 'some unto everlasting life, and some unto shame and everlasting contempt.' (see Daniel 12:2) Consider the following:

"Then Jesus said unto His disciples, 'If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever will save his life shall lose it; and whoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the Glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works. Truly I say unto you, There are some standing here, who shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. (Matthew 16:24-28)

"For what advantaged is it for a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? For whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed when He shall come in His own Glory, and in that (the glory) of His Father, and of the holy angels." (Luke 9:25-26)

"When the Son of man shall come in His Glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He shall sit upon the throne of His glory: And there shall be gathered before Him all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on His left...." (see Matthew 25:31-33,,,))

"For Christ has not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. ... And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many (for us); and unto those who look for Him shall He appear the second time (in Glory) without sin unto salvation." (Hebrews (9:24, 27-28)

As Christ Jesus so served the Father, and received His glorious praise and approval from His Father in heaven, so shall we who faithfully serve the Father also receive glory from the Father! For us, there is no higher glory or honor! It will be the best 'welcome-home' ever!! It shall be as He shall say to us:

"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter you into the joy of your Lord."

Jesus Was Taken Up In Glory

The Glory and Honor and Praise of His Father in heaven!

**Indeed Jesus is clothed with the Glory and Majesty and Splendor of the Father!
And we also who believe and serve Him faithfully shall also be so clothed in His Glory!**

**Father in heaven, Jesus my Lord ...
... All Praise, and Glory, and Honor, and Power, and Majesty are Yours!
Forever and Ever! Always and Always!
Truly Truly! Amen and Amen!**