

# What You Heard In the Word

- When the prophet Ezekiel saw the glory of God, he fell on his face in humble worship.
- reacted in fear, wonder, and respect when

## **OutWord** For Family Discussion

Suppose you heard someone say that he read a book, and it described exactly what heaven was going to be like. What could you say?

I know that heaven is going to be wonderful! But we need to be careful when we read things about heaven in any book except the Bible. God has shown us just a little bit about heaven, and that is all he wants us to know right now. If you study the Bible, you will see that God gave certain men visions of his throne, his glory, and heaven. They tried to explain it as well as they could—but I don't think any words in our language could explain or describe it. I want to go to the book written by the One who is in heaven to find out about it. Other stories are pretty much just that—stories!



### HomeWord For Parents

Ezekiel was called by God to be a priest and a prophet to the captives in Babylon. He lived along the Chebar canal in Babylon. Here he saw the heavens open and visions of God (Ezekiel 1:1-3).

God appeared like flashing fire with brightness all around. The brightness appeared as a rainbow on a rainy day. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord! Ezekiel fell on his face when he realized the magnitude of all he was witnessing.

God gave his prophet Isaiah a similar vision. Isaiah was brought to the throne room of God (Isaiah 6). Isaiah's response to seeing the glory of God was similar to Ezekiel's—he recognized his sinfulness in the presence of a holy God.

In the New Testament book of Revelation, we read about another vision. The Apostle John attempted to describe what he witnessed in the limited language of this world—Jesus in all of his heavenly glory (Revelation 1:12–16). Like Ezekiel and Isaiah before him, John was humbled by the glory of the Lord. And when he saw the Lord, he fell at his feet as though dead.

All three of these men were humbled, strengthened, blessed, and equipped by God through their visions of God's glory. And God had their visions recorded in his holy Word so we could read them.

God has given us a way to see his glory—not through visions but through his Word, where we have been given the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus (2 Corinthians 4:6). Jesus brought the glory of God to earth as a man. Our reaction to his life and his glory should be similar to that of John, Isaiah, and Ezekiel—humble fear, wonder, and respect for our Creator God and Savior King.

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