

Glorious Splendor

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The mission in simple terms:

Get to heaven. Take many others with you.

Moses was called by God to lead the Israelites out of captivity, through the desert, toward the PROMISED LAND. It was only when Moses stood on the threshold of this promised land that the Lord took him to the ultimate Promised Land.

Deuteronomy 34:4-6

Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is.

Elijah's ministry was like a WHIRLWIND. Then, when he finished his earthly course, it was a whirlwind the Lord used to take Elijah to heaven.

2 Kings 2:11

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

Although their earthly lives and ministries have long been completed, both Moses and Elijah remain FULLY ALIVE in the Kingdom of God.

Luke 9:30-32

Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about His departure, which He was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

What does "glorious splendor" tell us about being in the presence of Jesus?

What is meant by Jesus' "departure"? What difference will it make?

What does the experience of Jesus' disciples on the mountaintop foreshadow for us?

Jesus calls you to follow and serve Him throughout your EARTHLY LIFE. And when your earthly course is complete, He promises all who trust in Him a glorious INHERITANCE in heaven.

John 17:3-5

Jesus said, "Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have brought You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began."

