“Rise” by Katy Perry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lFIIMEe2Ht0>

‘Lift Every Voice and Sing” with the Morgan State University Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tAddnk2bmA>

“Total Praise” with the FAMU, Morris Brown, TNSU, Clark Atlanta, Morehouse, JCSU, and Tuskegee Marching Bands

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44gS6CfkxrE>

“Glory to Glory to Glory” with Fred Hammond

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZB3L46QBIQ>

“We Need Your Glory” with Micah Stampley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxt7WmNvYDU>

“God is Here” with Martha Munizzi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qsOTDsWJBY>

“New Season” with Martha Munizzi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDOjLz5V-GU>

“Renew Me” with Martha Munizzi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Td1xsuXjVHg>

“I Believe God – No Limits” with Martha Munizzi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um-cbgcaPqw>

“Excellent” with Martha Munizzi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QiYlVDqDLE>

“Glorious” with Martha Munizzi and Shiela E

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBPZkak1eSs>

“He’s Already Provided” with Martha Munizzi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQ3p3LO1xyc>

“Till the Walls Fall” with Martha Munizzi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jN-p8cL366E>

“Chosen Generation” with Martha Munizzi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWMuZkqVyb8>

“Arise Intro” with William McDowell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPR-eJYVpCc>

“Expecting” with William McDowell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNisWsWOgDg>

“Corinthian Song” with Micah Stampley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUyB9LSf7RA>

“Corinthian Song” with Kathy Taylor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahqlPGj31aY>

**A Glory That Raises Us;**

**A Glory That Raises the Treasures Within Us**

*Romans 6:4; Psalm 19:1-6; Proverbs 25:2; 2 Corinthians 4:5-6; Psalm 24:6*

 Consider the world today and our everyday lives. *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life, Romans 6:4.*

 The glory of God is God’s splendor, excellence, preeminence, dignity, and grace. (G1391, Blue Letter Bible) The glory of God raised Jesus from the dead when Jesus died for our sins; and it can also lift us up.

 The lifting power of God’s glory is analogous to what many African-Americans feel when they stand together and sing “Lift Every Voice and Sing”.

 The lifting power of God’s glory is analogous to what many of us feel when we go to or return to our high school or college football stadium or basketball arena to the sounds of drums, bands, dancers, and cheerleaders.

 The lifting power of God’s glory is analogous to exercising to Rocky music or “One Moment in Time” or our other favorite exercise tracks.

 The lifting power of God’s glory raises us to walk in newness of life.

Despite all the evil that upstages our world today, all of creation calls for us to live in newness of life.

*1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.*

*2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.*

*3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.*

*4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.*

*5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.*

*6 His going forth is from the end of heaven, and his circuit unto the end of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof, Psalm 19:1-6.*

 The glory of God is everywhere. But, at the same time, the glory of God is often hidden from us. *Proverbs 25:2* says something interesting about this irony: *It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.*

The glory of God is to conceal the wonder and treasure of who we are and who God’s creation is in Him so that those of us who find it may know that it is of God. *5 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us, 2 Corinthians 4:5-6.*

 Be encouraged. The treasures of our lives, of the United States, and the world around us are buried in these turbulent times. But the glory of God can raise treasures from us the same way that the glory of God raised Jesus from the dead.

 Our honor is to be the kings and queens who search out God’s treasure. *This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek thy face, O [God of] Jacob. Selah. Psalm 24:6.* May we seek and find the treasures that the glory of God has placed in all of us.

 God has so much for us!

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