## "Consistent Persistence"

By Mrs. Sojourner

What do successful race horses and athletes, and certain insects have in common? Consistent persistence. Consider the following verses:

24 "Four things on earth are small,

yet they are extremely wise: 25 Ants are creatures of little strength,

vet they store up their food in the summer;

26 coneys are creatures of little power.

yet they make their home in the crags:

27 locusts have no king, vet they advance together in ranks:

28 a lizard can be caught with the hand.

yet it is found in kings' palaces. Proverb 30:24-28 (NIV) (emphasis added)

Watching ants, we can see that they cannot move very far with each step and they cannot, individually, carry what we would consider a great deal of weight or material, but they certainly do get a great deal of work done. Honey bees are the same way. Each individual bee cannot move a great deal of pollen at one time, but a whole hive of bees working

together can very productively provide for the larvae and make us honey as well.

Notes:

Successful race horses and athletes, likewise, do not become champions after a few days of practice, but only after steady long-term practice and sheer determined effort.

Our Heavenly Father has put things in each of our hearts to do, and given us everything we need to accomplish those desires or goals. Let us remember the ants, locusts, bees, race horses and athletes, and walk out the lives God has given us with consistent persistence. The desires of our hearts may not come to pass quickly, but our consistent, concerted, and active obedience to what God tells us to do will bring glory to God, and success.

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# Sojourning

Notes:

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"Glory"

(Teaching Sketch)

Exodus 40:34-36

word often used in a circle of Believers but rarely defined. Just what is glory anyway? Who has it and what is it's purpose. What part does it play in the scheme of things?

#### God's Glory

God's glory is so great mankind cannot survive the fullness of his glory. There is the time when Moses wanted to see God but was restrained because God's glory was too great for any man to encounter in it's fullness. God did tell Moses he would permit him to see him, but Moses could only be able to see his back parts.

> <sup>22</sup>And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: <sup>23</sup>And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my Exodus 33:22-23 (KJV)

### The Sun, Moon, & **Stars**

"There is one **glory** of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another **glorv** of the

stars: for one star differeth from another star in **glorv**." <sup>1</sup> Corinthian 15:41 This quote from Scripture penned by the Apostle Paul demonstrates the order of things God set in motion at the creation. We know in the Body of Christ there are vessels of varying purpose. Some more carnal-minded folk may see this as one being better than another—not so. God looks at our hearts and in doing so proves us in our motives and our actions as to the glory given to each. How sad to be a person given a large place in The kingdom but to only fulfill 30% of our assignment while a person given what would be thought to be a small place to complete 100% of their assignment! Their's would actually be the greater victory in their place then the other who did little to fulfill

their assignment.

nity 1d) honour, reputation 1e) honour, reverence, glory 1f) glory

face shall not be seen.

# **Scripture:**

# **Exodus 40:34-36**(KJV)

<sup>34</sup>Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

<sup>35</sup>And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

<sup>36</sup>And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:

<sup>37</sup>But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

<sup>38</sup>For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

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U. S Capitol

(World Hub) The Sojourner And Mrs. Sojourner were in Washington, DC last week. While there they took part in a Christian History Tour of The U.S. Capitol Building given by David Barton of WallBuilders and Texas Rep. Louie Gohmert. They also took part in the "Congressional Pastor's Briefing," numerous members of Congress briefed them on a variety of issues related to Biblical values and shared their hearts regarding their personal faith and its application in public office. "We were very much pleased to have this opportunity," said The Sojourner.

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### Your Part, Your Glory

Jesus prayed for his disciples and for you and I in John Chapter 17:

> <sup>20</sup>"My prayer is not for them alone. (the disciples) I pray also for those(you & I) who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup>that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (KJV)

### **Victory**

Victory comes only through Jesus in salvation and his Holy Spirit abiding in us. We are to demonstrate his glory as we fulfill our individual call. As we demonstrate the great victory of Christ in us his glory is manifested through us to bring the message and power of his glory in the world. The Kingdom is established in victory in every salvation, healing, and deliverance.

### Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- Informal sharing of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- Opening Prayer
- Praise & Worship
- Words of Prophecy or Knowledge if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- The Pastoral Message
- Prayer Requests
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- The Blessing

