

“Reflection of God”

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- In His Presence
- Following a Theme – Intimacy with God in his presence
 - More than just – God is with us
 - Intentional – go into the presence of God
 - Transformation that happens as a result of encountering the Lord
- 2 Corinthians 3:7 (NLT2) The old way, with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses’ face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away.
- Exodus 33:12-23
 - If you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully
 - If you don’t go with us don’t make us leave this place
 - Your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth
 - Show me your glorious presence
 - I will hide you in the crevice of the rock, cover you with my hand and let you see me from behind
- Exodus 34:5-11
 - The Lord passed in front of Moses
 - “I am...” – the character qualities of God
 - All the people around you will see the power of the Lord
- Exodus 34:29-35
 - Moses’ face became radiant because he had spoken to the Lord
 - The people would see the radiant glow of his face
- Exodus 33:7-11
 - Moses in the Tent of Meeting
 - The Lord would speak to Moses – face to face as one speaks to a friend
 - Afterward Joshua would remain behind in the Tent of Meeting
- 2 Corinthians 3:7-11
 - Moses face shown with the glory of God
 - A fading glory
 - Old Covenant contrast to New Covenant
 - How much more glorious is the new way
 - We can see, and reflect the glory of the Lord
- Glory
- J. Oswald Sanders – Spiritual Maturity – the word is easier to illustrate than to define. It is something that belongs to God alone. It combines the ideas of splendor, radiance, renown
- Life Application Bible - The word "glory" (doxes), from which we derive the word "doxology," refers to the wonderful, awe-inspiring, indescribable presence of God himself. People tend to think of "glory" in terms of brightness, but it is certainly more than that. It is utter wholeness, completeness.
- 2 Corinthians 3:7-11
 - We can see, and reflect the glory of the Lord
 - The Spirit makes us more and more like him
 - We are changed into his glorious image
 - Reflecting his nature and character
 - Countenance - 2 Corinthians 3:7 (NKJV) ...the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which *glory* was passing away,
 - Appearance – especially the look or expression of the face
- Intimate time in God’s presence
 - God communicating with us as a one would with a friend
 - God revealing his glory – his character, his nature
 - His glory transforming us – even the appearance of our face
 - The Spirit making us more and more like him
 - We become – more and more – a reflection of God