

## GLORY

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- The verb *barah* = denotes a divine & miraculous production; its commencement in time
  - Fresh manifestation of His presence
  - Cloud and smoke – cloud in form and smoke in substance
    - Canopy – chuppah – covering for beautifying and honouring that which is covered
    - Shading, enlightening, hiding, defending and adorning
  - **Exodus 40:34-35** Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.
    - *shekinah* - the abiding presence of His glory
  - Fiery splendor – a flaming brightness (*lehabah*); real and living fire
- The cloud & fire are both signs of the nearness of God and His satisfaction
- **I Kings 8:10-11** And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, <sup>11</sup> so that the priests could not stand to

minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

- **Numbers 9:15-18** On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was over the tabernacle like the appearance of fire until morning. <sup>16</sup> So it was always: the cloud covered it by day<sup>a</sup> and the appearance of fire by night. <sup>17</sup> And whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, after that the people of Israel set out, and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the people of Israel camped. <sup>18</sup> At the command of the Lord the people of Israel set out, and at the command of the Lord they camped. As long as the cloud rested over the tabernacle, they remained in camp.
- **Zechariah 2:5** 'For I say,' says the Lord, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'"

**Isaiah 4:6** There will be a booth for shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

- **Isaiah 60:19** The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor the brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the Lord will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory
- **The glory of the New Jerusalem – a crossing over into heaven's reality**
  - **Revelation 21:22-27** And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.
- **Exodus 13:21-22** And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup> The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

- **Romans 8:14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
- **Psalm 32:8** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- **John 10:4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.
- **John 10:14-15** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep
- **John 14:26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
- **John 16:13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- **Acts 2:1-4** When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested<sup>Ⓜ</sup> on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance
  - **1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not know that you<sup>Ⓜ</sup> are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
  - **1 Corinthians 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,
  - **2 Corinthians 6:16** What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

## **Sarah Edwards Testimony**

For just over three weeks, from 19 January to 11 February 1742, Sarah experienced a deeper awareness of the presence of God than anything she had known before. She was overwhelmed by a sense of her own sin before God, and by an intense desire for holiness. She was powerfully impressed with the need to surrender every aspect of her life to God's will. She was filled with love for all God's people and gripped with concern for those as yet unconverted. Her intense awareness of God's love for her, and her reciprocal love for God, was emotionally and physically crushing. She was filled with a passion for God's glory and longed that everyone in the world should praise him, for that is his due.

## **Susanna Wesley Testimony**

Susanna took her relationship to God as seriously as she did her duties as a wife and mother.

Early in her life, she vowed that she would never spend more time in leisure entertainment than she did in prayer and Bible study. Even amid the most complex and busy years of her life as a mother, she still scheduled two hours each day for fellowship with God and time in His Word, and she adhered to that schedule faithfully. The challenge was finding a place of privacy in a house filled to overflowing with children.

Mother Wesley's solution to this was to bring her Bible to her favorite chair and throw her long apron up over her head, forming a sort of tent. This became something akin to the 'tent of meeting' the tabernacle in the days of Moses in the Old Testament.

Every person in the household, from the smallest toddler to the oldest domestic helpers, knew well to respect this signal. When Susanna was under the apron, she was with God and was not to be disturbed except in the case of the direst emergency. There in the privacy of her little tent, she interceded for her husband and children and plumbed the deep mysteries of God in the Scriptures. This holy discipline equipped her with a thorough and profound knowledge of the Bible.