

# GOSPEL GLASS



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## Dying to SELF

Our God is a A God of Balance

**We** are to go about telling the good news of redemption and of God's bringing Himself together with us through the life and death of Jesus. But while we have been out teaching, preaching and walking our lives have become "out of balance"! Our Heavenly Father loves us and corrects those whom He loves.

ORIGINALLY the theme of these thoughts was to be **"A PASSION FOR HIS PRESENCE"** but within minutes God added **"IN SEARCH OF HOLINESS"** (I truly didn't understand why). In prayer and in His presence He showed me that **BEFORE WE CAN HAVE A TRUE PASSION FOR HIS PRESENCE, WE MUST HAVE A TRUE DESIRE TO DIE TO SELF.**

He showed me that we distrust Him, that He calls us in the deep waters, but we sit upon the banks, we think He does not see or see nor hear, be He reminded me that He is the great **"I AM"!**

We love that feeling of being in His presence "for the moment to laugh, and sing, " Of course should love to being in the presence of the great **"I AM"**. But, few are willing to abide with Him to the point of allowing **DEATH TO SELF.**

Looking at "The Mountain of God" (*Manna Newsletter, Issue\_7, May 2009*) the children of Israel were left standing at the foot of the mountain of God, not the top, afraid to be in **HIS PRESENCE.** Afraid because SELF would have to be exposed and die. They sent someone else to hear what God had to say. They would not give up SELF, and did not enter into His presence--stiff necked, unchangeable, holding on to SELF.

EXODUS 33:18-20 And Moses said, "Please show me Your glory." (Moses dreaded the thought of moving forward without the presence of **I AM.**) Then in v 19, the reply is, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."  
and in v 20, BUT "You cannot see my face; for man cannot see Me, and live."

We desire the fuller presence of the God. We sing about seeking His face, we pray about seeking His face, and we talk about seeking His face! Did we overlook that **WE MUST DIE TO SELF TO SEE HIS FACE?.**

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## WORSHIPING FROM AFAR

We satisfy ourselves as did the elders, only worshiping from afar, from half way up the mountain. We are spiritually satisfied only to see the Glory of God stood, from a distance, then we sit down, like the elders, and eat and drink. Those who have ears to hear, let them hear what the Spirit of the Lord says to the Church! We have gotten too comfortable. We sit, we eat, we drink. We take for granted our precious Holy God!

## THE PRICE

What is the price? The price of His presence? The Lord God Himself set the price! "FOR MAN CANNOT LOOK UPON MY FACE AND LIVE!" (YLT) THE PRICE IS DEATH-DEATH TO SELF.

## WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

Can we gaze upon His face, abide in His presence, and live? **1SAM 6:20** (they were moving the ark) The Lord Struck fifty thousand and seventy Men of Beth Shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the Lord. And the men said, "Who is able to stand before this Holy Lord God?" Only the one who is willing to die! One who is willing to be completely consumed. For the Lord your God is a consuming fire!

## THE HIGHEST HEIGHTS

If we began to climb a mountain that has the highest heights, the further up that mountain the more rarified the air. In time the flesh of men WILL die. The life of "SELF" dies in the Holy Heights of His Mountain!

MATT: 16:25 "For whomever desires to save his life will lose it? But whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Our death to SELF brings us LIFE in Christ. A life of faith, joy, peace, hope, love, and holiness.

Pay this price! Climb to higher heights! GOD IN ALL HIS GLORY IS HERE THAT WE MAY START FRESH and NEW. The Lord your God is a consuming fire, ask Him to consume you!

In the Love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Only God's precious Holy Spirit can reveal to your spirit how seriously I feel about those words those in the last newsletter and these follow-up thoughts.

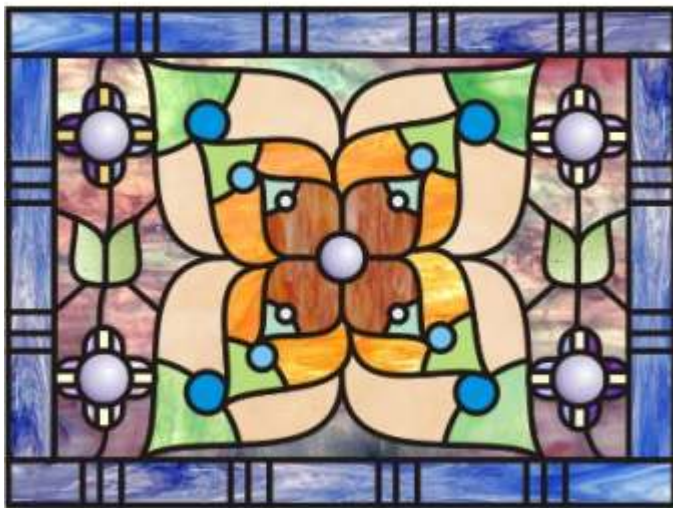
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## JUNE CALENDAR - updated daily



"Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" MAY's calendar is about the WORD.



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### My prayer

June 2009,

"my prayer" is for those who have lost their family members in the AirBus crash-, in the earthquake, and for our leaders in charge of the war on terrorism, for those dying in combat and conflict, for my friends and family who are in pain, or are ill, overworked, or stressed.

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**GRACE** from

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to the throne

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obtain mercy  
and **GRACE**

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**GRACE** and

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**GRACE** and  
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