



Experiencing Christmas Glory

We Must Look for God's Glory

Introduction: You will not _____ what you are not looking for. And if you are like me, well, sometimes you can't see what you are looking for.

Psalm 19:1-4 - 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

The Hebrew word “glory” used here is translated as “ _____ ,” meaning the heaviest, biggest, grandest thing about someone.

Mark Ballenger - “The glory of God is the _____ qualities, character, or attributes of God displayed in a visible (or knowable) way.”

John Piper - “The glory of God is the infinite beauty and greatness of God's manifold perfections.”

1. God's Glory made _____ – Isaiah 6:3; Exodus 16:7-10

John Piper went on to say, “According to the Bible, **the Glory of God is His _____ Character Made Visible.**”

- _____ vision of God – Isaiah 6:3

- _____ saw God's Glory -Exodus 16:7-10
- God's Glory over the _____ – Exodus 40:34
- The _____ witnessed God's Glory – 2 Chronicles 5:14

Let me be a little more specific about some Bible characters that experienced God's Glory.

A. The _____ of Israel saw God's Glory – Exodus 24:17

B. _____ saw God's Glory – Exodus 33:18-23

Note: The _____ of God is a part of His Glory. Therefore, when we experience God's goodness in our lives His Glory is made visible. This is what Moses experienced.

C. The Prophet _____ saw God's Glory – Habakkuk 3:3-4

2. God's Glory made _____ – John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

God's Glory was revealed in the person of His _____, Jesus Christ. You can't get more visual than becoming flesh! Jesus became a man!

Take the time to look up these verses.

- John 1:14
- Colossians 1:15
- Hebrews 1:3 – *who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*
- John 14:7-9
- John 14:12
- 1 John 4:9

3. The Glory of God _____ – 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

Where do you and I learn the most about God's _____ ? I would submit to you that we learn the most about God's Glory in the _____ , or what we commonly refer to as the Gospel (the Good News).

The Bible _____ to us God's Glory! If you want to know about God, you need to read and study the Bible. Our understanding of the character of God is derived from our time in Scripture.

2 Corinthians 4:4-6 - 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Look at the words, "*the light of the _____ of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God* (4:4).

John Piper wrote, "...the glory of God comes to its most magnificent _____ in the act that creates the gospel, namely, the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus."

Look then at the _____ (Good News) of Jesus Christ and you see God's Glory made visible.

Conclusion: What is God's _____ ? It is the invisible qualities of God made visible. The Glory of God is Jesus Christ. He who has seen Jesus has seen the Father (John 1:14). It is within the pages of the Bible that we see most clearly the Glory of God, and namely, it is found in the Gospel message (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Jonathan Edwards stated, “It appears that all that is ever spoken of in the Scripture as an ultimate end of God’s works is included in that one phrase, “*the _____ of God.*”

So, then, if we want to Experience God’s Glory, we must look for it. How? Allow me to share three steps we can take this Christmas season:

1. Look to the _____ – Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens declare the Glory of God.

2. Keep your _____ on Jesus Christ – Hebrews 12:2

Jesus is God’s Glory in our lives. Our salvation and our hope for tomorrow are found in our walk with Jesus Christ today.

3. _____ God’s Glory this Christ by proclaiming the Gospel.

Do you and I want to see our family, friends, and acquaintances come to saving faith? They can if we will but openly declare to them the Gospel.