

Glory

IMMANUEL
GOD WITH US

Part 3



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Review

- **Glory defined**
 - Radiation of his holiness
 - Evidence of his presence
- **Glory associated with...**
 - brightness, splendor, greatness, excellence, beauty, majesty, radiance, weightiness, holiness, magnificence
- **Human encounters with God's glory**
 - fear, awe, wonder, worship, praise, dread, respect, conviction, repentance, terror

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Review

- **Glory - evidence of God's presence**
 - Moses knew God's presence with his people was essential to them completing their mission to settle in the Promised Land
 - Essentialness for God's presence with us, his church to complete our mission to make disciples
 - Jesus promised he would be with us *always*
- **The Question regarding God's presence...**
 - The question is not whether God is present with us, but rather is God's presence evident in us?

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Anticipation of Redemption

- **God's Plan**

- Sin enters the world through Adam and Eve
 - What was deemed “very good” by God was now broken by sin
 - Adam and Eve removed from God's physical presence (cut off from his glory)
- God promises to reconcile mankind with himself
 - God's redemption plan kicks into gear immediately
- God greatly grieved as sin and wickedness increase
 - Every inclination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil all the time (Gen 6)

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Anticipation of Redemption

- **God's Plan**
- **Moses and the Prophets...**
 - God chooses Israel to be his people a “holy nation of priests” to mediate God’s glory to the nations
 - Israel fails and instead rejects God and are fearful of his presence among them
 - Rejection of God’s glory and presence...
 - Mt Sinai, the golden calf, failure to enter Canaan, time of the judges, time of the kings, exile
 - God’s glory veiled from his people

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Anticipation of Redemption

- **God's Plan**
- **Moses and the Prophets...**
- **Longing of God's faithful people for his deliverance and presence**
 - Israel in continual turmoil and hardship
 - God's word through the Prophets constantly reminding the people of God's salvation plan
 - The prophets continually preached repentance to the people so that they would turn back to God
 - God promised redemption – Hope for the faithful

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Anticipation of Redemption

– Who is coming? (Isaiah 11:1-4)

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

— 700 B.C.

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Anticipation of Redemption

- Where will it happen? (Micah 5:2)
² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler
over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient
times.”
— 700 B.C.
- How will we know who it is? (Isaiah 7:14)
¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The
virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will
call him Immanuel.
— 700 B.C.

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– For whom is He coming? (Isaiah 9:6-7)

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

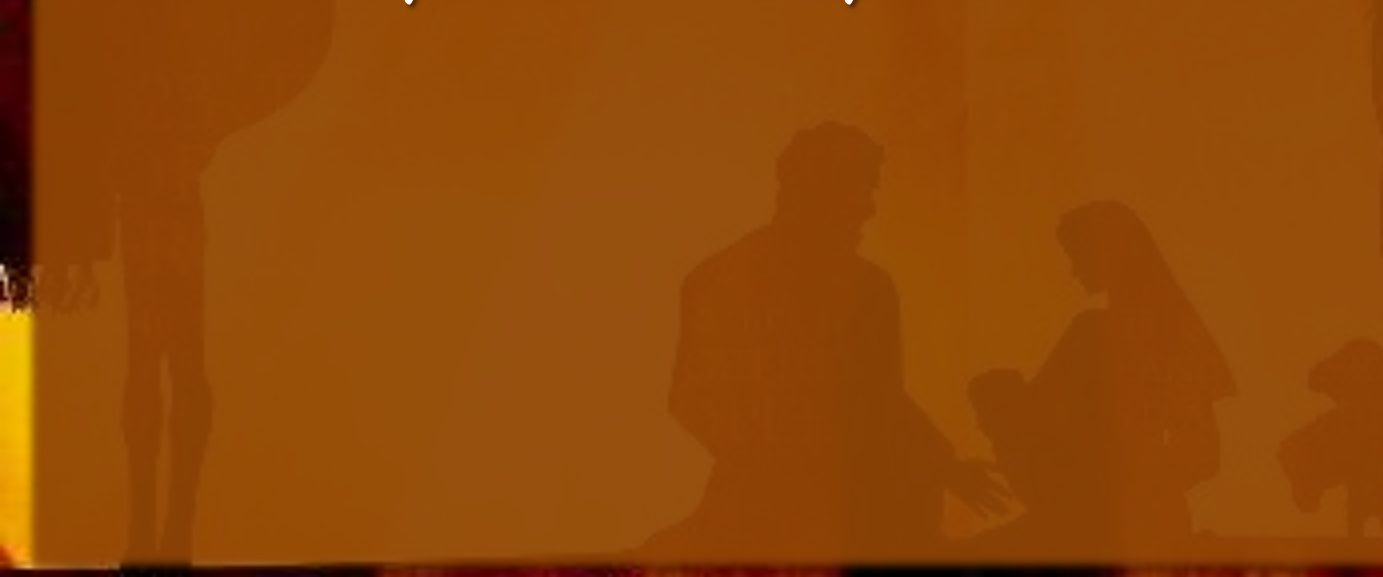
⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

— 700 B.C.

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- Who is “unto us”? (Isaiah 49:6)
“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”
— 700 B.C.



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Delivery of Redemption

Luke 2:4-18

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

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Delivery of Redemption

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

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Delivery of Redemption

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem
and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has
told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and
the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had
seen him, they spread the word concerning what had
been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it
were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

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Significance of Immanuel

- **God initiates salvation because of love**
- **God is good, desires salvation for his lost children and is willing to do whatever it takes to rescue them from sin & death**
 - One of us... God actually became a man! A gift of unmatched significance
 - Sin required a sacrifice and only a perfect sacrifice would suffice to pay the debt of human sin
- **God keeps his word and can be trusted**
 - God's plan could not be thwarted

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John 1:9-14

- ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.