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# Awake Up My Glory



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# I ntroduction



**I**t really seems so very unfair that although God is the maker of all men, some people make better speed in their pilgrimage on earth than others.

Why do some men labour very hard, are exposed to the seemingly right privileges and yet their lives and experiences are the epitome of bitterness, stagnation, penury and failure? Why do others seem not to work so hard, do not necessary seem to have the ‘*right*’ pedigree or sufficient education and yet reap such gigantic dividends in all their undertakings? What is the meaning of the Midas touch? What is luck? Does God create some “*lucky*” and others “*unlucky*”? Are there human beings already predetermined of God to failure, hardship, poverty, sorrow and servitude? Is this what the world refers to as fate?

In this book, we attempt to answer all these questions biblically and to show the reader that an impartial God, so fair He ensures all have equal access to fresh air, rain, sun and a 24 hour-day, does not and could not have elected some to greatness/happiness and others to mediocrity/sorrow. The truth is that when at creation, *God*

*blessed them and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it; and have dominion ... [Genesis 1:28], all of humanity had been blessed in every conceivable area. Even when Adam temporarily lost this blessedness through sin, Noah's offering after the flood partially reversed the curse upon the earth.*

*And Noah builded an altar unto the lord; and...offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the lord smelled a sweet savour; and the lord said in his heart, **I will not again curse the ground any more...**Genesis 8: 20-21.*

This partial reversal of the curse finally became a permanent remover when Jesus Christ, the second Adam, offered the ultimate offering and paid the ultimate price.

*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us...that the blessing of Abraham may come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ. Gal 3:13-14.*

Therefore, as many as have now received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are already blessed of God with all blessings.

*Blessed be the God and father of our lord Jesus Christ, **who hath blessed us with all***

*spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:  
Eph 1:3 Emphasis added.*

In the realm of the spirit every Christian is already blessed with all possible blessings. This came wrapped in our total salvation package. His divine power already gave us all things that pertain both to life and godliness through our knowledge or acknowledgement of Christ as our saviour (2Peter1: 3). In consequence all Christians are entitled to an all round premium quality life, once the right attitude is cultivated. Surprisingly, this is not always the case. Some Christians kind of need to push harder, pray more, wait longer, encounter more difficulties than others and in the end, may still get less satisfying returns. What's the difference?

The difference is the state of your glory. Don't be deceived. In the kingdom, there is no such thing as luck. What determines how smoothly you can win your battles (everyone must have his/her battles) is the state of your glory. Neither is God the one who deliberately puts insurmountable obstacles on your path, nor is sin always the only reason, as many would erroneously inculcate. What brings about sudden astronomical positive leaps in the lives and situations of those we unbiblically call 'lucky' is simply the awakening of their glory.

The preacher said:

*If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge,  
then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is  
profitable to direct. Eccles 10:10.*

When the glory of anyone has been tampered with, all his education, connection, talents, beauty, faith, seed, etc. will become blunt. He must put unusually more effort into his undertaking. He will continue to believe that other people are simply '*lucky*'. He may even begin to accept that he is destined to failure and sorrow, until he finds the profitable wisdom to direct his pursuits.

This book is part of the wisdom that will direct your subsequent warfare profitably so that you too can begin to apply less strength and yet produce speedy results. This book is the vital stone offered to whet the edge of your spiritual sword so that henceforth every swing will inflict a substantial injury upon your adversaries and line you up among those who are making speed in every area of their lives.

This book will awaken your glory!!!

# 1

## You Have Glory



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*Awake up, my glory; awake....Psalm 57:8*

*Therefore my heart is glad and **my glory** rejoiceth...Psalm 16:9. Emphasis added*

*To the end that **my glory** may sing praise to thee. Psalm 30:12. Emphasis added*

**Y**ES! Everyone created by God comes encapsulated in a measure of glory. Yes, glory may differ from person to person in the same way we all differ in physical stature. The same way even the stars in the sky differ in brightness. Yes, we all are different members of the spiritual body even as there are different members of a physical body. Predictably, our responsibilities and functions do differ.

Nevertheless, the president of a nation did not in any way arrive this earth the day of his birth any more glorious than the scoundrel down the street in 'Guileville'. The birthday of the murderer was as glorious as the victim's. The arrival to earth of the Army Private was as

glorious as the General's. The criminal was born with as much glory as either the Police Chief or the Supreme Court Judge.

By divine provision, all humans are born alike with equal opportunities to be their very positive best. Choices, exposure and even environment may eventually shape different lives but by original divine design, all men come with glory from birth. The Psalmist marvels:

*What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels **and hast crowned him with glory and honour.***

*Psalm 8:4.*

God crowns every man who comes into the world with *glory* and honour. Within this *glory* are such intrinsic provisions as rights, privileges, beauty, strength, potentials, honour, joy and blessings. In fact, throughout the Holy Bible, various Hebrew and Greek words which translate into our English '*glory*' actually mean any or a combination of the following; honour, dignity, praise, joy, bravery, fame, nobility, riches, splendor, beauty, comeliness, excellence, majesty, triumph, purity and prominence.

Now when you recall that man was made in the *image* and *likeness* of The Almighty, all majestic all wise and flawless God, you will discard any theology that suggests it would be blasphemous for the regenerated man to possess all attributes in the foregoing paragraph.

Man, outside of sin, possesses such awesome innate

potentials. Such is the original destiny of every man. He comes into the world replete with such limitless potential. It is his *glory*. This is the destiny of every man. It is this glory that empowers or energizes man to have dominion over all other creation. This is what is variously referred to as *star* or *destiny*.

The error with ‘destiny’ is that people tend to interpret failure, underachievement and evil occurrence as the products of destiny.

Destiny as a matter of fact, is the determinate intention, plan or purpose by the Creator for all His creation. As He has definite purposes for every one of His billions of creatures, He accordingly endows or equips each creature with the relevant abilities or empowerment. This predetermined purpose of God for every individual is good. The Holy Book, nay, the Bible (which is the human manual) has this to say about this predetermined counsel:

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,  
saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil,  
to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29:11.*

Check this out! God here makes it abundantly clear that His original intention has always been to give everyone a hope and fulfilling future. This is a peaceful plan. It is a good destiny. This ties with His original plan for man generally. In the Genesis creation account, the Supreme Godly Council held a special sitting to determine the creation and purpose or destiny of man.

*Let us make man in our image after our likeness*

*and let them have dominion...And God **blessed** them and God said unto them; **Be fruitful, and multiply...and have dominion** Genesis 1:26,28.*

Child of God, this has always been the predetermined plan. It was there before you arrived. It will remain after your exit. This is Godly destiny. This is your star.

You remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? The Bible says wise men saw His star or predetermined purpose or glory from the East the very day (night) He was born. How about Moses? He arrived under very unpromising circumstances but his parents rightly interpreted his star or predetermined purpose or glory. Exodus 2:2 says his parents saw that he was a ‘*goodly*’ child. Hebrews 11:23 calls him a ‘*proper*’ child. Consequently, they risked their own lives to preserve him. Why? Because they correctly interpreted the glory of this great man of God, right from birth. Now, every human being comes encased in a measure of glory. Yet, it takes divine wisdom to discern or ‘*see*’ the star of each individual. In any case, no matter our divinely predetermined purpose, our New Birth in Christ repositions us for the attainment of such purposes or glory.

*According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath **called us to glory** and virtue 2Peter 1: 3.*



When, resulting from the new birth we know Him, all things that concern or will facilitate or enhance life (material and physical wellbeing) and godliness (spiritual and godly wellbeing) are automatically given to us. This is because this calling is a call to **glory** and Christian character. Nevertheless, it must be remembered that ultimately, choices, exposure and environment will eventually shape our glories.

The issue is not whether you have glory. All have. Even unregenerated souls have. The question is what is the state of your glory?

In our opening text in chapter One, we have seen that glory can sleep. The psalmist knew this from experience. He saw that his glory was asleep. Glory can also become dormant. It can likewise be enervated or weakened in quality. If your glory is made weak, you will suddenly discover that all speed you have hitherto enjoyed will seem to reduce. It will generally seem to take longer for you to achieve what you had otherwise achieved with little effort in the past.

When your glory becomes dormant, you will suddenly seem to be grinding to a halt in almost all areas of your life. You will begin to lose valuable relationships. Former allies will begin to avoid you. They will not bother to check out on the defamatory reports that will appear out of the blues about you. Your business or ministry partners will find excuse after excuse to withdraw. Already signed contracts will be terminated. Promising courtships will be truncated. Creditors will seem to have contacted each other to demand for immediate repayment.

If your glory is only partially impaired, you will notice some exceptional difficulties in certain areas of your life. You will notice some sort of embargoes. For instance, you may obtain a good degree and fail to attract the appropriate employment. You may make sufficient money to own your personal house, yet each attempt you make to depopulate the tenants' community will inexplicably fail. You may be a powerful preacher with incontestable proofs of His divine calling and presence upon your life and ministry but the crowd will get the 'miracles' and 'breakthroughs' and move to another church. Those you minister to will pay five hundred thousand (500,000.00) tithe elsewhere and bring fifty thousand (50,000.00), thanksgiving to you. You may be a visibly mighty or successful man with a hidden leprosy in an area of your life.

Still worse is if your glory is either on the pillows snoring or has completely departed. At this stage, all else around you will be hopeless. It will appear that all creation and the creator are in conspiracy against you. Opportunity will always manage to be five minutes ahead of you. Through no fault of yours, you will manage to arrive late for every good thing. Your benefactor will depart five minutes before you arrive. You will submit your proposal or application after the deadline. You will make up your mind five minutes after the deal is off. You will walk in five minutes after your 'spouse' has either just completed marriage arrangements with your younger sister or friend or after she, believing you will no longer show up has just told someone else 'yes, I do'.

A person whose glory is sleeping is in very bad shape.

At over 40, he/she will still be ‘trusting’ for a marriage partner. He will always almost make it. He will take longer than usual to complete anything he starts. A facility that is available for all, may inexplicably be suspended or phased out when his turn comes. His vital scripts will be lost or withheld in an even more vital examination. A drunkard will mark his scripts if not lost. He could easily be arrested in a case of mistaken identity. If he rests under a tree, a bird of the big spacious sky will defecate upon his head. Those he held the ladder for to climb will remove the ladder as soon as they are up, to keep him from climbing. He will be under ministrations of great ministers. Others like himself who sought divine intervention will contact incontrovertible testimonies in similar issues but he will have none. Joblessness may become his middle name or at best, he will not find employment commensurate with his qualification. He will not be available on the day of his visitation. His heavens will be brass. His earth will be iron. Instead of showers, he will receive a drizzle. Instead of gold, he will receive iron. For silver, he will be given stone.

So how does glory gets tampered with?