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**GODS GLORY**

**When You Look Into MY  
GLORY YOU Will Be  
Instantly Changed**

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## **Habakkuk 2:14**

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea.

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Over 30 years ago, A. W. Tozer wrote concerning the desperate need for the church to revise its concept of God due to a very distorted conception of Him:

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The message of this book does not grow out of these times but it is appropriate to them. It is called forth by a condition which has existed in the Church for some years and is steadily growing worse. I refer to the loss of the concept of majesty from the popular religious mind.

The Church has surrendered her once lofty concept of God and has substituted for it one so low, so ignoble, as to be utterly unworthy of thinking, worshiping men. This she has done not deliberately, but little by little and without her knowledge; and her very unawareness only makes her situation all the more tragic.

The low view of God entertained almost universally among Christians is the cause of a hundred lesser evils everywhere among us. A whole new philosophy of the Christian life has resulted from this one basic error in our religious thinking.

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**“A society can not rise above  
it’s view of who GOD is.”**

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# **ICHABOD - THE GLORY IS DEPARTED**

**1 Samuel 4:1-22**

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1 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.  
Now Israel went out against the Philistines  
to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer: and  
the Philistines pitched in Aphek.

2 And the Philistines put themselves in array  
against Israel: and when they joined battle,  
Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and  
they slew of the army in the field about four  
thousand men.

3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath Yahweh smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of Yahweh out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of Yahweh of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of Elohim.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of Yahweh came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of Yahweh was come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, Elohim is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty ones? these are the mighty ones that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men,  
O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants  
unto the Hebrews, as they have been to  
you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel  
was smitten, and they fled every man into  
his tent: and there was a very great  
slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty  
thousand footmen.

11 And the ark of Elohim was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of Elohim. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out,



14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.

16 And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?

17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of Elohim is taken.

18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of Elohim, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

19 And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of Elohim was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, **The glory is departed from Israel:** because the ark of Elohim was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

22 And she said, **The glory is departed from Israel:** for the ark of Elohim is taken.