

***The Glory of God***  
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**Introduction:** There are marvelous things that our God wishes us to see and know.

A. Paul described two kinds of people who are distinguished by what they see.

**(2 Cor 4:3-6)**

1. There are many who are blinded by Satan to the works of and the nature of our great God.
2. On the other hand the essence of the Christian's mind and life is simply proclaiming the wondrous things they see in our great God.

B. What do we mean when we talk of the "glory of God?"

1. Glory - doxa □ AV - glory 145, glorious 10, honor 6, praise 4, dignity 2, worship 1; 168 1) opinion, judgment, view 2) opinion, estimate, whether good or bad concerning someone 2a) in the NT always a good opinion concerning one, resulting in praise, honor, and glory 3) splendor, brightness 4) a most glorious condition, most exalted state.
2. When we speak of God's glory then His power and attributes are shown in some way that result in men being in awe of Him.

***I. God's glory is shown to men that they might know Him***

A. In the calling and leading of Israel God often showed His glory. **(Ex 24:16-17)**

1. Not only in the giving of the law but also in the provisions for the people was the glory of God manifested. **(Ex 16:7,10)**
2. God's glory is of no profit to us however unless we come to trust Him.
  - a. Israel saw the glory of God again and again but never understood what God was like! They never humbled themselves and saw His goodness.
  - b. Why did God severely punish them when they refused to enter the promised land? **(Num 14:20-23)**

B. God's glory ought to cause us to see our frailty and our need of Him.

1. Look at the reaction that God sought in these people! **(Deut 5:24-33)**
  - a. God approved this reaction and pleaded for them to remember!
  - b. We need to sit up and listen when our God expresses such a desire.
2. If they could always remember how helpless they were and how mighty and loving God is then all would be well. **(Isa 63:12-14)**

***II. Satan works to have men seek another "glory."***

A. What glory is greater than our God's? **(Jer 9:23-24)**

1. God's glory is always sure, is always for our good and does not depend upon fickle changeable men.
2. Still men have throughout history bought into foolish substitutes. **(Jer 2:11-13)**

B. God knew that men are strongly attracted to their own glory.

1. When did Gideon reduce his army so drastically? **(Judges 7:2)**
2. Over and over God judged nations and emphasized the vanity of the things they gloried in. You do not want to see the glory of God in judgment! **(Isa 10:12-13; 16:14; 17:4; 20:5; 21:16-17; 22:18; 23:9; 28:1)**
3. One of the best things that can happen is for us to suffer and see the temporary

nature of those things men give their lives for. **(Psa 138:5-8)**

- C. To know God's glory will make us full of praise and purpose.
  - 1. Real security is found here. **(Psa 73:24-28)**
  - 2. Our hearts are filled with an optimism that never fades! **(Isa 60:19-22)**
  - 3. The evangelism of the child of God comes easy and the core message has always been the same. **(Psa 86:3-13)**
  - 4. Worship come naturally and often. **(Psa 149:5; 105:3-5)**

### ***III. Jesus manifested the glory of God***

- A. He is the fullest manifestation of God's glory we will see in this life. **(Jn 1:14)**
  - 1. What do we see in Jesus? What is the glory of God all about? **(Heb 1:3)**
  - 2. He was not moved by those things men glory in. **(Mt 4:8-10)**
- B. Those who sought another "glory" could not know Him and in time sought to kill Him.
  - 1. He challenged their hearts. What glory are you really seeking? **(Jn 7:18-19; 8:50-51)**
  - 2. They could not let go of the glory of men and as a result they could not believe in Jesus. **(Jn 5:41-44)**
- C. The heart of Jesus could be described as seeking the glory of God.
  - 1. Why was Jesus willing to die such a cruel death? **(Jn 12:23-29; 13:30-34)**
  - 2. At the end of His life there was one thing on His mind. **(Jn 17:1,4-5)**
  - 3. Where will the glory of God lead you in this life? The world will think you are crazy!

### ***IV. How may I show the glory of God?***

- A. Understand that it does not come from my power or wisdom! **(2 Cor 12:7-10)**
  - 1. The opportunity to best show what God means to you comes in suffering.
  - 2. We often are mistaken about the things that really glorify God.
- B. When we "do all in the name of the Lord." **(1 Pt 4:11)**
  - 1. Those who submit to the king will find a uniform practice. **(1 Cor 4:17; 7:17)**
  - 2. When we change what God wants out of fear of being "traditional" we have left that which glorifies God.
- C. When our prayers are answered. **(Jn 14:13)**
  - 1. When we see our dependence upon Him and seek it!
  - 2. When He gladly provides that is a cause for His glory. Do we see that?
- D. When we respond in kindness to those who seek our hurt. **(1 Pt 2:12; 4:12-14)**
- E. When we show love to our "unlovable" brethren. (Rom 15:1-6)

### ***V. There is a glory that Jesus wants us to see***

- A. Imagine the anticipation of Jesus showing us this glory! **(Jn 17:24)**
- B. Picture the awesome scene of judgment day. **(2 Thess 1:9-12)**

**Conclusion:** Have you seen the glory of God?

- A. If not then you are caught up in a rat race for things that will not last! **(Rom 3:23)**
- B. You are now presented with a glorious call. **(2 Thess 2:13-15)**
- C. Your life will be transformed each day as you see this glory. **(2 Cor 3:18)**