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“The Departed Glory”

*“Ephraim’s glory shall fly away like a bird... Woe to them when I depart from them!”
(Hosea 9:11-12)*

Divine Exodus

Ezekiel

9:3, 10:18-19 – (3) “Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub on which it rested to the threshold of the house... (18) Then the glory of the LORD went out from the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. (19) And the cherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth before my eyes as they went out, with the wheels beside them. And they stood at the entrance of the east gate of the house of the LORD, and the glory of the God of Israel was over them.”

Key Point: When the Glory Departs, Things Fall Apart

God has left the Building

Matthew

23:37-39, 24:1 – (37) “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not! (38) Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. (39) For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, ‘Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.’ (1) **And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple...**” (KJV)

2 Thessalonians 2:3-8 – (3) “...the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, (4) who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. (5) Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? (6) **And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time.** (7) For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. **Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.** (8) **And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.**”

Revelation 18:1-2 – (1) “After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. (2) And he called out with a mighty voice, ‘Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! **She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.**”

To Keep the Glory from Departing I must:

(1) Be Delivered from Satan's Grip

“But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

(2) Be Loyal to the Lord

Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

(3) Be Filled with the Spirit

When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.’

(4) Hear & Keep God's Words

As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!’ But he said, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!’”

(Luke 11:20-28)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Does God's Spirit remain in a person or group no matter what?

(Ps. 51:11; Rev. 2:5)

Has spiritual, relational, emotional, or financial destruction been at work in my life?

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