



### His Majesty and Glory?

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"Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it...how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by the gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. (Hebrews 2:1... (ESV)

The Big Idea: God chooses to express a measure of His majesty and glory to us.

What should we do with it?

**Majesty and glory** are words that conjure up greatness and power. God is those things, but biblical admonitions and examples expand the definition of His majesty and glory in specific ways to include creation and His interaction with us.

- 1. Majesty and Glory in His <u>POSITION</u>.
  - Isaiah 57:15a
- Romans 11:33
- Psalm 96:13b
- 2. Majesty and Glory in His <u>CREATION</u>.
  - Revelation 4:11
- Psalm 19:1
- Job 37-41
- 3. Majesty and Glory in His RELATIONSHIP to us.
  - Ephesians 3:14-19)

## **Personal Application for Growth**

- We continually choose to <u>ABANDON</u> ourselves to Him without reservation. (He is the one that ultimately makes the changes in our heart, but we must want them.)
- We increasingly **TESTIFY** of Him, what He has created, and what He does in us.
- We increasingly <u>understand and respond</u> to the Holy Spirit's guidance.
- We <u>LOVE</u> each other fervently.
- We actively <u>REPENT</u> of sin and practice <u>FORGIVENESS</u> so that we are unhindered in our walk to obey his commands and guidance.

## Personal Examples: (Philippine Mission 2023)

- 1. The rough and hard prelude
- 2. A renewed determination by faith to love and be of service to others
- 3. Some little events where God inserted Himself, that became important.

### **Biblical Exhortations:**

- 1. Be careful not to refuse Him who speaks. (Hebrews 2:1-4)
- 2. Consider what kind of people we should be. (2 Pet 3:11)
- 3. Be persistent with God and stay engaged. Will He find faith on the earth? (Luke 18:1-8)

#### **Discuss and Apply**

Use the following questions to help you formulate age-appropriate questions to stimulate meaningful conversations. Please share your ideas and experiences with us at <a href="mailto:connect@manna.church">connect@manna.church</a>.

- 1. Do I know Him? The answer, if the question is treated honestly, will probably yield a little "yes" and a little "no." It is the details that one considers that really help, so go a little further. Do you have anything in the way of knowing Him? If there is an area of hesitation or drawing back, deal with Him about it.
- 2. Do you hear His voice? It can be in several ways, but the answer needs to be "yes." He says, 'My sheep hear my voice'. If hearing His voice is not real to you, ask Him to make it a bigger reality. Posture yourself to obey what He says.
- 3. Knowing Him, to whatever extent you understand, is the starting point to ask for more of God and get more understanding. The more we become aware of His love and His work and direction on our behalf, the more our walk will grow. Consider 2 Peter 1:3-8, where there is a description of a path to increasing the depth of our walk.
- 4. How might you make the description in 2 Peter 1 practical? What changes in expectation of what He can do through you can be changed and expanded? Is there any limit you may have placed on what He can do? Do you have a level of self-satisfaction that needs to be removed that would open your heart to want to have God's satisfaction first?
- 5. Let your answers be considered before the Lord while asking Him to put a light on the next steps you might take. Expect circumstances to yield opportunities to learn and grow.

# **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, let your kingdom come and let it be manifest in greater measure in me, that I might love you more and be a more effective disciple. If I have placed a limit on what you can do or have an area in my life untouched by your hand, I ask you to remove the limit and put light on untouched areas. Above all, Lord, thank you for your hand upon me and my sisters and brothers. Lead us, Lord, because you are the way, the truth, and the life.

Amen