

Ichabod

[1 Samuel 4:12-22]

1. God's _____ is the total beauty and _____ of all He is. (*Exodus 40:34; Isaiah 42:8, 60:1; Psalm 72:19; Hebrews 1:3; John 11:40*)
2. A broken _____ can prevent our circumstances from _____. (*Joel 2:12-13; Psalm 51:17; Matthew 5:4*)
3. When we exchange the glory of God for our own pursuits, shouts of _____ will be changed to cries of _____. (*Proverbs 14:12, 16:25*)
4. Rejecting God's glory 'helps' us prove what we are capable of _____. (*John 14:6, 15:4-5; Romans 8:5-7; Ephesians 2:12; Matthew 7:13-14*)
5. Making a mistake is one thing, but readily making _____ leads to great loss. (*Proverbs 3:5-6; Proverbs 11:14; Galatians 6:7-8; 1 John 1:9; Joshua 1:8; Deuteronomy 30:19*)
6. When the glory departs, we can lose _____.



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. On Sunday, we said that God's glory is the total beauty and greatness of all He is. In what ways do we see God's glory on display around us?
3. In **1 Samuel 4:5**, "*all Israel gave a mighty shout*" when they saw the ark. But in **4:13**, the people "*cried out*" at the great loss they'd suffered; their tune changed. What they previously thought was a great thing ended up leading to a tragedy. Describe a recent occurrence you thought was a good thing that ended up not being what you originally thought. What lesson did you learn?
4. **Joel 2:13** says, "*Rend your heart, and not your garments.*" What does this mean? In what ways could the ending of the story in 1 Samuel 4 been different had the people done this? What is the application for us?
5. Why did Phinehas's wife lose hope? What threatens to rob you of your hope in Christ?
6. Figuratively speaking, in what ways do we see the "glory departing" in the church today? What can we do to prevent this from taking place in our homes / at THRIVE?

