

# Experiencing Christmas Glory

**We Must Pray for God's Glory**  
Matthew 7:7-11; Exodus 22:18-23

**Introduction:** Last Sunday...

**How can you and I \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Glory, God's \_\_\_\_\_?**

Read: Matthew 7:7-11

1. \_\_\_\_\_ asked to see God's Glory – Exodus 33:18

*"Please, \_\_\_\_\_ me Your glory"*

If we desire to see God's Glory, **we must \_\_\_\_\_** ! And get this, God answered Moses' prayer.

Read: Exodus 33:18-23

Is it possible that we won't see **God's Glory** because we won't \_\_\_\_\_ to see God's Glory?

James 4:2 - *"Yet, you do not have because you do not ask."*

If we want to see God's Glory, then we should be \_\_\_\_\_ to see His Glory every day.

2. Early \_\_\_\_\_ asked to see God's Glory – Acts 2:1-4

*1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Do you know what the early believers were doing as they gathered in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost?

*Acts 1:14 - These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers."*

These believers were doing what Jesus asked them to do. They were waiting in Jerusalem for God to do something miraculous. And He did! The Glory of God appeared and rested upon the heads of each person present in the upper room (Acts 2:1-4). Power showed up in the room because of prayer.

If we desire to see God's Glory, **we must \_\_\_\_\_!**

1 Thessalonians 5:17 - "*pray without \_\_\_\_\_*"

Luke 18:1 - "*men always \_\_\_\_\_ to pray and not lose heart.*"

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **asked to see God's Glory – Romans 9**

\_\_\_\_\_ was religious, so he probably prayed a lot. Saul became Paul, and the rest is history.

Where did Saul experience God's Glory? Three places:

1. At his \_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 9

2. In his \_\_\_\_\_ – Romans 8:18

3. At his \_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Timothy 4:6-8

4. \_\_\_\_\_prayed to see God’s Glory – John 11:40-44

Do you think that Lazarus’ sisters were women of \_\_\_\_\_ ? I do! I believe that they were praying for a miracle for their brother who was sick.

Read: John 11:40-44

I want to draw our attention to verse 40, *Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?”*

Did Martha \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Glory at that moment in time? Yes!

5. \_\_\_\_\_ prayed to see God’s Glory – Luke 2:8-20

I have no doubt that the shepherds were \_\_\_\_\_ and that they \_\_\_\_\_. Scripture tells us that they experienced God’s Glory.

*Luke 2:10-20 - 10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” 15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. 17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.*

The shepherds experienced God's Glory in four ways:

1. They were caring for His \_\_\_\_\_ – sheep.
2. They were visited by an \_\_\_\_\_ – A divine visitor.
3. They heard an angelic \_\_\_\_\_ singing – *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!*
4. They saw Mary, Joseph, and the Babe. \_\_\_\_\_ **Incarnate!**

Luke 2:17 - *Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.*

They \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, and all the people who heard them marveled at the things which were told them by the Shepherds.

Luke 2:20 - *Then the shepherds returned, **glorifying** and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.*

**Conclusion:** Who sees God's \_\_\_\_\_? People see God's Glory! Moses, early believers, Saul (Paul), Martha, and the shepherds. All these saw God's Glory. Do you and I have any desire to see God's Glory? If we are going to see God's Glory we must PRAY and ask to see it.

- \_\_\_\_\_ asked, "Please, show me Your glory." (Exodus 33:18).
- Early \_\_\_\_\_ prayed, and the Holy Spirit rested upon them (Acts 2:1-4).
- Saul (later Paul) experienced God's Glory in his salvation, suffering, and death (Acts 9, 2 Corinthians 11,12; 2 Timothy 4:6-8).
- \_\_\_\_\_ prayed for God to show up at her brother's death, and He did, and so did God's Glory (Power to raise the dead).
- The \_\_\_\_\_ experienced God's Glory. Get this, they were just ordinary common everyday people, and yet they saw God's Glory – in nature, in angels, in song, and in the face of the baby Jesus!

Won't you \_\_\_\_\_ for God's Glory this Christmas? I will.