

Bible Study: The Character of God

III. God is Glorious

Passage(s) to read: Exodus 33:18-23, 34:5-8; Psalm 29:2; John 17:1-5,22;
1Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 1:13-18; Revelation 4:11; 7:12

Related passages for personal study:

- * Psalm 19:1; 1 Corinthians 1:31; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:5-18; 1 Peter 5:10
- * If the earth will one day be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, surely our Bible is full of it!

Description of glory:

- * In relation to God, glory is the manifestation of His divine attributes and perfections, or visible elements that indicate the possession and presence of these. (Unger)
- * “The honor resulting from a good opinion” (Vine)
 - o What God essentially is and does
 - o The character and ways of God as exhibited through Christ to and through believers.
 - o The state of blessedness that believers enter through being brought into the likeness of Christ.
 - o Brightness or splendor
- * Distinction: “Glory” in the KJV is sometimes used for “boast” (e.g. Gal. 6:14)

Aspects To Consider:

- * God’s glory displayed (shown)
 - o Lord Jesus
 - o Heavens
 - o *How else?*
- * God’s glory dispensed (shared)
 - o Present
 - o Future

How should God’s glory affect me?

- * Why do we glorify God?
- * How/when should we glorify God?
- * How do we better know and appreciate God’s glory?

Questions for Discussion:

- * Why does God do things for His own glory? What does this mean?
- * Does/can mankind have glory?
 - o How is man “the image and glory of God” (1 Corinthians 11:7)?
- * What happened when God was not given glory?
- * What is “the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27)?