

# HOW TO RECOGNIZE WHEN THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS LEFT AN ENVIRONMENT

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(1st Kings 17:2-9)

God is omnipresent. He is everywhere at all times. However, His glory is **NOT** everywhere. The glory of the Lord is His beauty, splendor and **PROSPERITY**. You should never stay in a church, organization or situation where the glory of God has **LEFT**.

If you stay in a place that does not have the glory of God resting upon it you are willingly giving your pearls to swine. Everything you give will be in vain. Everything you do will **NOT** work. There will be famine in the land! The soil will dry up. There will be **NO** growth or progression.

## THE ABSENCE OF **PROSPERITY** IS PROOF THAT GOD'S GLORY HAS LEFT THE ENVIRONMENT.

When God's glory is resting on a place, **PROSPERITY WILL DOMINATE** the environment. God's glory will **NOT** rest in a famine land because His glory only produces provision and prosperity. Many people believe the glory of the Lord will leave when trouble enters. This is **NOT** true.

The glory of the Lord was on Joseph's life while he was in prison and in slavery. Even though Joseph endured great hardship for many years he was always prosperous. The **GLORY OF GOD RESTED** upon Joseph's life.

When the three Hebrew boys were thrown into the hot fiery furnace they **DID NOT** get burned. The glory of the Lord was upon their life. The glory of the Lord empowered Joseph and the three Hebrew boys to be prosperous in troubled times.

IT IS **IMPOSSIBLE** FOR AN ENVIRONMENT TO  
BE PROSPEROUS WITHOUT THE GLORY OF  
GOD. - F.H

RECOGNIZE WHEN IT IS TIME TO  
LEAVE

In 1st Kings 17:2-9 the Lord told Elijah to go to the place near the Kerith Ravine east of the Jordan. The reason the Lord instructed the Prophet Elijah to go to the ravine was because the glory of the Lord was there. In 1st Kings 17:4-5 the Lord **COMMANDED** ravens to bring him food every morning and evening.

The Lord caused water to come out of the stream. There was nothing special about this location. God's glory made it special. In 1st Kings 17:7 the stream dried up.

The scripture says, "*After a while the stream dried up because there was no rain.*" The place that was plentiful and prosperous became barren. Do not get attached to a location. Stay connected to the glory of God. **WHEN THE GLORY MOVES, THE PROSPERITY WILL MOVE WITH IT.**

### **WISDOM NOTE:**

If you want to remain prosperous you must **FOLLOW** the glory of God.

### **WHAT ARE YOU FOLLOWING?**

The Prophet Elijah never lacked nor wanted for anything. He was wise enough to follow the glory of God. The reason you are not prosperous is because you have followed everything else **EXCEPT** the glory of God.

If you follow money you will end up poor. If you follow foolishness you will end up hurt. If you follow wickedness

you will end up disappointed. When you study the Bible there are many people who never wanted for anything. They simply **FOLLOWED** the **GLORY OF GOD**. Here are some examples.

- The disciples **FOLLOWED** the glory of King Jesus and never lacked anything.
- The Israelites **FOLLOWED** the **GLORY** of Moses and never lacked anything.
- The soldiers of King David **FOLLOWED** his **GLORY** and never lost in battle.

When an environment does not have the ability to provide what you need it is time to **REMOVE** yourself from that place. Will you continue to work a job that does not have the ability to pay you a salary? **NO**.

Will you stay in a restaurant that does not have the ability to feed you? **NO**. When the glory of God leaves, everything prosperous will leave with it.

Here are three ways to identify when the **GLORY OF GOD** has left an environment.

- When **SUPERNATURAL PROVISION RUNS OUT** the glory has left.
- When there is a **LACK OF GROWTH** the glory has left.
- When the cycle of **PROSPERITY** (Success) **ENDS** the glory has left.

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