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GOD'S MANIFEST PRESENCE AND GLORY

PART 2

Yesterday we spoke of three main ways in which God will manifest His presence. They are by a cloud or smoke, fire, and by a sweet odor. Today we will look at fire as one of the types of evidence of God's presence.

Hebrews 12:29 says, ***"For our God is a consuming fire."*** His presence and His glory are shown even in judgment. Remember, Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by fire from God. 2 Peter 3:7 tells us that this old world will be judged by fire from God.

However, fire is also a sign of God's glory being poured out upon His believers. The final instructions of Jesus given to his followers were to tarry in Jerusalem until they were baptized with the Holy Ghost [Acts 1:5] and power [Acts 1:8.]

They tarried in an upper room in unity for several days. When the Day of Pentecost came, they were all baptized in the Holy Ghost. Along with speaking in tongues, they were also given a manifested sign of the presence of God, the Holy Spirit, when tongues of fire appeared over the heads of all 120 people. The fire was a visible manifestation of God's glory upon them.

While that fire was visible, there is also an invisible "fire of the Holy Ghost" with and within the believer that bears witness of God's Holy Spirit within them.

In Revelation 4:5, John saw ***"seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God"*** showing forth [manifesting] his glory.

We lift our voices to glorify Christ on his throne. His brightness fills all of heaven, like the greatest overall fire.