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"A flood of glory"

"The time to fulfill your destiny has arrived"

Dedication

To Vangie

We met as sweethearts in college. I was struck. However, Armenian boys were not allowed to date much in those years. On a Friday night I was working late at one of our large sales stores on our Dairy. I felt so frustrated that I went behind the store to the dairy barn where scores of cows were lined up in the stanchions. I looked into the big brown eyes of those cows and I thought, "Richard, you are a fool. You should be looking into the beautiful green eyes of Vangie".

The next morning, Florence, my father's sister, helped me find an event so that I could ask Vangie out.

We were engaged three months later.

From that moment on, there has not been a day that her love has not sustained me. Through life's

ups and downs, her great faith and sweetness of spirit has been a constant uplift.

Vangie is a role model for tens of thousands of ladies of the fellowship. She is known for her grace and beauty. Her example and influence has helped many.

I dedicate this book about God's coming glory, His marvelous protection, and the vision to my wife Evangeline (Vangie); our four beautiful daughters; Denice, Cynthia, Brenda, Suzanne, and our three wonderful grandchildren; Brianna Elizabeth, Blakeland Richard, and Rachel Evangeline.

About Richard Shakarian

Richard is a businessman with a heart for the people of the world. His lifelong passion to help people led him to his first international experience at the age of sixteen in Cuba.

He spoke to the United States House of Representative's prayer group at the age of fifteen. He was invited because at that early age he was already helping young people. Today he speaks to Congress in session in several Latin American nations. The country of Honduras has given him their highest medal and honor usually reserved for presidents of nations.

He is the president of the world's largest Christian business fellowship, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, with his gift of encouragement it has grown to encompass 160 nations of the world.

As a young boy growing up with a well-known grandfather, Isaac, and a very well known father, Demos, his early experiences were knowing the top political, religious and business leaders of the time.

He personally knew many men who were famous in their time and are now part of church or secular history. It was a great life experience and training for young Richard that he would need in the future. Today he often meets with top business, political and religious leaders and even presidents of nations. He was honored to meet the Pope.

He is equally relaxed talking to a young person, someone in need, or giving a special word from the Lord to a president or leader. His lifetime of experiences have impressed upon him the worth of each individual.

Richard's hope is that you will receive the personal breakthrough that he did, as you experience the awesome truths that God revealed to him in this life changing vision.

Power and Glory

A Vision Of Hope And Glory My Lowest Day

It was December 1986, my physical body, which had always been so strong, had completely failed me. It had once enabled me to climb Mt. Ararat in search of Noah's Ark. I had once been able to work in business 16 hours a day, and had traveled around the world introducing many to Christ, but after heart surgery my doctor could not give me the reassurance I needed. My business in the oil fields collapsed along with the collapse of the price of oil. Yes, it truly was my lowest day.

I could see no future for the first time in my life. There was no reassuring medical or financial prognosis. Instead, for the first time I felt fear, failure, humiliation and alone. I was not able to function as a provider, a proper husband, or as a father to

my four beautiful daughters. I felt like I had failed God because it seemed like my life was broken. I had always loved the Lord, but now I felt as if I was at the end of my life. Somehow my life had gotten off track and I didn't know the way back.

Our world was completely out of control. Vangie and I had to go to Los Angeles for a business appointment. When I talked to Dr. Shah he said, "No Richard, you cannot go. You're not able to handle the stress."

I said, "Let me just go downtown, and I will wait at the Biltmore Hotel." A friend, Bob Buceta, had offered to go with Vangie to the business meeting. They dropped me off at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles and I took a book, as I knew they would be several hours. Vangie and Bob went to the appointment. I felt that I had let her down by my inability as a man to handle this situation.

The Entrance of the Supernatural

I sat in a big blue chair in a quiet corner of the grand lobby away from the window. It was beautifully restored in its art deco style. It had been the place my father, Demos, had conducted the first FGBMFI World Convention. I settled in to read my book.

Suddenly there was a flash of light. I was startled. I wondered where the light had come from. I got up and went to the window, but I could not find any reason for this unusual change of light. It was a beautiful, cloudless California day. I remember it

was about noontime. As I looked out the window I could see nothing that would have caused that flash. I sat back down in the chair and began reading once again.

When I heard the words, it was then I realized that the light had ushered in a new dimension. Many times the Bible speaks of a heavenly light shining before a spiritual event. A light shined before an angel appeared; Paul experienced it on the road to Damascus. The Bible says, "*Suddenly a light from heaven flashed.*" (Acts 9:3) Peter saw the light just before God released him from prison, "*Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shown in his cell.*" (Acts 12:19) The words began, "*There is something about myself that I am going to reveal to mankind.*"

My Feelings of Unworthiness

"Lord if there is something about yourself that you are going to reveal to the world, then why are you speaking to me? In my mind it seemed as though there was a long line. It was a line of all the men in the world and I felt I was the last person in line. I thought, "Lord I don't even know that I have a future. Reveal this treasure of your majesty to someone worthy. Go to the head of the line." My brokenness and feelings of unworthiness left me unable to believe that God wanted to speak to me.

But the voice continued, "*There is something about myself that I am going to reveal to the world. I'm going to reveal my pillar of truth.*"

"But Lord," I said, "I have never heard of a pillar of truth. I don't even know what that is. I don't know anything about a pillar of truth."

The words continued on undaunted by my natural thoughts.

My Vision Changed

Sitting there in that big blue chair my vision began to change. My eyes were wide open but my sight had entered into a different dimension. It was as if a great screen appeared before me. Then I saw the great area that has been prepared for all the people who believed in Christ. It is big enough for the people of the whole earth to gather together.

The First Pillar People Finding Faith

The Lord was speaking to me, *"Just as I revealed to my servant. The just shall live by faith."* And as the words came I saw it appear! I saw a magnificent pillar come down and land in the realm of mankind. I was fascinated by this pillar of restoration. It is a restoration of relationship. God and man, Creator and created, linked together by faith and love. It landed and stood in the far left of the area. This pillar had millions upon millions of people around it. The voice continued, *"This is my pillar of truth and it stands until the return of Jesus Christ. Millions more will continue to find shelter under this pillar."*

Then I saw people coming to the pillar, they

came by one's and two's, coming by small groups and then coming by larger numbers. We all have a need to find Him. It is by faith that we find Him, just as men have found God from the very beginning. This pillar showed that God really puts His relationship with us first.

The Second Pillar

A Rain of God's Spirit

Then the scene changed and I saw a second pillar of truth coming from heaven into the realm of mankind. The voice said, *"This is the pillar of truth. My Holy Spirit poured out like rain in the latter days that I spoke of to my prophet Joel."*

"I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten," was the promise of God through Joel. Perhaps each of us has some years that need restoring. I wanted God to restore my years. I certainly needed some years restored. Hope and then faith took hold.

God's words to Joel about this second pillar of truth in the Bible, *"I will pour out my spirit on all flesh."* What an extraordinary promise. Then I remembered the Bible tells us in the beginning the world was in chaos, but the Spirit of God brought beauty out of chaos. Out of His overshadowing He formed it into the beautiful world we know today. He made the majestic mountains, the blue green seas, the waterfalls and the animals. So I asked God to let His Holy Spirit do the work of reconstruction in my life.

Today the Holy Spirit is my best friend, my comforter, my constant companion, my guide and my helper just like Jesus said He would be.

The prophet Joel said, *"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth,... And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."* (NIV Joel 2:28-30a, 32)

When the clouds come and the rain begins, it doesn't just rain in one corner of the field, rather it rains all over. Right now the Holy Spirit is falling like a rain from heaven all over the world.

Then the second pillar settled in the far right of this great area. Millions upon millions were gathered around the second pillar. Then the voice announced, *"Millions more will find shelter under this pillar."*

Now there were two pillars, both with millions of people milling around each of them. There were some people who were even going between the pillars of truth. It was very obvious that God's family was growing.

The Third Pillar

Healing and Deliverance

Then, once again as I looked to the sky, another

pillar came from heaven to the realm of mankind. It was the pillar of truth of healing I had heard so much about when I was a boy.

My father Demos often visited his friend Dr. Charles Price. Dr. Price was one of the leading ministers of his time. He had graduated with honors from the University of Chicago. He preached for many years without even meeting the Savior. One night while visiting a great crusade he witnessed many miracles. It was that night that he gave his heart to Christ. As time went on, he became known for the great healing and prophetic ministry that God gave him.

I would go with my Dad to Dr. Price's home and sit on the floor as they talked about the things of God. He lived in a big house in Pasadena, California.

One reason I always wanted to go with my Dad was because Dr. Price had a pet monkey in a cage. At the age of nine, I just had to go.

I could not take my eyes off this great man of God. I could feel the anointing. I listened intently as he prophesied of things yet to come. He foretold this third pillar, the great event that would shake the world. "The 'Healing and deliverance' ministry that will shortly begin," I remember him saying, "I won't live to see it, but soon God will raise up men who are unknown and through them this ministry will reach millions."

At that time I only knew this as a prophetic truth. Later I witnessed it as this move of God

began in 1947. It swept the world. Millions came; yes, millions upon millions would continue to find shelter under this great pillar.

The people were there in the vision, uncounted millions with more coming, just as they did in the time of Jesus. They were there because God was showing His own attributes by extending His love, compassion and healing power.

There is not one person that our Lord does not know. He knows you better than you know yourself. There is not one need that He can't meet. There's not one sickness that He can't cure. There's not a sin that He can't forgive. There's not a problem He can't solve. There's not a sadness that He can't replace with the joy of gladness.

The Fourth Pillar

Israel

Again, I saw another pillar entering into the realm of mankind. The Lord continued, "*Just as I said to my servant Abraham, his seed shall inherit the land.*" There it was before me, the pillar of God's promise to Abraham. God never forgets a promise. The Jewish people had lost sovereignty over their land in 586 B.C. However, God had promised that they would return. Israel would have their nation and land again. After all those years of struggle God said, "*It is the appointed time.*" Israel has such an important place in Biblical prophecy that its destiny and mankind's destiny now are linked.

Spiritual and natural events are often linked in

timing. It was like a one-two punch. Within one year of the beginning of the healing and deliverance ministries, Israel was born. It was May 14, 1948, a day many generations have prayed to see. I remember that day very well. The ministers had previously explained about God's promise. Now we saw it happen. In the vision I saw millions upon millions taking shelter under the 4th pillar representing God's promise to Abraham.

The Fifth Pillar

God's Goodness

Little did I realize the scope of the vision. I was so focused on the pillars I did not realize God was building His temple. A temple made without hands. It was the magnificent temple of God built for His people and His Glory. Now when the fifth pillar came from heaven. It revealed yet another facet of the person of our Father God: His goodness.

As the voice spoke again, it echoed an event I witnessed as a teenager. In his earliest crusades Oral Roberts repeatedly said, "God is a good God." Those words forever changed man's perception of God. The heavenly voice continued, "And millions upon millions will find shelter under this pillar." This pillar is the restoration of the knowledge that God is good. Yes, it's in the Bible, but people did not understand.

I received my driver's license before I was sixteen just so I could be Oral Roberts' crusade driver.

That day I had driven him from the hotel to the big tent. The crowd was thrilled when he said, "God is a good God." However, there were many ministers who spoke against it. They asked, "How could this young preacher say, 'God is a good God?' What does he know? Where did he come from?"

At first, I wondered why such an obvious truth made people so angry. It was then I realized religion is built upon fear and domination. It is no wonder so many are angry at religion. But they are not angry with Jesus. God had used this young evangelist to reveal the fact of His goodness to this generation. The knowledge of His goodness had been lost. Even the schools of theology had lost this fundamental knowledge of God, but God had revealed his goodness to young Oral Roberts and the young ministers.

When bad things happen to good people we know it is the attack of Satan. However, even if we cannot explain what happens, we still know that God is on our side. God is always working to help you. If you have fallen, remember God is good. He is lifting up your life right now. Don't forget you are a member of His family. This truth has changed the world.

The Sixth Pillar

Calling Men Back To God

As I looked toward heaven I saw a beautiful sixth pillar descending. I was not expecting it when the voice said, "*This is when my servant Demos*

Shakarian stood up and said, 'I'm calling men to God.' Yes, I saw millions taking shelter under this great pillar and millions more coming.

Why was it so revolutionary when my father said, "I am calling men back to God?" Well at that time in 1953, very few men were in the churches. It seemed among the more successful men there were even fewer that spoke openly about God. God moved on my father's heart, He gave him a great vision. God used this humble dairyman to influence the spiritual climate of the world. Today there is a real need for both men and women to become a success, not by emulating the worldly, but rather with wisdom for business and with Christian examples.

Men and women are telling their own personal turnaround story through Christ. There is power in a personal story. This is a shockwave that is bringing tens of millions into God's Kingdom. The Bible is full of stories about successful people. The God of the Old Testament is the God of the New Testament. What did God do with all of those people? God forgave them, He delivered them, He cleansed them, He filled them with prophetic words, He gave them His power and He enriched their lives.

God blessed Abraham, and He blessed men of the Bible. They had cattle, herds, camels, sheep, gold, silver, territories, wealth, and blessings beyond measure. Why did God do all of that? Why did God bless them? Because He made them in His

own image, and He wants them blessed. So when Dad stood up and said, "I am calling men to God" it was just like a prophet from the Old Testament. Just like when our Lord called the disciples, it was God calling men, one man at a time.

I thought that the vision was finished. The scene in front of me included six great pillars each with millions of believers. It looked just like believers act today. They were all divided into their own groups. I saw millions of people following the truth that was their favorite and crossing between the pillars. What a perfect picture of the disunited body of believers today. You should see it as I saw it sitting there in that big blue chair, however, from God's point of view there is something lacking.

Part II of the Vision

For a moment I thought the vision was over. The vision had shown the restoration of important truths to believers of all religions. I remembered when the Lord said, "*I am the Truth.*" I realized when we see a divine truth, we are seeing a characteristic of our Father God.

Yes, we can recognize God.

When our Lord was tired and slept, we saw the attributes of man.

When our Lord wept at the grave tomb of His friend, Lazarus, we saw the attributes of man.

When he was hungry and ate with the disciples, we saw the attributes of man.

But...

When He opened blind eyes, we saw God,

and His compassion.

When our Lord fed the multitude, we saw God, and His care for us.

When our Lord called out, "Lazarus come forth," and Lazarus came out of the tomb alive, we saw God!

We see that God is life. We see His resurrection power at work. We know that some day He will call our name and the names of our loved ones. We shall then come forth out of the grave, out of the gripping claw of death. We shall be resurrected, triumphant, victorious, washed by His blood, and never to be separated from our loved ones. The final triumph over evil and time will be no more and eternity with God begins.

The Temple of God

Up to this moment I only had seen part of what God would reveal.

The pillars were arranged just as pillars would be to hold up a building. I was so focused on the pillars that I didn't realize a temple was taking shape. I had no idea that God was building a place of covering for all the believers in the world. A place for all who would look to Him. I was completely startled by the next part of the vision.

Heaven

The scene completely changed. Suddenly it seemed as though I was caught up into heaven. I saw

angels. They were very busy. They were working on something. What was it? I moved closer and looked over the shoulders of the angels to see what they were working on. It was another pillar. This was my first look at the 7th pillar.

There was something quite different about this pillar. It was so beautiful, so elaborate in its decorations, so large, so magnificent. I simply could not imagine its enormous size, its power, its incredible beauty, or what it would do in the world. The angels finally finished their preparations. For a moment, the angels stood back to see this great pillar. The work of preparation in heaven is being matched by preparation on earth. Our Lord Himself is preparing world events. Yes, He is also preparing our lives and our hearts.

Get ready....

Get ready...

Get ready...

The glory of God is coming.

A new dimension of His presence and His unlimited power is coming. Yes, God is jealous over His family. We are now entering a new dimension of appointed time. Get ready for your destiny. The time to fulfill your destiny has arrived.

I saw the 7th pillar launched out of heaven with the help of the angels. Launched with fire and smoke. Now it was traveling towards mankind. A new adventure for all believers is about to begin.

What about the fire and smoke that I saw?

Could it be like the fire and smoke that protected and led the children of Israel out of Egypt?

The 7th Pillar

The scene completely changed again. Once again I saw the other six pillars, the people of God, and the view of space. I looked up and saw the 7th pillar coming to earth. What a sight! There was fire, smoke and the magnificent 7th pillar.

God knows how to make an entrance. Just as He did when the disciples were in the upper room in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit was given to us by our Lord for all mankind. There was a new sound that had not been heard before. It was the sound of a rushing mighty wind. This sound startled all that were in Jerusalem. Thousands came to the source of the sound. It was there they were converted. They now became believers and followers of Christ. Then those followers took the blessing of Christ out to every one.

The 7th pillar settled right down in the center of all of the believers. It made a great entrance with fire and smoke. It was then I realized its tremendous size, elaborate quality, and its incredible beauty. There was something completely different about this pillar. The 7th pillar was a so much larger. It was so much more beautiful than the other pillars. The other six pillars were lifeless in themselves; their message was the shelter. The 7th pillar seemed itself to be alive.

I said, "Lord, is this the second coming?" But

no, it was not the second coming. "What is it Lord?" I asked.

The Lord said, "*This is my pillar of truth and revelation about myself.*" I want you to know that the Father is going to reveal Himself in power. He will display power as we have never seen it before. The story has not yet been told of the glory and miracles we are going to see in the years immediately in the future.

For those who think that there is no spiritual warfare in the world, let us remember the Bible says that God is not willing that any should perish. Oh yes, many will perish, but not because God wants them to. They will perish because they hardened their hearts before God.

Let us remember that these days are characterized by spiritual conflict. A conflict so great that Satan would wipe out the human race if it were not for the intervention of God. As I saw the vision, I realized the tremendous love and protection of God over his people. I personally believe that in our lifetimes we will see billions of people coming to the Glory of God. Yes, He does protect, but let us also remember that many have died in Christ's name. When St. Stephen, who was the first martyr, gave his life, he looked up into heaven and saw the Lord standing before His throne. Our Lord stood to receive His servant, St. Stephen.

Understand that every scientific, and political breakthrough will be more than matched by God's coming glory. Matched by His unlimited power. He

is the same God today that He was for Moses. I was stunned when I realized the message of the 7th pillar. To me it means that all of the power throughout the Old and New Testament, yes, the power He showed through His prophets Moses and Elijah, Daniel, Isaiah, St. Peter, St. John and the Apostle Paul is still available in His glory. God has never lost His power.

The Smoke

I saw billows of smoke as the 7th pillar landed. The smoke began to drift upward. As the smoke drifted up, it turned into light and formed an incredibly beautiful roof that covered and connected all the pillars. Truly, this was a roof of such great splendor befitting the temple of God Himself. I could see the roof was translucent. Although I could clearly see the incredible decorations, I could still see through it. The beauty and grandeur are beyond explanation. It reminded me of the great ancient buildings. It is a building so magnificent, and so timeless. It represents authority and power.

Now for the first time all the pillars were connected. The 7th pillar, the glory of God, connected all His pillars of truth together. Now we can understand that the facet of truth we each hold is only a part. These truths were put there in order to lead us to the Father God.

God is our Father, our creator; it is He who breathed life into Adam. His breath made us a living soul. Yes, we came from Him. We are the sons

and daughters of God Himself.

The Light

Light as I had never seen before filled the entire area of all the believers in the world. Hundreds of millions, perhaps billions, of people were under this incredible light.

It seemed as though the light itself had a textured quality. It was more than light, as we know light today. The color was slightly more golden. It seemed to have a texture and nourishing quality about it. There abides health and life in this light. The very presence of it brings health. There was also a laser like quality. The Light filled the entire area and extended out over the other pillars. It was a flood of light that filled the area and then abruptly stopped at the outer edge of all the pillars just like a laser.

Outside the pillars it was totally different. The same light that shined so abundantly upon the believers stopped abruptly at the outer edge like a curtain or a laser. There was light on one side and darkness on the other just like Moses' pillar of fire and cloud of smoke. The Bible says it was light to the Israelites, but darkness to their adversaries.

The Fire

I watched as there was a fire that surrounded the magnificent 7th pillar. It looked like a ball of fire just above the centerline. Soon it stretched out over all of the people then there was a golden glow

illuminating out from the pillar in all directions. I thought it was the golden glow of a fire.

Then I was brought close to the pillar and I could see it was not a fire. Rather it was billions of fine particles like the finest, purest gold streaming out in laser like sequence. It was like the finest, purest almost translucent particles of God's golden glory.

There were billions of particles of glory. God has enough for each and every one of us. God Himself stretching the cloak of His glory over all His people.

The Silver Lightning

Whenever there was a special need, perhaps a healing need, a special blessing would flash like silver lightning out of the particles of golden glory.

Many years ago on a field in Brazil I had a vision of our Lord. That night there were thousands of people on the crusade field listening to the message of God's power to forgive and to heal. I saw a flash of light. Once again I looked for the source. When I looked up I saw the Lord and His warring angels above the field of people. One look in His eyes, and I got the message. He had won the battle for the needs of the people.

Immediately in the vision above the field I saw a flash of lightning come from the Lord. It hit the podium and the light splintered out to all the people. In a flash thousands of people were on their feet. They erupted in praise, and shouting. Blind eyes were instantly opened, the deaf could hear,

and the lame were walking. Canes, walkers and other medical appliances were being thrown into the air.

Later a young mother and her husband brought their two-year-old child to the stage. This child had been born blind. They had taken him to several specialists and the doctors had told them their son would never see. Now the child could see. He was watching my hand as I moved it. Yes, the child's eyes followed my hand and he reached out to grasp my fingers. The mother was weeping. She said, "I thought it was impossible, but now I know. God is the God of impossible things."

All Believers In Unity

Christ called for unity. Preachers preach about it. Conferences are held to bring it about. In the vision I saw real unity. All of those millions, perhaps billions, around the individual pillars, were now in unity. Now all were gathered around the 7th pillar in the center. Can you imagine millions or billions, of Christians with no barriers?

There Was No Prejudice

Of race

Of color

Of language

Of position

Of doctrine

Of belief

Of male or female

Of young or old

Of status

Of education

They were together in faith and love. Can you imagine, a world with only this kind of unity? I saw the oneness our Lord spoke about. From the 7th pillar we learned nothing is as important as our relationship with the Father... and His glory!

No man could do it... no preacher or theologian has even been able to imagine it. Only Christ could say it with certainty.

What no man can do God did. When Christ spoke it, it was a finished work. We can begin by forgiving those who have hurt or offended us. Begin by loving people more than your ideas or philosophy. Begin by kneeling before the Lord and worshiping Him in truth.

His glory is coming!

His glory is coming!

Get ready!

Get ready!

His glory is for you, and you were created for
His glory!

The Darkness

Beyond the pillars was a black darkness. A darkness that had texture. You could feel the darkness, and it felt very creepy. Groping about in thick

darkness were the multitudes of unbelievers. They could see the people of God in the light; however, it was so dark they could not see each other.

It reminded me of the plague of darkness called forth by Moses upon the Pharaoh and upon Egypt. The Bible tells us the Egyptians were in thick darkness, but light shined upon God's people.

Is God going to repeat His awesome miracle for all believers?

The Voice of God

Then I heard a deep rumbling sound. It sounded like a generator of great power. It was the incredible sound of the voice of God speaking over His people.

Evil Rulers

Fear! I could feel fear in the hearts of the evil rulers of the world. Evil leaders shook in fear, because they knew here was a power they could not handle or control. They could hear the powerful rumble of the incredible voice of God. They had fear because of the fire of glory that they could see over the saints. The darkness itself possessed an incredible fear. The evil rulers simply did not know what to do. Just as in times of old, once again evil nations will fear the Lord.

The Scene

The final scene was of great beauty, majesty and splendor. A covering by God over His people. His

voice, His power, His truth, His people.

I saw the world in darkness, oppressed and in bondage, but I saw the glory come upon the people of God, with His light and His power of protection. I saw Him set the boundaries of protection around His people. Inside was the glory and outside was the darkness.

A scene of elegant brilliance and unlimited power.

Moses

On one of our trips to Rome and the Vatican, Vangie and I took some time to go through the Vatican Museum. On display is a famous sculpture by Michael Angelo. It is a sculpture of Moses.

As we stood there I asked Vangie, "Are those horns on Moses? Why did Michael Angelo put horns on Moses?" Because the original Hebrew says 'horns of glory' shown from Moses.

Now that I have seen the vision, I understand the 'horns of glory.' In our language today we might say that Moses had 'laser beams' of glory.

No wonder there were those in the camp that could not stand the glory. They had sinned. Moses came down from Mt. Sinai. After being with God for six days and six nights something had happened to him. There was an exchange. Something had changed in Moses. Little by little the face of Moses had assimilated those particles of glory.

When Moses came down from the mountain,

the glory of God flashed from his face. Yes, flashing laser beams of glory. The people cried, "Moses cover your face, if you don't, we will die! Because of our sin, the fire of his glory will destroy this camp." Imagine the laser beams of glory flashing upon their camp.

God's Plan

Many great men have prophesied over the years about this time. There is one consistent theme. His extraordinary glory will come through ordinary men and women. It will not be the great theologians, educators, or ministers, but it will be ordinary people.

Christ showed this principal when he chose the disciples. I can just imagine the angels talking among themselves about his choices.

Angel #1: I thought for sure he would choose Caesar.

Angel #2: I thought he would choose a great general, or one of the most brilliant thinkers, scientists or educators from a university, or perhaps an important Rabbi, priest or a preacher.

Angel #3: Who did he pick?

Angel #4: Don't you know? He chose Peter, and some other fellows

Angel #3: Who is Peter?

Angel #4: Oh, he is just a fisherman. And the others you can imagine, like a... a... a

tax collector, a rebel..

Angel #2: I sure hope the Lord knows what He is doing.

And just imagine the Lord chose you!

Perhaps no one else in the world would have chosen you. Perhaps your own relatives would laugh... but God chose you! It says in the second chapter of Joel, "In the last days I will pour out my spirit on all flesh."

Why does God use ordinary people? Because He responds to their faith, He loves to take our weakness and through us show His strength. Our changed lives become a witness of faith and a joy to our Lord.

The Burning Bush

There was a day when God said it is the appointed time to free Israel from slavery. How did God speak to Moses? Out of an ordinary bush in the desert.

Moses was in the desert forty years before his time came. One day he saw a bush. This bush was on fire but it didn't burn. Moses must have said to himself, "I know that bush. I was here last week. It's just an ordinary bush. What's it doing on fire and not being consumed?" Then he realized it wasn't really on fire.

The Lord had put His glory on an ordinary bush. A voice came out of the bush and said, "*Moses take off your shoes, the ground on which you stand is holy ground.*" Sometimes we may feel

like we are just an ordinary bush. But as bushes we cover the world. God wants us to know that if He can put His glory on an ordinary bush, then God can put His glory on ordinary men, women and young people.

God's glory on a bush? Oh God, if you can use a bush then perhaps you can use me!

The world calls us across all political and geographical boundaries, "Come, and let us do business together." What they do not know is that millions, and soon billions, of us ordinary bushes will be flashing with laser beams of God's glory.

You can have God's glory flashing from you. In Honduras we conducted an outreach to touch one person in every family in the nation for Christ. That week our Fire Teams included a thousand ordinary men and women throughout the land giving their personal story. They told of the great turnaround in their own lives because of Christ.

We held our meetings in offices, factories, universities and government buildings. We had meetings everywhere. I even spoke to congress in session! In one week we saw 385,000 people commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

At that time there was a nurse's strike and in order to get medical help people crowded into the waiting room of a Doctor's office. When the Doctor came back he saw the waiting room was empty and he was very angry.

He said, "Nurse, where are all the patients? This

place was jammed an hour ago!"

The nurse was very apologetic, "I'm so very sorry doctor, but the men of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship came and prayed for all of the patients, and Doctor... they all got healed and went home! I am so sorry!"

In Eastern Europe a young man had been in a nuclear accident. He was dying from the sickness caused by radiation. Others had already died and his father had purchased his son's burial plot. He came to one of our meetings with great faith. When I prayed for him, I felt like an ordinary bush filled with God's glory. The young man was instantly and completely healed. You too can have a miracle right now. Your destiny can and will be fulfilled if you believe.

The pillars of truth revealed to me the importance of a personal relationship with our Lord and the Father's coming glory upon His family.

One day I was in a meeting in a tall building in San Francisco. I was looking out the window across the Bay as others were speaking. I just quietly spoke to God, "God, I don't mean to bother you with such a little question. I know you are probably busy doing wonderful things right now, but if you wouldn't mind answering this small question: How is it that you know when someone is praying to you? There are millions of people just in this one city and billions in the world. How do you know the exact person? Don't your angels ever get mixed up and take the answer to the person next door? "

About that time there was a beautiful sunset. As the sun went down over the horizon of the beautiful blue Pacific, the lights started to go on.

It seemed the Lord spoke to me, "*Do you see the lights?*"

"Yes, I do," I said.

"Do you see that particular light?"

"Yes, I see it even though I know it is several miles away across the Bay."

The Lord said, "*Darkness has covered the world. When a person prays, their spirit opens up to me. It's just as if their heart opens and their faith reflects My glory. I can see each person. Then I always answer, and my angels just follow the light of faith to that very person. And they never get mixed up.*"

You can ask God for the wonderful gifts He revealed in this vision. Just open your heart and the light of faith will be seen in heaven. It will guide the angels as they bring you the exact gifts you need. Believe and you can have God's unlimited power and coming glory.

