

SHOW US YOUR GLORY

Part 4: Glory in the Face of Christ

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I. MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

- A. Isaiah prophesied that all mankind would see the glory of God revealed through the coming Messiah:

Isa. 40:3-6: ³*A voice of one calling: “In the desert **prepare the way for the LORD**; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵And **the glory of the LORD will be revealed**, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” ⁶A voice says, “Cry out.” And I said, “What shall I cry?” “All men are like grass, and all **their glory is like the flowers of the field.**”*

- B. But the same Isaiah prophesied that Messiah would have no majesty, outward beauty or attractiveness:

Isa. 53:1-6: ¹*Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. **He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.** ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. ⁴Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. ⁵But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

- C. NEVERTHELESS, many *were* attracted to Him. What did they see? What did Peter, John and the others see when they were willing to leave everything and join a total stranger who spoke just two words to them: “Follow Me?”

- D. They saw the glory of God!

II. WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

A. **Heb. 1:1-3:** ¹*In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,* ²*but in these last days **He has spoken to us by His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through Whom He made the universe.* ³***The Son is the radiance of God's glory*** and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

B. Glory surrounded Christ's birth

1. **Luke 2:9-14:** ⁹*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the **glory of the Lord shone** around them, and they were terrified.* ¹⁰*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.* ¹¹*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord...* ¹³*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,* ¹⁴***"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."***

2. **Luke 2:28-32:** ²⁸*Simeon took Him [baby Jesus] in his arms and praised God, saying:* ²⁹***"Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace.*** ³⁰*For my eyes have seen Your salvation,* ³¹*which You have prepared in the sight of all people,* ³²***a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel."***

C. Peter, John and James saw His glory on the mountain

1. **Luke 9:27-35:** ²⁷ ***"I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."*** ²⁸*About eight days after Jesus said this, He took Peter, John and James with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray.* ²⁹*As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.* ³⁰*Two men, Moses and Elijah,* ³¹***appeared in glorious splendor***, talking with Jesus. They spoke about His departure, which He was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³²*Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, **they saw His glory** and the two men standing with him.* ³³*As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good*

for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴While he was speaking, **a cloud appeared and enveloped them**, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him.”

2. This experience impacted Peter so powerfully that he wrote about it years later as he was nearing the end of his life (**2 Pet. 1:16-18**): ¹⁶We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were **eyewitnesses of His majesty**. ¹⁷For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the **voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory**, saying, “This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain.

D. **John 1:1-14**: ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it... ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true Light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. ¹¹He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. ¹²Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and **made His dwelling among us. WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY**, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1. “Made His dwelling” (v.14) is Gk. *skenoō* = “to tent or encamp, that is, (figuratively) to reside (as God did in the Tabernacle of old).”

- a) AMP: *And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and **tabernacled** (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us;*
 - b) Clearly points back to Moses' Tent of Meeting, which was filled with the glory of God and where God dwelled with His people (**Ex. 40:34-35**): ³⁴*Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the **glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*** ³⁵*Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*
2. "We have seen His glory"
- a) "Glory" is the Gk. *doxa* = "dignity, honor, reputation (as very apparent)"
 - b) "Seen" in the Gk. is literally "to look closely at"
- E. Glory is a major theme in John, Gk. *doxa* (glory) appearing 19x, and *doxazo* (glorify) 23x; it was something that John was "looking closely at!" A few examples...
- 1. **John 2:11:** *This, the first of His miraculous signs [water to wine], Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. **He thus revealed His glory,** and His disciples put their faith in Him.*
 - 2. **John 11:4, 38-44:** ⁴*When He heard this [that Lazarus was sick], Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, **it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it...**"* ³⁸*Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.* ³⁹*"Take away the stone," He said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."* ⁴⁰*Then Jesus said, "**Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?**"* ⁴¹*So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that You have heard Me. ⁴²I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that You sent Me."* ⁴³*When He had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"* ⁴⁴*The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."*

3. **John 12:20-33:** ²⁰...Some Greeks ²¹...came to Philip... with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²²Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. ²³Jesus replied, "**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**" ²⁴I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves Me. ²⁷"Now My heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from **this hour**'? No, it was for this very reason I came to **this hour.**" ²⁸**Father, glorify Your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."** ²⁹The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to Him. ³⁰Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not Mine. ³¹Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³²But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." ³³**He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.**
4. **John 13:30-32:** ³⁰As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night. ³¹When he was gone, Jesus said, "**Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him.**" ³²If God is glorified in Him, God will glorify the Son in Himself, and will glorify Him at once.
5. **John 14:13:** And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the **Son may bring glory to the Father.**
6. **John 17:1, 4, 10, 20-24:** ¹After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. **Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You...**" ⁴I have **brought You glory** on earth by completing the work You gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, **glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began...**" ¹⁰All I have is Yours, and all You have is Mine. **And glory has come to Me** through them... ²⁰"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, ²¹that 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. ²²**I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are one: ²³I 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. ²⁴**“Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and TO SEE MY GLORY, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world.*****

III. GOD GLORIFIED HIS SON

- A. **Luke 24:26:** *Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?*
- B. **1 Cor. 2:8:** *None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have **crucified the LORD OF GLORY.***
- C. **John 7:38-39:** ³⁸ *“Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”* ³⁹*By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since **Jesus had not yet been glorified.***
- D. **John 8:50, 54:** ⁵⁰ *I am **not seeking glory for Myself**; but there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge...* ⁵⁴*Jesus replied, “If I glorify Myself, My glory means nothing. **My Father**, whom you claim as your God, is the One who **glorifies Me.***
- E. **John 12:14-16:** ¹⁴*Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written,* ¹⁵*“Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.”* ¹⁶*At first His disciples did not understand all this. **Only after Jesus was glorified** did they realize that these things had been written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.*
- F. **Acts 3:13-15:** ¹³*The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the **God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus.** You handed Him over to be killed, and you disowned Him before Pilate, though he had decided to let Him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the Author of life, but **God raised Him from the dead.** We are witnesses of this.*

- G. **Phil. 2:9-11:** *⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the glory of God the Father.***
- H. **Rom. 6:4:** *We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as **Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father,** we too may live a new life.*

IV. GLORY IN THE FACE OF CHRIST

- A. **2 Cor. 4:3-6:** *³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has **blinded** the minds of unbelievers, so that **they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,** who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the **light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.***
- B. If we want to see the glory of God, look at Jesus! He demonstrated the love of God on the Cross, was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead, and is ruling, reigning, triumphant and soon coming King!
- C. Paul was blinded by that glory when Christ appeared to him on the road to Damascus:

Acts 22:6-11 (NKJV): *⁶"Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a **great light from heaven shone around me.** ⁷And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' ⁸So I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.' ⁹"**And those who were with me indeed saw the light** and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me. ¹⁰So I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.' ¹¹And since **I could not see for the glory [doxa] of that light,***

being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

V. CONCLUSION

In the New Covenant, God has chosen to reveal His glory through His Son, Jesus Christ. In the next part of our study, we will look specifically at the gospel of Christ which Paul calls the “gospel of glory.”