HELEN SANDERS 3-27-2024 THE GLORY

There is a lot of discussion in the body of Christ about the glory of God being manifested. Many long to see the glory come. Often it comes like a cloud and hovers over the people.

In 2 Chronicles 5 we see the temple of God has been built by Solomon and it is time to dedicate it. The glory of God filled the house of God, but it came when some things happened that preceded it coming.

In 2 Chronicles 5: 13 it says, "It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one..." This let's us know that there was unity in the place before the glory came. When there is disunity in a church or a home you can be sure that the glory, or presence of God will be hindered. Verse 13 goes on to say, "...to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD." This also shows us that they were in unity in their worship. Their praise was as if one voice was being lifted up in unison to the LORD.

Verse 13 continues with, "...and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD..." Their voices were enhanced through the musical instruments that joined them in praise. It was not a quiet show of worship. It was a time of unity again through the use of musical instruments. Those churches that do not allow these musical instruments to be played will hinder the glory of God from coming into a service. Remember, this was done "in the house of God," the temple.

Then the people continued in verse 13 with, "...saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever." They elevated God with their worship and when they were in unity of voice, spirit, musical instruments, verse 13 continued with, "13 that THEN the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; and 14 said, "So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God."

The unity, the worship, and the adoration of God brought the presence of God into that place. The cloud was the same cloud that led the Hebrew children by day out of Egypt. That same cloud of glory will come when our hearts are pure and right with God and unity is in our lives with those closest to us, whether it be in a church service or your home.

This glory is the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit. He comes when there is unity and harmony among those that seek him. It brings one to a place where they cannot stand in the presence of God and causes many to weep over their sin. Oh, that the children of God would walk with pure hearts, pure motives, worship their God in unity so that the Glory will come upon them!