

Glory

A large, leafy tree with a bright sunburst effect emanating from its center, set against a blue sky with soft clouds.

Part 2

Show Me Your Glory

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Last week...

- Glory...
 - Aspect in a person or God worthy of praise, honour or respect.
 - Often associated with brightness, splendor, greatness, beauty, majesty, magnificence, radiance, weightiness, holiness, excellence
 - Encounters with God's glory included fear, awe, wonder, worship, dread, respect, conviction, repentance, terror
 - Radiation of God's holiness

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Last week...

- Glory...
 - God's glory is one of the central themes throughout the entire Scripture, yet we rarely talk about it
 - Having a glimpse and a basic understanding of the glory of God will transform your walk with Christ

God's Glory Revealed – Background

- Mount Sinai (Exodus 19–20)
 - People terrified as the glory of God consumes the mountain with lightning, thunder, fire and smoke as God speaks the Ten Commandments
 - People plead that God would speak to Moses and then Moses to them
 - “²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

God's Glory Revealed – Background

- God invites Moses to meet (Exodus 24)
 - Moses meets with God for 40 days and nights
 - People start to wonder what happened to Moses
 - Ask Aaron to make an idol for them to worship
- Moses comes down the mountain to see a horrifying spectacle (Exodus 32)
 - Smashes stone tablets and destroys golden calf
 - Moses intercedes for the people
 - God refuses to go with the stiff-necked people

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God's Glory Revealed – Background

- The Tent of Meeting (Exodus 33)
 - God speaks to Moses face to face, “as a man speaks to his friend” in the tent

Exodus 33:12-22

- ¹² Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”
- ¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.”

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- ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”
- ¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”
- ¹⁸ Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”
- ¹⁹ And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence.

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I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

²¹ Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

God's Glory Revealed – The Dilemma

- Moses objects to an angel leading Israel
 - A mere angel is no substitute for God's own presence
 - “I know you by name...” – Moses has been chosen and set apart to lead Israel
- Moses knows that God's presence with his people is essential for them to complete the mission he has given them (Promised Land)

God's Glory Revealed – The Requests

- Teach me your ways...
 - Moses has a deep desire to know God and for God to reveal his ways to him
 - This request reflects the deep desire in Moses to truly know God and please him
- Show me your glory...
 - Moses very boldly asks to behold God's physical presence
 - After he learns about God, he wants to experience him in all his fulness

God's Glory Revealed – The Answer

- My presence will go with you...
 - God grants Moses' request to go before Israel and lead them into the Promised Land
 - Moses understands that the only thing that separates the nation of Israel from all the other nations is God's presence
- You shall see my glory...
 - God grants Moses' request to see his glory, but protects him from it
 - Finally fulfilled on the Mt of Transfiguration

God's Glory Revealed – The Affect

- The people are afraid...
 - Just as they were afraid at the foot of the mountain, they are still afraid of God's glory
- Moses places a veil over his face
 - Symbolizes the separation between God's glory and his people
- Moses' face is radiant...
 - God's glory is reflected in Moses' face

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God's Glory Today

- The Dilemma... Are we known for God's presence in our lives and churches?
 - God's presence is the only thing that separates his people from anyone else – a holy people
 - Is it because we are cavalier about God's glory?
- The Request... Are we willing to humbly accept the revelation he has given us about his ways and who he is?
 - God has revealed himself to us in his word and through his transforming work

God's Glory Today

- The Answer...
 - Jesus promised us that he will always be with us in Matthew 28... God's presence is no longer veiled from his people!
 - Jesus is leading us and doing the hard work of building the church
 - He is leading the way for us to accomplish the mission he has given us – to make disciples
 - Is God's presence evident in our church?

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- The Affect...
 - We are a holy people set apart to worship Jesus and live spirit-filled lives where his glory can be seen by everyone around us
 - Jesus will build his church and the gates of hell cannot stand against it
 - Be strong and courageous for God's glory resides in his people – his temple!

A large, leafy tree stands in the center of the frame. Sunlight is streaming through the branches, creating a bright, glowing effect. The sky is a clear blue with some light clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and uplifting.

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May your Glory shine
through us!