

The Glory Of God

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A. All attributes of God are too vast to perfectly define.

1. Using all the scripture, all the revelation that comes from use of original text, still is inadequate in fully understanding or perceiving God and His attributes.
2. The love of God, the mercy of God, the grace of God, the righteousness of God, the holiness of God, the power of God, the goodness of God and even the judgment of God.

B. The greatest revelation of God, the Godhead, the goodness of God and all the known and unknown attributes of God is given to us in the Lord Jesus Christ who is the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

1. Perhaps the greatest understanding of the Glory of God can be received in the study and knowledge of Jesus.
2. God's plan for the church, both, in the present and the future.

C. In studying the scriptures, the Bible uses words for glory more than 370 times.

1. Making the glory of God one of the Bible's primary themes.
2. A theme with obviously many dimensions.

D. I am going to discuss many of the ways the glory of God works in the body of Christ.

1. Our lives are to reflect His glory and we are to bring God glory. Believers are called to bring glory to God. In **1 Corinthians 10:31**, the Apostle Paul exhorts, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Believers are called to give glory to God by what we say and do. It does not mean that we are adding to the glory God already has. It means we are revealing the glory of God to the world through our words, lifestyle, and behavior. It also means that we are giving God our praise and adoration.

How can believers bring glory and praise to our God? We can submit to God's will in all things, and be willing to suffer for Him (**John 21:18-19**). We are to be content with what God has given us (**Philippians 4:11**) and not worry, knowing God will take care of us (**Philippians 4:19**). We can rely on God for strength instead of relying on ourselves (**Philippians 4:13**). We can help others and give the glory to God by praising Him with our mouths. We are called to be selfless and humble (**Philippians 2:3-4**). We show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our lives (**Galatians 5:22-23**). None of these things is easy, nor do they come naturally. But through faith in Jesus Christ, the transformation of our lives is possible. When we submit to His will, we bring glory to God.

2 Corinthians 3:18 says, "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

2. Spreading the gospel brings glory and is one way the Bible tells us that bringing sinners to from sin to the righteousness of God through Christ causes the glory of God to spread in the earth.
3. The presence and power of God dwells within us and as such we have His glory in us.

E. I believe that not only is God's presence and power within us, but that God brings His presence and power to us and upon us.

Note: God's presence in us speaks to us, leads and guides us, comforts us, encourages us, gives us inner strength and peace. His presence will never leave us. But from the very beginning God wanted to manifest Himself to us. In the Garden of Eden, God walked and talked with Adam and Eve. I do not believe He did that with a still small voice on the inside of them. I believe He manifest Himself to them in a powerful, physical, and glorious way.

Through Christ Jesus we are reconciled to God with sin and the sin barrier destroyed by the blood of Jesus and I believe we have been given the invitation to come into the glory of His literal and tangible presence. I'll have much more to say about that later in these classes.

F. I will share experiences in my own life, the lives of many I know, as well as scriptural and historic events.

G. In studying the 370 references to the Glory of God in the Bible I believe the subject of the Glory of God falls into three areas.

1. The Eternal Glory of God
2. The Revealed Glory of God
3. The Manifest Glory of God

H. Hebrew and Greek definitions of the word glory

1. Strong's Dictionary defines glory as "abundance, honor, glory, riches, wealth, splendor, worthy, and importance.
2. Old Testament the most frequent word used for glory is the Hebrew word "kabod" which means to be heavy or weighty with splendor; to be glorious. In the New Testament the Greek word, "doxa" which means honor, dignity, worship.
3. But in our lesson next week we will see how God Himself defines His own glory.

I. The Eternal Glory Of God

1. Very few passages in the Bible refer to or speak of God's eternal glory. Most of them deal with the revealed and manifest glory of God.

(Gen 1:1 KJV) In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

(Psa 45:6 KJV) Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

(Exo 15:18 KJV) The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

(Psa 90:2 KJV) Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

(Psa 103:17 KJV) But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

(Psa 106:48 KJV) Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

(Eph 1:4 KJV) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

2 Corinthians 4:17(KJV) For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

(1 Pet 4:11 NIV) If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

(Rev 22:4 KJV) And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

(1 John 1:5 KJV) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

(Rev 22:5 KJV) And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

(Rev 10:6 KJV) And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

(John 17:5 KJV) And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

(Rev 13:8 KJV) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

The Glory Of God – Part Two

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A. Before I talk about the revealed glory of God I want to show you God's own definition of His glory.

1. It is the centerpiece of His character, presence, and power.
2. It is like the sparkling diamond set in the purest of Gold.

B. It is not appropriate or proper to go pull back the scripture and take a peek at this diamond of diamonds with our first walking step by step to the moment of revelation.

1. I spoke to you last week about Gen. 1:1 and we see God walking and talking with Adam & Eve.
2. This diamond of the truth about God's glory begins in the book of Exodus.

C. Let's begin with Israel leaving Egypt

(Exo 13:21 KJV) And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

(Exo 13:22 KJV) He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

D. At the Red Sea

(Exo 14:19 KJV) And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

(Exo 14:20 KJV) And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

(Exo 14:21 KJV) And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

(Exo 14:22 KJV) And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

(Exo 14:23 KJV) And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

(Exo 14:24 KJV) And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

(Exo 14:25 KJV) And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

(Exo 14:26 KJV) And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

E. The murmuring for food and the giving of manna

Read all of Exodus 16

Exodus 16:7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the **glory** of the **LORD**; for that he heareth your murmurings against the **LORD**: and what are we, that ye murmur against us.

Exodus 16:10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the **glory** of the **LORD** appeared in the cloud.

E. God personally speaks to Israel

(Exo 19:1 KJV) In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

(Exo 19:2 KJV) For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

(Exo 19:3 KJV) And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

(Exo 19:4 KJV) Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

(Exo 19:5 KJV) Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

(Exo 19:6 KJV) And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

(Exo 19:7 KJV) And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

(Exo 19:8 KJV) And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

(Exo 19:9 KJV) And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

(Exo 19:10 KJV) And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes,

(Exo 19:11 KJV) And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

(Exo 19:12 KJV) And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

(Exo 19:13 KJV) There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

(Exo 19:14 KJV) And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

(Exo 19:15 KJV) And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.

(Exo 19:16 KJV) And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

(Exo 19:17 KJV) And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

(Exo 19:18 KJV) And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

(Exo 19:19 KJV) And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

(Exo 19:20 KJV) And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

(Exo 19:21 KJV) And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

(Exo 19:22 KJV) And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

(Exo 19:23 KJV) And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.

(Exo 19:24 KJV) And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.

(Exo 19:25 KJV) So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

F. What the people heard God say

(Exo 20:1 NKJV) And God spoke all these words, saying:

(Exo 20:2 NKJV) "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

(Exo 20:3 NKJV) "You shall have no other gods before Me.

(Exo 20:4 NKJV) "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

(Exo 20:5 NKJV) you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

(Exo 20:6 NKJV) but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

(Exo 20:7 NKJV) "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

(Exo 20:8 NKJV) "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

(Exo 20:9 NKJV) Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

(Exo 20:10 NKJV) but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

(Exo 20:11 NKJV) For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

(Exo 20:12 NKJV) "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

(Exo 20:13 NKJV) "You shall not murder.

(Exo 20:14 NKJV) "You shall not commit adultery.

(Exo 20:15 NKJV) "You shall not steal.

(Exo 20:16 NKJV) "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

(Exo 20:17 NKJV) "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

(Exo 20:18 NKJV) Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off.

G. The people's response

(Exo 20:19 NKJV) Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die."

(Exo 20:20 NKJV) And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."

(Exo 20:21 NKJV) So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

(Exo 20:22 NKJV) Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

H. In the presence of God

(Exo 24:1 KJV) And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.

(Exo 24:2 KJV) And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.

(Exo 24:3 KJV) And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.

(Exo 24:4 KJV) And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

(Exo 24:5 KJV) And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

(Exo 24:6 KJV) And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

(Exo 24:7 KJV) And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

(Exo 24:8 KJV) And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

(Exo 24:9 KJV) Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

(Exo 24:10 KJV) And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

(Ezek 28:14 KJV) Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

(Exo 24:11 KJV) And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

(Exo 24:12 KJV) And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

(Exo 24:13 KJV) And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

(Exo 24:14 KJV) And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

(Exo 24:15 KJV) And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

(Exo 24:16 KJV) And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

(Exo 24:17 KJV) And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

(Exo 24:18 KJV) And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

I. The tent of meeting

(Exo 33:7 KJV) And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp.

(Exo 33:8 KJV) And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.

(Exo 33:9 KJV) And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses.

(Exo 33:10 KJV) And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door.

(Exo 33:11 KJV) And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

J. Moses request to see the glory of God.

(Exo 33:12 KJV) And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

(Exo 33:13 KJV) Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

(Exo 33:14 KJV) And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

(Exo 33:15 KJV) And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

(Exo 33:16 KJV) For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

(Exo 33:17 KJV) And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

(Exo 33:18 KJV) And he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory.

(Exo 33:19 KJV) And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

(Exo 33:20 KJV) And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

(Exo 33:21 KJV) And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

(Exo 33:22 KJV) And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

(Exo 33:23 KJV) And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

Point: Moses requested--that God would reveal Himself to his mind so that he might know Him--might have a clear and powerful apprehension of those things which constitute his glory.

What is implied in Moses' prayer?

1. A desire to know more than he knew of God. A desire to know **that** which makes God worthy of the homage and adoration of his creatures, and especially he desired to be so subdued by this knowledge--his heart so fixed in his confidence, as to be prepared for his great work, the work of conducting Israel to the promised land.
2. The glory of God passed
3. The back parts of God.

God had a regard for the frailties of Moses and the people. 'Thou canst not see my face and live.' The glory of my indescribable presence is too much for mortal eye to behold; it would overwhelm you, and separate soul from body. But I will hide you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand as I pass by. And I will take away my hand and thou shalt see my back parts, but my face shall not be seen.'

You may see as much as you can bear, and no more. You shall have as clear a revelation of my character as you can sustain; as vivid an apprehension of my holiness as your powers can endure and bear up under.

The revelation of Divine History. The first 5 books of the Old Testament. Moses saw the creation of the earth, etc.

Moses on the Mt. of Transfiguration. No hand over his face this time.