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<u>Part I</u>: The Glory of God and His Holiness (Ken Walston – Kenna Outreach)

I wish to humbly begin by proclaiming, that by no means do I want to pretend that I have any exact knowledge or understanding to either the fullness of the Glory of God or His Holiness, nor should it be said that any man (excluding the Living Son of God-Jesus Christ) ever created and born by natural means into the fallen state of this world has ever seen It either (Past, Present or Future). In many references throughout the Holy Bible, the translation of the phrases "His Glory" or "His Glory was revealed", is in reference to His Presence or manifestation of His Essence. The closest thing man has experienced is the Essence of God's Glory or Holiness which was revealed to only one man and that was Moses and not Face to Face, but from His Backside. Not even with Abraham, the Father of all Nations, did God reveal Himself in such fashion. Any documented references of manifestations or visitations by angels did not reflect the Glory of God, but only the Essence of Him; and any reference to what appeared to be the Son of Man or The Lord in human form (like with the visitation at Abraham's tent of the three angelic beings dealing with the sins of Sodom & Gomorrah, or with the Transfiguration of Jesus- *Matthew 17:1-2*), is in fact a suppression of God from His True Glory down to a lower level of earthly incarnation in order to meet us at our level. The human form of God does not reflect His Shekinah, but rather Glorification between the Father and the Son in Their relationship as the Godhead, by which the Son could then be seen as reflecting the Glory of God. In all instances, it is suppressed beyond our understanding in order that He may appear in the form of the highest order of creation (Human) and communicate to us. If He did not filter or suppress His Glory in His appearance to us, our flesh body would burn up at the very sight of Him. Thus, His sustaining Truth and Knowledge of His Glory is through the Holy Spirit and manifested through the Body of Christ (the Church).

God's Glory, whatever that is and whatever form it may be in Heaven, is something that no man has ever seem. It is something that exists and resides in the Abode of God; and by His Perfection, Purity and absolute Holiness, cannot be shared with any man or creature under the creation. This includes many of the Angelic Beings that reside in the Presence of God and serve Him relentlessly since the beginning of all creation in Heaven. The Seraphim (Seraph), who are the highest order of the hierarchy of angelic beings, are the closest to the Throne of God, in the direct Presence of God and they reflect the Essence and Power of God's Glory on them and even through them. They were created with six enormous wings, two that cover their legs, two that cover their face and two that they fly with (*Isaiah 6:2-3*). They are called the "Fiery Beings", because of their fiery appearance reflecting God's Eternal Glory. They fly around the Throne singing Praise to the Most High, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of Hosts, the ruler of Heaven and Earth", "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!". They constantly sing Praises that reflect the continuing essence of what the Glory of God is expounding through His creation, both in Heaven and on Earth, the never-ending expanse of what God's Glorified Being is and the awesome and Eternal Power that emanates through Him.

Even Adam, in his created state of perfection, did not see the Glory of God in full measure. In the Book of Genesis, it reveals that God always called out to the man (Adam) and the man would reply. It mentions that God brought every living creature He had made to the man so he could name them. Adam walked with God, had communion with Him, but not a physical manifestation

of being, rather though the Holy Spirit that God had breathed into Adam, where at the moment He gave Life to the Man and he became a Living Being.

What we bring to Him through our Faith in Jesus Christ is Glorification (Praise and Honour), reverence to His Holy Name. In our finite minds of only being able to consider understanding and discovery through the physical means afforded by God, in regard to His physical creation, we've lost what that first man had, the ability to interact with the Holy God without restraint from sin, the Holiness of thought and being (Spirit). Can you even imagine what it must have been like for Adam to be in a state of perfect being, filled with the Holy Spirit, not having the knowledge or understanding of "Good" verse "Evil", completely innocent and pure (naked) in thought and existence before God, to have been thrusted into such knowledge through the act of disobedience. To have to go from Communion with God, into the Judgement of God. To pass from Life into Death, to have the Holy Spirit depart from him and be an incarnate of sin (separation from God in perfect standing and purpose). Instead of knowledge and understanding, he received confusion and doubt as to his purpose and being. The essence of God's Glory was in the background and the knowledge of evil was now prominent and death was pronounced and lurking in the future for him and all mankind.