



## *Network for Revival Prepare Issue 32 - November 2021*

We continue our series on seeking holiness, which is crucial to praying and preparing for revival. Last time we looked at the motive of God's holiness, which should inspire godly fear. This time we look at the motive of the majestic glory of God.

### **Seeking holiness: motivated by the glory of God**

God is, of course, infinitely beyond human comprehension, although Jesus reveals his nature and character. But it is profoundly inspiring to meditate on the great biblical visions of God. Ezekiel describes one and calls it “the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord” (Ezk 1:28). It is a very exalted vision but it is only the appearance of the likeness of God. Scripture contains such visions which are toned down to the upper limit of human comprehension.

The vision of God in Scripture is awesome (Ezk 1:12-28; Rev 1:12-16; 4:2-6 cf Heb 12:2; Rev 5:6; 7:17). He is enthroned above the circle of the earth: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool” (Acts 7:49). His appearance is so bright that we would not be able to continue to look at him. His face is like the sun blazing in all its golden brilliance (Rev 1:16 referring to Jesus but applicable to the other members of the Trinity). His body is as dazzling as red molten metal and fire – “from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire” (Ezk 1:27). Our ‘God is a consuming fire ... who lives in unapproachable light’ (Heb 12:29; 1 Tim 6:16). He “wraps himself in light as with a garment” (Psa 104:2). Compare Jesus’ transfiguration “his clothes became as white as the light” (Matt 17:2), “as bright as a flash of lightning” (Lk 9:29).

John says of Jesus sharing the throne with God that “his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters” (Rev 1:14-15). We are told that “In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God” (Rev 4:5 cf 1:4). It is likely that this should be translated as the “sevenfold Spirit of God” i.e. the Holy Spirit, seven being the number of perfection. If so, this represents the Holy Spirit as like blazing fire, ready to continue his extensive action in the lives of believers.

“The voice of the Lord ... breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon ... strikes with flashes of lightning. ... shakes the desert ... twists the oaks” (Psa 29:3-9).

“A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne” (Rev 4:3). I like to think of this as an aurora. “From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder” (Rev 4:5). Surrounding the Lord, Ezekiel saw “a violent storm ... an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light” (Ezk 1:4). He also saw a radiance around God which had “the appearance of a rainbow” (Ezk 1:28). A hundred million angels constantly worship the Lord (Rev 5:11-12).

We need to remember that God is infinitely more majestic than this glorious vision. He is infinitely beyond our thinking and imagination. He will be infinitely beyond our comprehension throughout eternity. He is totally unlimited by space-time because he created it. He exists infinitely beyond the universe as well as throughout it.

He is also eternal – totally outside of time. He sees every moment of time – past, present and future – right now. He is omnipresent: nowhere can be found where he is absent. He is omniscient: there is nothing he doesn’t know. He is omnipotent: There is nothing he can’t do.

This is the God many people are ignoring. This is the God many people only talk to when they want something. This is the God many Christians don’t bother to talk to or listen to most of the time. So the devil is mocking, saying “Where is your God?” (Ex 32:9-14, 32; Isa 37:14-20; Psa 74, 80, 123). How we need to pray “Do something for the sake of your name” (Jer 10:6). “Come to make your name known to your enemies” (Isa 64:2).

**In other words, how we need to pray for God to come in Revival to honour his glorious, majestic name!  
We also need to focus on growing in personal holiness in order to point people to this glorious God.**

God bless you and inspire you,

*Tony*

## **TV INTERVIEW ABOUT ISRAEL**

I gave an interview about Israel when we were living in Jerusalem. I watched it again recently and felt it is something I want people to see. It can help to understand the issues concerning Israel. It is entitled “Voices from Israel: Tony Higton” and you can watch it (or record it) on Monday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Revelation TV. Revelation broadcasts it most months. See Freesat channel 692, Freeview HD channel 264, Sky channel 581.

## **APPENDIX: OTHER ARTICLES I HAVE WRITTEN**

You may find these articles helpful. Feel free to circulate them to others. Further details and hyperlinks to the articles are in the attached file. (You can also find the articles, and many others at <https://christianteaching.org.uk>)

### *APOLOGETICS*

“Creation or chaos - a meditation”

“God does not exist – or does he? a dialogue with an atheist”

### *BIBLE*

“The cosmic Christ”

“The green revolution”

### *CHURCH ISSUES*

“Politics with salt”

### *DEVOTIONAL*

“Jesus said “blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth” (Matt.5:5)”

### *ESCHATOLOGY (the End Times)*

“Hasten the return of Christ”

### *INTERFAITH (issues to do with other faiths)*

“Christian unity and other faiths”

In Network for Revival God has called us to “make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” This includes:

- Encouraging people to seek holiness and true biblical discipleship.
- Encouraging people to major on prayer for Revival.
- Encouraging churches to be radically biblical in the power of the Spirit (see [Church Development](#) for information and resources).
- Encouraging people to “Watch!” for the return of Jesus (Mk 13:32-37 – see [Eschatology](#)).

