

SEARCHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD – EXODUS 40:34-38

WHAT IS SO AMAZING ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE? WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL

The Christian life is intended to be a pipeline between HEAVEN and EARTH through which the glory of God is manifested.

- **Ponder** - When people look at our lives they should see a glimpse of heaven. Matthew 5:16 That men may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. GOD

- WHY WE COME UP SO SHORT IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE – MISSPOINT (box)

What does the glory of God have to do with me? EVERYTHING

God's glory is the goal of all things, The unifying goal of all history, Source and sum of all lasting joy. John Piper

DEFINITION: God's glory is easier seen than said. Easier to experience than define

HOLY: God is higher and superior to anything that is in the creaturely realm. He is in a class by himself in perfection, greatness and worth.

- The glory of God is the manifest beauty of his holiness – **going public**

Isaiah 6:3 "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

EVERYTHING IN EXODUS IS ABOUT GOD'S GLORY

GOD'S GLORY IS THE PRIVILEGE AND PURPOSE OF HIS PEOPLE

TRUE FOR CREATION

Psalms 19:1-3 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. ²Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. ³There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.

- **Denial of God's glory reason for judgment – HELD ACCOUNTABLE REV**

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God.

TRUE FOR HIS PEOPLE

- **(1) God's Glory is the Purpose of his kingdom**

○ Prayer of Christ – Why does God have a kingdom? **He doesn't need it.**

Matthew 6:13 Yours is the kingdom the power and the glory forever. Amen

- **(2) We are Chosen to display His glory**

○ True for Israel

Isaiah 43:6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth— ⁷Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

The cross is universally the greatest expression of God's glory

○ **REVEALS WHO GOD IS: GOD IS LOVE – SELF GIVING LOVE OF GOD**

○ **REVEALS WHAT HE CAN DO: HE REDEEMS PEOPLE**

- **(3) We are Being Transformed Into His Glory**

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory

- Veil of Moses (departing glory) – Christian Ever Increasing > likeness
 - **YOUR DESTINY**

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

- **(4) His glory is our pursuit**

Exodus 33:18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

- The cry of the sincerely saved and being sanctified Christian **(SHOW ME)**
 - Nothing more that I want in this life – **IS GOD'S GLORY IN IT?**

Stop asking What's in it for me and start asking what's in it for the glory of God

Jeremiah 9:23 Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; ²⁴But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.

Positioning yourself to get the greatest view (EXAMPLE)