

# ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: KEY TERMS OF SCRIPTURE

## THE GLORY OF THE LORD

**Exodus 16:10** *While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.*

**Exodus 24:17** *To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.*

**Exodus 40:35** *Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*

**2 Chronicles 5:13b-14** *Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.*

1.) What did the glory of the LORD look like to the people of Israel?

**Exodus 33:18; 34:6-7** *Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." ... And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."*

2.) Moses asked to see the glory of the Lord. The LORD appeared to him in brilliant glory, but he also described the meaning of his glory. How did the LORD describe his glory? What does that mean to you?

**Isaiah 40:5** *"The glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

**Isaiah 60:1** *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you."*

3.) Isaiah prophesied a future revelation of God's glory. What do you think he was talking about?

**Luke 2:8-11** *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."*

**Matthew 17:5-6** *While [Peter] was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.*

**Luke 9:34** *While [Peter] was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.*

4.) Why were the shepherds and the disciples afraid when they saw the glory of the LORD? Should they have been afraid?

**John 1:14** *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**Hebrews 1:3** *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.*

5.) During his earthly life, Jesus did not look glorious at all. Yet he displayed the glory of the Lord through his life. Explain.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

**2 Corinthians 4:16-17** *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.*

6.) In what ways do we already share in the glory of God? How does this challenge you to live a life more closely conformed to that of Christ?

**Revelation 21:1-3, 22-23** *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God." ...I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.*

7.) What glory do we have yet to look forward to?

**Closing Prayer:** *Glorious Lord, we are awestruck at the glory of your love for us in Jesus Christ. Bestow on us your Holy Spirit that we more and more resemble our Savior and finally, through faith, are united with him in glory. Amen.*

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