



# WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT GLORY?

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## **Oxford Dictionary**

High renown or honor won by notable achievements.

*"To fight and die for the glory of one's nation"*

Magnificence or great beauty.

*"He restored the car to all its former glory"*



THE GLORY WE GIVE GOD  
(AND OTHERS)

## G2744

38 times, mostly in 2 Corinthians

katakauchaomai

kat-ak-ow-khah'-om-ahee

From G2596 and G2744; to exult against  
(that is, over): - **boast (against)**, glory,  
rejoice against.



For we commend not ourselves again unto you,  
but give you occasion to glory on our behalf,  
that ye may have somewhat to answer them  
which glory in appearance, and not in heart.

2 Corinthians 5:12



THE GLORY THAT IS  
HIS ALONE



They...  
standing,  
they walk about as if  
all the foundations of the earth  
shaken.

6 I said, "You are gods,  
sons of the Most High, all of you  
nevertheless, like men you shall  
and fall like any prince."<sup>s</sup>

7 O God, judge the earth;  
for you shall inherit all the nations.

*My Soul Longs for the Courts of the LORD*  
TO THE CHOIRMASTER. ACCORDING TO  
THE GITTITH. <sup>2</sup> A PSALM OF THE SONS OF  
KORAH

5 Will you be angry with us  
Will you prolong your  
generations?  
6 Will you not revive us  
that your people  
Show us your strength  
and grant us  
Let the heart

Honor Or Excellent  
Reputation Of His  
Perfect Attributes

## H3519

>200 times, mostly in the Psalms

kâbôd

kaw-bode'

From H3513; properly **weight**; but only figuratively in a good sense, **splendor** or **copiousness**: - glorious (-ly), glory, **honor** (-able).



Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! Selah

Psalms 24:7-10

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:24

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9





THE TRUTH OF HIS  
PERFECTIONS

# Spirituality

- Wholly and only spirit
- Does not inhabit space
- Unlike anything else in all creation, superior
  - Not the same as our spirits, limited to one place at one time

# Invisibility

- Cannot be seen by mortal man, only manifestations in His creation and His power

# **Knowledge (omniscience)**

- Knows all things actual and possible



# Wisdom

- He always chooses the best results by the best means

# Truthfulness (faithfulness)

- The final standard of truth
- He always does what He says He will do

# Goodness

- All that He does is consistent with who He is

# Love

- Eternally gives of Himself to us for our joy and happiness



# Mercy, Grace, and Patience

- **Mercy** - goodness toward those in misery
- **Grace** - goodness toward those who deserve punishment
- **Patience** - goodness toward the unrepentant

# Holiness

- Separate and apart from sin

# Peace (order)

- Not chaos, confusion, disorder
- A part of the fruit of the Spirit

# Righteousness (justice)

- Always acts in ways that are right
- He is the final standard of what is right
- Requires that He punish sin

# Jealousy

- Positive, not in a negative sense
- Earnestly protective and watchful of His honor
- He rightly deserves our praise

# Wrath

- Manifestation of His hatred of sin
- His justice requires it in light of his holiness, goodness, and righteousness
- Tempered by his patience

# Will

- The ultimate reason for everything that happens
- Can include suffering for a greater good, possibly secret

# Freedom

- Not constrained by anything
- Authority to do anything He desires



# Omnipotence (power, sovereignty)

- He has the power to do all that is consistent with His character (He cannot lie, sin, deny Himself, etc.)
- Sovereign over His creation. Nothing has power that He did not give it

# How do we glorify Him?

- Walk in the spirit at all times
- Don't seek to be seen by man
- Seek knowledge
- Pursue wisdom

# How do we glorify Him?


- Always be truthful, keep our promises
- Act for the good of others
- Love others sacrificially
- Be known for your mercy, grace, and patience

# How do we glorify Him?

- Live as though we've been set apart to live holy lives
- Be a peacemaker in everything we do
- Stand for justice at all times
- Become a passionate worshipper, protect His honor

# How do we glorify Him?

- Don't ignore His wrath reserved for the unrighteous
  - Search out God's will for your life in every circumstance
  - Live as free people, bound only to Christ
  - Remember that He is sovereign in every situation



**Glory Is the Truth  
Of Who He Is**