

LESSONS FROM RICK JOYNER'S BOOK "THE FINAL QUEST"

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Recap of previous lesson (Balanced Living)

"It is also wisdom to behold the kindness and severity of God. It is wisdom to love Him and to fear Him. You are in deception if you do otherwise."

- Since God is balanced, as the statements above teach, we too must be balanced in every area of life.
- Truth is always in the middle of the road.
- We should love people, but we must also be principled
- We should have knowledge, but it should be used in love so as not to hurt people (as serpents, but also as doves)
- We should pray in tongues, but we should also pray with the understanding
- We should be prayerful, but we should also be worshippers
- We should love prophetic experiences, but also the written Word of God
- Our spirituality should not make us neglect the natural life

And the list goes on . . .

Today's Topic: CARRIERS OF THE GLORY

The soldiers who were still fighting from this level looked at me in astonishment with a deference that made me very uncomfortable. It was then I first noticed that the glory of the Lord was emanating from my armor and shield.

I watched as many soldiers who had been to the top began descending to all of the levels in order to relieve those who had been taking their stand on those truths. As they did, each level began to shine with the glory they carried. Soon the whole mountain was shining with a glory that was blinding to the vultures and demons that were left. After a time, there was so much glory on the mountain that it began to have the same feel as the Garden.

- Exodus 34:1-5, 29-35 Moses with unveiled face meets God at the mountain and returns carrying the glory.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 We are to behold the glory of God with unveiled faces if we are to be carriers of His glory

The "deadliest" veil we are to remove is the one of condemnation and shame. When we sin, we should not run away from God – we should unashamedly run to Him.

- God does not condemn us (Romans 8:1)
- We should boldly come to our Father (Hebrews 4:15)
- We should not be like Adam and Eve who hid after sinning (Genesis 3:6-8)

I could hear and understand everything He said, but I was so captured by His glory that I just had to ask Him, "Lord, why are You so much more glorious now than when you first appeared to me as Wisdom?" "I have never changed, but you have. You are changed as you behold My glory with an unveiled face. The experiences you have had are removing the veils from your face so that you can see Me more clearly. Yet nothing removes them as quickly as when you behold My love."

- Love removes all veils, because when we know that God loves us unconditionally, we are bold to approach Him in whatever condition we might be in.

As Jesus communed with the Father, He was clothed with the glory. He was not veiled. He had nothing to hide. He knew He was loved (Matthew 17:1-5)

God wants us to be carriers of His glory. This will happen when we approach Him without fear; when we behold His glory without any veils of shame and condemnation. As we do that, we are transformed into the same glory.