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**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.”**

**A.W.Tozer**

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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.

# I Samuel 2:1-36

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1 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in Yahweh, mine horn is exalted in Yahweh: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

2 There is none holy as Yahweh: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our Elohim.

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3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for Yahweh is an El of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

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5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

6 Yahweh killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

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7 Yahweh maketh poor, and maketh rich:  
he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,  
and lifteth up the beggar from the  
dunghill, to set them among princes, and  
to make them inherit the throne of glory:  
for the pillars of the earth are Yahweh's,  
and he hath set the world upon them.

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9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

10 The adversaries of Yahweh shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: Yahweh shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

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11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house.  
And the child did minister unto Yahweh before Eli  
the priest.

12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they  
knew not Yahweh.

13 And the priests' custom with the people was,  
that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's  
servant came, while the flesh was in seething,  
with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

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14 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

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16 And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before Yahweh: for men abhorred the offering of Yahweh.

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18 But Samuel ministered before Yahweh, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

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20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, Yahweh give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to Yahweh. And they went unto their own home.

21 And Yahweh visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before Yahweh.

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22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

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24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make Yahweh's people to transgress.

25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against Yahweh, who shall intreat for him?

Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because Yahweh would slay them.

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26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with Yahweh, and also with men.

27 And there came a man of Elohim unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith Yahweh, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

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28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

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30 Wherefore Yahweh Elohim of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now Yahweh saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

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32 And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which Elohim shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.

33 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.

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34 And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.

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36 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

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In this experience there is a lesson for the footstep followers of Jesus during this Gospel Age, that we must hold fast to the ordinances and instructions the Lord has given us. We think of the instructions given to us by the Apostle Paul,

## **2 Corinthians 6:1-6**

1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of Elohim in vain.

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed;

4 But in all things approving ourselves as  
the ministers of Elohim, in much  
patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in  
distresses,

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in  
tumults, in labours, in watchings, in  
fastings;

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by  
longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy  
Spirit, by love unfeigned,

## **Psalms 69:13**

But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Yahweh, in an acceptable time: O Elohim, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

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## Isaiah 49:8

Thus saith Yahweh, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

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