

Potential glory in Yahshua Messiah

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Text : John 17 : 23- 26

Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these (1st batch of 11 disciples) alone, but for them (later disciples) also which shall believe on Me (Jesus) through their (1st batch of 11 disciples) word (logos);

Joh 17:21 That *they** all may be one; as Thou, Father, *art* in Me, and I in Thee, that *they** also may be One in Us: that the world (cosmos) may believe that Thou (Father) hast sent Me.

Joh 17:22 And the glory (G1391) which Thou gavest Me I have given *them**; that they may be *one**, even as We are one:

Joh 17:23 I in *them**; and Thou in Me, that *they** may be made perfect (G5048) in *one**; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them*, as Thou hast loved Me.

Joh 17:24 Father, I will that *they** also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that *they** may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world (cosmos).

Joh 17:25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee: but I have known Thee, and *these** have known that Thou hast sent Me.

Joh 17:26 And I have declared unto *them** Thy name, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in *them**; and I in *them**.

(ABP+) vs 26 And I made known to them Your name, and I will make *it* known; that the love which You loved Me should be in them, and I in them.

(*italic* *) : collectively 1st batch of 11 disciples and all the later disciples after them, like us.

Strong's definition: glory (G1391)

From the base of G1380; *glory* (as very *apparent*), in a wide application (literally or figuratively, objectively or subjectively): - **dignity**, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship.

Strong's definition: perfect (G5048) and (G5046)

G 5048: From G5046; to *complete*, that is, (literally) *accomplish*, or (figuratively) *consummate* (in character): - consecrate, finish, fulfil, (make) perfect.

G 5046: **complete** (in various applications of labour, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun, with G3588) *completeness*: - of full age, man, perfect.

- Today sharing is taken from vs 23 to 26 above, but in this whole of John chapter 17 was the prayer Yahshua did: - from verses 1 – 5, He prayed for Himself.
- Then from verses 6 – 18, He prayed for His 1st batch of 11 disciples.
- From verses 19 – 26, He was praying collectively for His 1st batch (11 disciples) and all subsequent disciples like us today.
- Yahshua is not confined by space and time when He speaks from His Godly status or position.
- He already existed before the world (cosmos) was formed, in vs 24 of the text, '.... before the foundation of the world.'
- Therefore, in vs 22 and 24, 'He could give us His glory He had received from Father YHVH', which is and still potentially much more installed ahead of us.

- He wants us to behold or see His glory which He has already been glorified when we meet Him in our rapture or 1st resurrection.
- The 1st batch of disciples had already seen many of His glory, from His teaching, works He did in Father YHVH, His resurrection and ascension.

1. Yahshua is Omnipresent

- In Joh 1:1- 2, Yahshua was the word (logos) in the beginning, and He was YHVH, and the word or Yahshua was with YHVH, and YHVH was in the beginning with YHVH.
- The 2 verses sound like a convoluted, but that is YHVH Himself, it shows us His self-existence, and His eternality which no human could or can ever comprehend about Him.
- There is no beginning nor ending for Him, YHVH is perfect from the very beginning.

(ABP+) Joh 1:1 In *the* beginning was the word, and the **word was with God**, and **the word was God**.

Joh 1:2 **This one (word, 'same' KJ) was in *the* beginning with God.**

Joh 1:3 All through Him existed, and apart from Him existed not even one *thing* which exists.

Joh 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light in the darkness appears, and the darkness overtook it not.

- Yahshua, is present regardless of time or stages in history, He told the Jews He already existed before Abraham (Joh 8: 58) and David (Mat 22: 41- 46).
- Therefore, we can learn from them: Abraham, David and the early disciples.

Joh 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw *it*, and was glad.

Joh 8:57 Then said the Jews unto Him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am.**

- Yahshua was referring to (Gen 14: 17 - 20), when He met Abraham as King of Salem or Melchizedek,

Mat 22:41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

Mat 22:42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose Son is He? They say unto Him, *The Son of David.*

Mat 22:43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call Him (Yahshua) Lord, saying,

Mat 22:44 The LORD (Father YHVH) said unto my (David's) Lord (Yahshua), Sit Thou (Yahshua) on My (Father's) right hand, till I (Father YHVH) make Thine (Yahshua's) enemies Thy (Yahshua's) footstool?

Mat 22:45 If David then call Him (Yahshua) Lord, how is He (Yahshua) his (David's) son?

Mat 22:46 And no man was able to answer Him (Yahshua) a word, neither durst any *man* from that day forth ask Him any more *questions*.

- The above verses Yahshua was referring to Himself in Ps.110:1-7, which would be a few millenniums away to fulfilment at the time when David prophesied.
- The verses seem like a convoluted of words, but again it shows that YHVH and Yahshua is not bound by time.
- A prophetic Psalm of Yahshua to be the ruler over this world, and Priest in the millennium age.
- So, the waiting period between David's prophesy and its fulfilment is about 3000 years.
- (In between, was Yahshua came to earth to redeem mankind).

- By then, it will be His glorious return when he comes again to be King and Priest which will be soon.

2. Potential glory we have in Yahshua

(text) Joh 17: 22 And the glory (G1391) which Thou gavest Me I have given *them**; that they may be *one**; even as We are one:

- The potential glory which we have, can only be given by Yahshua from vs 22 above.
- When we are in perfect fellowship in Yahshua and His true disciples.
- Paul commented the Thessalonians church for their true fellowship with YHVH and His true disciples.
- Paul praised them for their willingness to suffer for their faith.

1Th 2:9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

1Th 2:10 Ye *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

1Th 2:11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *doth* his children,

1Th 2:12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

1Th 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

3. Our hope of glory in the life of Yahshua

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.

- Our only hope of glory is to have Yahshua's life dwelling inside us, through His Holy Spirit.
- The only eternal glory we can look forward to and which can never fade away.
- Daniel prophesied of that glory of all true disciples.
- At the end of all ages of this present earth, and at the re-establishment of the New Jerusalem on earth.

Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

- Examples: Moses and Elijah standing with Yahshua in the Transfiguration, they gave us an idea of the glory is like.
- Two of them have the honour of standing next to Yahshua the King of kings and Lord of lords.
- To have the honour to be with Yahshua when Father YHVH exalted Him, "**This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him**".
- Moses was already dead (Deu 34: 5- 7), and Elijah was already raptured and did not see death (2Kgs 2:11), by the time of Yahshua's earthly ministry began.

Deu 34:5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the

word of the LORD.

Deu 34:6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this days.

Deu 34:7 And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

2Ki 2:9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

2Ki 2:10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me *when I am* taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

2Ki 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

- They were faithful to YHVH with all their hearts, although the Bible did not record the brightness or glory they had when stood with Yahshua in the Transfiguration.
- Moses should be resurrected before Yahshua's ministry on earth, unlike many past servants in OT were only resurrected after Yahshua's resurrection, (Mat 27: 52 & 53).
- Moses already had his resurrected body so he could stand with Yahshua in His transfiguration, without being consumed by Yahshua's brightness.
- So, also Elijah, he had his transformed or changed body after raptured, (2Kgs 2: 11).
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- The glory of any earthly human body is transient, which Jam 1: 10 & 11 mention.

Jas 1:10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

Jas 1:11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

4. Perfect in Yahshua the hope of glory

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

- To be perfect like, Yahshua in His character having no guile in Him.
- The potential glory of Yahshua in us, of being Christ-like giving no guile in us.
- By His divine power of His Holy Spirit

2Pe 1:3 According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life (zoe) and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and **virtue (G703)**:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Strong's definition - virtue (G703):

From the same as G730; properly **manliness (valour)**, that is, **excellence** (intrinsic or attributed): - praise, virtue.

- In vs 3 above, YHVH has called us to glory and **virtue (manliness or valour)**, not a bully.
- Bullies are usually coward; so, they have to bully to get ahead.
- Instead, Yahshua's people are man of YHVH, whom He wanted from His servants.
- YHVH's servant always have to face with decision, to please YHVH or the world.
- When we please YHVH, and turn down the world from wanting to offer us each time.
- Then we are making progress in virtue or valour or excellence or goodness before YHVH.
- Our progress of virtue is progressive not an overnight miracle, be encouraged if we feel we are not progressing as we hope.
- Example, is Judah the son of Jacob and brother of Joseph and Benjamin.
- Judah failed in virtue or excellence, by selling Joseph into Egypt, (Gen 37: 26 & 27).
- But he willing to be the surety for Benjamin, as he promised his father Jacob, (Gen 43: 8 & 9).
- He wanted to redeemed Benjamin from being detained by Joseph in Egypt, (Gen 44: 32 - 34).
- Below is Judah's pleading to Joseph for Benjamin's release.

Gen 44: 32 For your servant (Judah) became surety for the lad (Benjamin) to my father (Jacob), saying, 'If I do not bring him (Benjamin) *back* to you (Jacob), then I shall bear the blame before my father forever.'

Gen 44:33 **Now therefore, please let your servant (Judah) remain instead of the lad (Benjamin) as a slave to my lord (Joseph), and let the lad go up with his brothers.**

Gen 44:34 For how shall I go up to my father (Jacob) if the lad *is* not with me (Judah), lest perhaps I see the evil that would come upon my father (Jacob) ?"

- From the valour of Judah, he has the virtue (manliness) to put thing right after his 1st failure to his father Jacob by selling Joseph to Egypt.
- But he did it righteously the 2nd time, and willing to take over the whole bulk from Benjamin who was about to be taken away by Joseph.
- Therefore, virtue is a progressive walk, if we have failed before but remember to do it right at the next chance when YHVH present us again.

Prayer : Father YHVH, we have failed You many times in the past, we pray for Your mercy to offer us opportunities to serve You again and Your Son Yahshua, who is our Lord and Saviour. That You will not withdraw Your calling of Your glory and virtue from us. Instead, we will see You and reflect Your glory just as Moses and Elijah who were Your faithful servants have already attained to theirs. That all of us will be counted faithful as many of Your past servants have done. All these we pray in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, who is also our Lord and Saviour. Amen.