

# THE NAME OF THE LORD LIII

## *EL HA KAVOD – GOD OF GLORY*

<sup>10</sup> *Who [is] among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh [in] darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God. <sup>11</sup> Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass [yourselves] about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks [that] ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.*

Isaiah 50:10,11 KJV

<sup>7</sup> *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.*

Psalms 20:7 NIV

<sup>3</sup> *The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.*

Psalms 29:3,4 NIV

### I. God of glory

- A. The Hebrew word for glory, KAVOD, means “weight” or “importance,” the idea of having weightiness.
- B. We often to speak of powerful people as “heavy hitters.” Glory refers to the magnificence that surrounds an esteemed person. (Mary Kassean)

C. What indescribable sight caused Ezekiel to fall on his face!

*<sup>28</sup> Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking. (Ezekiel 1:28 NIV)*

\* A multicolored rainbow

\* Throngs of angels

\* Dazzling, bright light

\* The likeness of the Glory of the Lord!

*<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, “Glory!” (Psalm 29:9 NIV)*

D. The glory of God is so pure and dazzling that sinful flesh is utterly destroyed, if exposed to it unprotected.

*<sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.” <sup>19</sup> And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. <sup>20</sup> But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.” <sup>21</sup> Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. <sup>22</sup> When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.” (Exodus 33:18-23 NIV)*

*<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ... <sup>33</sup> When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup> But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD. (Exodus 34:29-30, 33-35 NIV)*

E. *<sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV)*

## II. Glory and anointing

\* Throughout the scriptures, God would pour his personal anointing upon prophets, priests, and kings. These were all displays of his glory.

## III. A comparison between David and Saul with regard to God's anointing.

# A Comparison Between David & Saul

## Life of David

David was God's kind of king  
2 Samuel 7:8-16

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David was a man after God's own heart  
Acts 3:22

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David's kingship was eternal through Christ  
2 Samuel 7:29

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David was kind and benevolent  
2 Samuel 7:29

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David was forgiving  
1 Samuel 26

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David was penitent  
2 Samuel 12:13; 24:10

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David was courageous  
2 Samuel 17:1; 1 Chronicles 18

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David was at peace with God  
Psalm 4:8; 37:11

## Life of Saul

Saul was man's kind of King  
1 Samuel 10:23-24

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Saul was a man after people's praise  
1 Samuel 18:6-8

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Saul's kingship was rejected  
1 Samuel 15:23

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Saul was cruel  
1 Samuel 20:30-32; 22:11-19

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Saul was unforgiving  
1 Samuel 14:44; 18:9

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When confronted, Saul lied  
1 Samuel 15:10-31

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Saul was fearful  
1 Samuel 17:11; 18-22

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Saul was separated from God  
1 Samuel 16:14

## IV. Flasks and Horns – Discerning God's true anointing in our time.

### A. The Flask anointing – Pak – Man-made vessel

*<sup>1</sup> Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you ruler over his inheritance?" (1 Samuel 10:1 NIV)*

1. The flask is a temporary, fragile container – something constructed with human hands.
2. People with a flask anointing seek the throne, not God.
3. Flasks were made for common use, are easily broken, and do not signal true authority or permanence.
4. King Saul’s flask anointing reveals a kingship “permitted by God,” but “shaped by human desire.”
5. The Flask anointing came from Israel’s superficial wish list, rather than God’s choosing.
6. A Flask anointing always represents a ministry you assemble, versus a calling God establishes.
7. The Flask symbolizes transience, human ingenuity, and human strength.
8. The Flask anointing promotes immediately, and has you doing the will of men. Saul also paid no price for the anointing he received. Saul was a king only according to the will of the people.

B. The Horn anointing – Qeren – God-made anointing

*<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.” (1 Samuel 16:1 NIV)*

1. David was anointed with a “Horn.”
2. Horns are created, not designed.
3. Horns are solid; they endure and carry weight.

4. Horns are shaped by God, and carry what is meant to last.
5. Horns anoint the life, not just the gift.
6. Horns were symbols of God's power on the altar, in the Tabernacle, and eventually in the Temple of Solomon.
7. Saul was anointed situationally, for certain moments, then the anointing would recede. David's life was permanently anointed.
8. Saul's flask looked official, but the vessel was fragile and would crack under pressure. David's anointing looked unlikely, but the Horn carried strength that would never collapse under pressure.
9. The animal horn is organic, durable, and naturally formed over time.
10. Horn anointings lead you into the wilderness of testing, training, and refining.
11. While flask anointings bring immediate ministries and fanfare, they are unstable in the long run, as a cloth tent is compared to a stone altar.