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*“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire”. (Daniel 7:9)*

*“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him”.  
(Daniel 7:13)*

*“until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom”. (Daniel 7:22)*

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## INTRODUCTION

There is a lot said about modern preaching and how we need more sermons on hell; I will save that debate for another day. However, there is something else that I find missing from our pulpits: it is the teaching on some of the most compelling attributes of God as found in the Old Testament writings.

Before we go any further, I need to make sure that you understand what this study is about. In no way am I telling you that the Old Testament God is different. To the contrary, this study is about our understanding that God is immutable; He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. GOD NEVER CHANGES. And that, my dear sisters, is the point of this study.

In many of our modern-day churches we have come to understand God as unconditionally loving and forgiving. Indeed, He is loving and forgiving, but we Christians make a grave error when we assume that God has no expectations or that He makes no demands on His children.

In the Old Testament writings, God directly and fully reveals His character and His attributes. As we read the stories, we have an opportunity to witness Him as the Infinite and Eternal Creator. We come to know him as our



Provider, Sustainer, Savior, Deliverer, Helper; our All-in-All. We see His love for His people, and His sorrow when they reject Him. We also witness His anger, justice, and ultimate discipline for those who disobey, dishonor and reject Him.

As followers of Christ, it should be the heart of every believer to seek and desire to be like Him, but how can we do so until we fully understand who He is?

Through this four-part devotional study, you will get to know the Person of “The Ancient of Days” and discover how that knowledge can impact your daily walk with Him in a profound and exciting way.

Grace and Peace,

A decorative flourish featuring a quill pen and a small circular seal, followed by the signature "Sandra" in a cursive script.

## ABOUT THE STUDY

Although we long to draw nearer to God, too often we rush through His word without giving it the proper time to minister to our hearts. We long to hear His “still small voice” but sadly, we seldom take the time to be still and listen for it.

James writes that we are to prove ourselves to be doers of the word and not merely hearers. Each lesson ends with some “tools” which will help us become better “doers”.

“Make It Real” will present some questions to help you consider various points of the lesson. It is intended to be an opportunity for you to review what you have just read and to consider how you might apply what you have learned to your daily life.

“Make It Yours”. This page includes a Psalm which you can use as a prayer prompt or to simply meditate on along with space provided for you to record your personal thoughts and/or prayer.

*“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it*

*shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose.” (Isaiah 55:10-11)*

It is my prayer that your time spent in this study will draw you into a closer time with the Lord as you gain a deeper knowledge of not only Who He is but who you are in Him.



# THE GLORY OF GOD

*Ascribe to the Lord, O clans of the peoples, ascribe to the  
Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due  
his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship  
the Lord in the splendor of holiness*

*(1 Chronicles 16:28-29)*

## The Glory of God is as a Dwelling Place.

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*In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:22)*

The Hebrew word for Tabernacle is mishkan; it means Dwelling Place. We learn in the Old Testament that the Tabernacle was the place where the presence of God was manifested; where He gave direction to His people.

As I watch the progression of the modern church, I fear we've lost the true concept of what the Glory of God is all about. In our corporate worship I wonder if we've become too familiar, so much so that we've lost a sense of awe for the God we serve. In our private time, we often "worship on the run"; we allow our busyness to rob us of precious moments.

What could be greater than being in the presence of the Living God? What could be sweeter than spending one-on-one time basking in the glory of your loving Father? Think about it, just you and God. No cell phones, no demands, no interruptions. God invites us to come into His presence, to dwell (tabernacle) with Him. We were created for His glory and to have fellowship with Him.

Maybe you've never really experienced that kind of time in the Lord's presence; wouldn't now be a good time

to start? Or perhaps you have grown distant and haven't enjoyed those precious moments in a while; wouldn't now be the perfect time to get back to it?

**MAKE IT REAL**

Do you have a regular time you spend with God?

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If so, what does that time look like?

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If not, what are the things that are preventing you?

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What does it mean to you to know that God wants to  
tabernacle with you?

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## MAKE IT YOURS

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen! (Psalm 72:18-19)*

[illegible]

## The Glory of God is as a Consuming Fire.

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*And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (Exodus 3:2-5)*

We've all seen the pictures of California's wild fires. The fires burn hot and they spread quickly consuming thousands of acres. That's a good analogy of how God is described in Deuteronomy 4:24 – *"For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God"*.

Most of us are familiar with the story of Moses and the burning bush. There is much to be learned from Moses' experience. We learn that when we come into God's presence, we must come fearfully. We must come knowing that when we stand in the midst of His glory, we are standing on holy ground. We must realize that when we stand in the presence of a Holy God there will be nothing

left of ourselves, for in His glory, we will be altogether consumed.

**MAKE IT REAL**

Have you ever considered that when you come before God the place you stand is holy ground?

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What makes it so?

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What does it mean to “come fearfully before God?

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Hebrews 12:28-29 reminds us that “God is a consuming fire”. How can you apply the truth of this passage to make your worship more effective?

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