

AGLOW INTERNATIONAL {NIGERIA} PRAYER RETREAT

TOPIC: RESTORATION OF LOST GLORY

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Scriptural Text: 1 Chronicles 4:9-10, Daniel 4:36, Joel 2 :2:25-26, Jeremiah 30:17, Psalms 51:12, Psalms 61:7

INTRODUCTION

Restoration in the Bible is synonymous with healing, repairing, returning to a previous state of being Psalms 51:12 “Restore to me the joy of your salvation” In the case of David he prayed for restoration after he sinned against God. We seek restoration as a way of repairing a strained relationship or when your state of being is changed.

In our Christian journey, especially as Aglow leaders we have missed it in many ways, some are no longer as zealous and committed as we used to when we newly joined Aglow hence the need for this retreat. It is a time of sincere searching of our hearts, a time to evaluate ourselves.

This study will be divided into 4 parts.

- What is the meaning of lost glory?
- Signs of lost glory
- Causes of lost glory
- Recovery of lost glory

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LOST GLORY?

Glory is commonly used to describe splendour, holiness and majesty of God. Lost glory in this sense is associated with people who have walked closely with God but for one reason or the other, they have lost that fellowship. Typical example was Adam and Eve in **Genesis 3:23**, God used to come in the cool of the day to fellowship with them but the moment they disobeyed God, they were driven out of God’s presence. King Saul was another example of one who lost God’s presence, his kingship role over Israel was terminated as a result of disobedience. When God’s presence departs from the life of a committed leader, we can say the glory has departed.

WHAT SIGNS WILL YOU SEE WHEN THE GLORY HAS DEPARTED?

We have seen great leaders who manifested God's glory and power but without notice we saw them fall why? I will use this opportunity to point out major reasons that lead to loss of glory. Please be aware that the glory of God does not leave people, people leave the glory of God. His intentions and plans for us are always the same. The problem is always with man, particularly in the area of consistency and sticking to the original plan.

CASE STUDY OF ELI'S FAMILY 1 SAM 4:19-21

From the above scripture you will find out that Eli and his sons acted in ways that led to the loss of the glory of God. These reasons are outlined below.

- 1 Lack of respect for what belong to God. Remember Jesus said "Give to Caesar what is Caesars and unto God what is God's. Hophni and Phinehas, sons of Eli took God's offering and sacrifices and made them theirs. They ate and desecrated holy things. In Samson's case God commanded that no razor should touch his head but he cheapens this instruction by indulging with Delilah. So, whenever we take what belongs to God it back fires with serious consequences.
- 2 The sons of Eli took advantage of the people. God is sensitive and gets angry when He finds His people being cheated or robbed.
- 3 They defiled the temple. Our body is the temple of God, we cannot afford to misuse it. Each time we defile the temple of God His glory departs. Jesus went into the Temple and cast out all them that sold and brought in the temple, and over threw the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves. And said unto them, it is written, my house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves. Matthew 21:12
- 4 When we are unfaithful to our stewardship role. The glory will also depart 1Peter 5:1-4

CAUSES OF LOST GLORY

- 1 Matt 13 "1-8 Seeds that fall by the wayside, rocky and thorny grounds
- 2 Demonic manipulations
- 3 Consulting charmers
- 4 Enchantments and divination
- 5 Self will
- 6 Stubbornness

7 Rebellion

HOW TO RECOVER LOST GLORY

Be born again John 3:16

Repentance from every wrong committed Matt 11:28-30

Restitution Exo. 21 :18-19

Self-Examination 1Corinthians 11:28

Stand on God's word Heb 4:12

Confront and Conquer through warfare Ephesians 6:12

PRAYER FOR RESTORATION

- ✚ Restore me to glory oh Lord, I am tired of stagnation, I am tired of shame, mockery and suffering.
- ✚ In the name of Jesus and the power of the blood of Jesus, I receive the mercy of God and I recover all my lost glory.
- ✚ Everything Satan has stolen from me; I recover all in Jesus name