

God's Glory Unveiled

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Biblical Unveilings

- 2 Corinthians 3:16–18
- Exodus 33:13–23 (NLT)
 - Let me know your ways, so I may understand you more fully
 - Show me your glorious presence
 - I will let you see me from behind
- Exodus 34:1–9
 - The Lord passed in front of Moses

The Glory of God unveiled – His Character

- The Lord!
- The God of compassion and mercy
- Slow to anger
- Filled with unfailing love and faithfulness
- Lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations
- I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin
- I do not excuse the guilty
- Sins of parents affect the entire family
- Exodus 20:5–6
 - the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations ***of those who reject me.***
 - But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations ***on those who love me and obey my commands.***
- The Glory that God does ***not*** make the focus
- Moses' response – at God's character unveiled
 - Worship – threw himself to the ground
 - Intercession – forgive the sins of this stubborn rebellious people and claim us as your own special possession

Jonah and the glory of God unveiled

Jonah 1

- Go to Nineveh and announce my judgment against it
- Jonah went in the opposite direction
- Storm and Jonah thrown into the sea
- Great fish swallowed Jonah

Jonah 2

- Repentance – I cried out to the Lord in my great trouble
- You have driven me from your presence
- I will fulfill all my vows
- Then the Lord ordered the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach

Jonah 3

- Second chance – go to Nineveh and deliver the message I have given you
- This time Jonah obeyed – “Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed”
- Response of the king and the people – repentance
- Result – God changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction
- The glory of God was unveiled to the Ninevites

Jonah 4

- Jonah upset and very angry
- I knew you would do this – that's why I ran the other way
- God's glory unveiled to Jonah – same as Moses
- Exodus 34:6–7
 - Moses' response – worship and intercession
 - Jonah's response – “just kill me...”
- That's why I ran away – he knew God's character
- I'd rather be dead if what I predicted will not happen
- Throw me off the boat

New Testament Older Brother and our challenge with the prodigals

Luke 15:11–32

- Younger son wasted all his money in wild living
- Desperation – came to his senses
- Go home to my father – in repentance – I've sinned against both heaven and you
- Not as son but as servant
- Father filled with love and compassion – restores relationship (Father's character unveiled)
- Older son – angry – this other son of yours does not deserve your love and compassion
- Father – your brother was dead/lost – now alive/found
- Like with Jonah - “Is it right for you to be angry about this?”
- Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness... Shouldn't I feel sorry for such a great city?”
- Response of Jonah and Older Son unknown

Come Back to God – a message to prodigals, older brothers, and Jonahs

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

- Stop evaluating others from a human point of view
- Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person
- God has given us this task of reconciling people to himself
- We plead – “Come Back to God!”
- God is no longer counting your sins against you
- Jesus was made to be the offering for our sin
- We can be made right with God

Romans 10:9–10 (NLT) — 9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.