## Keys to Accessing the Glory Realms by Dr. Candice Smithyman

## Godliness is a Key to Glory Realms

When I grabbed a hold of the truth that godliness was a key to accessing the glory realms, I realized that if I will lean on God in my soul and operate in these few things that God asked me to operate in, I will always be an access point for the glory of God in the moment. We all want to be a game changer and impact the atmospheres we have been given influence over. When I read this passage, my eyes began to open.

In 2 Peter 1:3-13, the Apostle Peter is talking about the divine power we have been given through our union in Christ with His divine nature. According to the revelation he received, we have been given God's very own divine nature, and that we're partakers with Him. Peter says that because we are partakers of the divine nature and God has given us these precious promises of his Word, then we have access. Therefore, God expects us to operate as people in this world with access to the glory because we have been given His divine nature. Yes, God expects this.

God says that we should be diligent and earnest to move into this realm and to live by faith. We should be diligent to have knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity, so that when we operate in these kinds of things, we will manifest to the world His divine nature in faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity.

So how do we put on these virtues? We put them on through our union with Christ in our spirit man and our soul, which is our mind, our will, and our emotions, this is also called our heart. So, through the heart, we have access to the glory realms because of our belief in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. And the fact that His shed blood opens us up, we can be used of God. What does this mean? This means that our mind has to be focused on operating in these various things. In 2 Peter 1:8 (KJV) the word says, "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In other words, when we walk in those different qualities that are listed, we will not be barren. We will instead be fruitful which is a character and a command of God. Do you want to be fruitful? I want to be fruitful.

I don't want any day or moment wasted where anything is barren or dying around me. That is not who God is. I only want to see life everywhere I go. I want to speak life. I want to encourage life. I want to build, I want to see fruit. But in order to do that we have a responsibility to guard our heart and our mind in Christ Jesus and to make sure that we are putting on these various things. This is something we all must do.

Any one of these traits that you choose not to put on is one area which will reduce the access that you have to the glory realm. Now he tells us in 2 Peter 1:9 (NIV), But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins."

Therefore, if we lack these things and become blind, it means we have become inflated. Our pride has gone up. We have become self- conceited and we will not be able to see at all. When this happens, our sight is restricted. If we lack any one of those qualities that was listed, the Apostle Peter says we have forgotten the grace that we have received when we were purged from

our own sin. You see, when we carry these divine qualities, we walk in grace and the good news is God's grace abounds where sin abounds. God's grace abounds more than error around us. We have found another key to the glory realms, and it is to learn to walk by grace and not by law.

## Questions for Reflection:

- 1. How do you put on godliness and the other virtues of the divine nature of God? Read 2 Peter 1:3-13 again and look above for answer. Write answer below.
- 2. Is godliness a works behavior or does it simply flow from union with Christ?
- 3. If godliness flows from union in Christ what more can you do to step into the realm with God so He can begin to bring this virtue through you? Write your answer below.
- 4. Do you experience pride that may prevent you from stepping into the glory realms because you become short sighted? Write that below.

To learn to open up access to the glory realms I encourage you to begin soaking in His presence. Here is a resource that will help.

• For a great soaking CD /MP3 set that will help you grow more in the glory I encourage you to click this link for <u>Faith for the Heavens Soaking Set</u> or the <u>Bundle with the Releasing Heaven: Creating a Supernatural Environment through Heavenly Encounters book</u>

## Faith Activation & Prayer-

Lord, help my friend begin to soak in your spirit and rest in your presence so they can recognize open portals for your glory. Help them understand how to surrender to your spirit so you can begin to bring forth the virtues of 2 Peter 1:3-13. Thank you, Lord, for helping them step into godliness. Thank you, Lord, for helping them understand when their pride has caused short sightedness and they are not seeing well into the spirit realm. Thank you, Lord, that you are revealing so much to them about who they are in you. The glory realms are becoming available.

Take time today and this week to allow God to share with you His power and love that will bring forth godliness that is not a work but an overflow anointing.

- Are you feeling freedom as you learn to walk in godliness?
- Write out below any other observations this week that will help open your heart to the glory realms.