

THE GOD OF GLORY

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I. Theme Verse

Ps 29:3 The God of glory thunders;

Ps 29:1-4 Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength, Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

A. The God Of Glory = El Kabod

This name of God is given by David.

He is in awe of Jehovah and exhorts the saints (mighty ones):

We are to worship in a way:

that gives unto the LORD glory and strength
that gives the Lord glory due to His name
in the beauty of holiness.

David is in awe of the voice of the Lord

The voice of the LORD is full of majesty

The voice of the LORD is over the waters

The voice of the LORD is powerful

The voice of the LORD is still heard in the storm

The God of glory thunders; (speaks of storms)

The LORD is over many waters (He is over the troubled waters of life)

I chose this name of God on Mother's Day because

God Himself is beautiful and is the source of all beauty and creativity.

B. Last week study - God is King

1 Ch 29:11 "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

Ps 24:7-10 Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! 8 Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O gates, and lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! 10 Who is this King of glory? the LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

II. Definition

A. Hebrew word is kabod

Kabod is a noun, it is used 200 times in the Old Testament

Kabed is a verb, it is used 115 times in the Old Testament

In Hebrew the root meaning of the word has the primary idea of weightiness ("heavy" or "weighty") or gravity

B. Dictionary.com definition of glory:

Noun, plural glories.

1. Very great praise, honor, or distinction bestowed by common consent; renown: *to win glory on the field of battle.*
2. Something that is a source of honor, fame, or admiration; a distinguish ornament or an object of pride: *a sonnet that is one of the glories of English poetry.*
3. Adoring praise or worshipful thanksgiving: *Give glory to God.*
4. Resplendent beauty or magnificence: *the glory of autumn.*
5. A state of great splendor, magnificence or prosperity.
6. A state of absolute happiness, gratification, contentment, etc.: *She was in her glory when her horse won the Derby.*
7. The splendor and bliss of heaven; heaven.
8. A ring, circle, or surrounding radiance of light represented about the head of the whole figure of the sacred person, as Christ or a saint; a halo, nimbus, or a aureole

Verb (used without object), glorified, glorying.

9. To exalt with triumph; rejoice proudly (usually followed by in): *Their father glorified in their success.*
10. Obsolete. to boast

Interjection

11. Also, **glory be**. Glory be to God (used to express surprise, elation, wonder, etc.).

Idioms

12. Glory days / years, the time of greatest achievement, popularity, success, or the like; *the glory days of radio*
13. Go to glory, to die. Also, go to one's glory.

III. Scripture study of "glory"

A. Glory may be applied to

Objects

1. A finely crafted object in the sense of cleverness of design, intricacy of artistic work, and beauty (Ex 28:40).
2. Something heavy, weighty, (i.e. heavy yoke; 1 Ki 12:4).
3. Something severe, in a physical sense; (i.e. severe famine, Gen 12:10)

People - When applied to human beings, glory signifies

1. Dignity or respect as a characteristic of inherited status (Ps. 8:5)
2. Honor due to one's achieved status (Gen 45:13).
3. Jesus glorified God in His humanity by obeying His Father in all things, even death on a cross (Jn 17:4-5).
4. Christian can glorify God in the same way Jesus glorified His Father.

Through a life of obedience to God's Word and dependence upon His Holy Spirit (Jn 15:8; 1 Cor 10:31).

The gospel indicates that the work of the Holy Spirit would be one of glorifying God (Jn 14:13; 16:14).

Through prayer the Christian glorifies God - because the prayer of the righteous through the Holy Spirit unleashes the power of God in a fallen world (Jas 5:16).

In this way, we fulfill our calling as God's creatures, since human beings were created for the praise of God's glory (Isa 43:7; Eph 1:12-14).

God

1. God's glory is displayed in creation

Ps 19:1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

Ps 8:1 O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens! (Ne 9:5; Dt 28:58; 1Ch 29:13; Ps 79:9)

Ps 97:6 The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples have seen His glory.

2. God's glory is manifested especially in his moral perfection or holiness and his unrivaled power or omnipotence.

Ac 7:2 And he said, "Hear me, brethren and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, (Ps 96:7-9).

3. God's glory is displayed in His works

Ps 111:3 Splendid and majestic is His work, (Ps 19:1; Isa 12:5; 35:2; Jn 11:40-44; 17:4)

4. God's presence - The glory of God is frequently associated with His presence

Dt 5:24 "You said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with man, yet he lives. (Hab 3:4; 2Sa 22:8-16; Ps 18:7-15; 104:1; Ezk 1:26-28)

1. Shekinah

The Jewish term for the outward sign of God's presence in the temple is "Shekinah." - The transliteration of this Hebrew word is not found in the Bible, but it is used in many of the Jewish writings to speak of God's presence. The term means "that which dwells," and is implied throughout the Bible whenever it refers to God's nearness either in a person, object, or His glory. It is often used in combination with glory to speak of the presence of God's shekinah glory. (See also; 2Ch 7:1-3; Eze 8:4; 9:3; 10:19; 43:1-5; Rev 15:8)

2. God's glory and presence go together

Isa 42:8 "I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images.

Jer 2:11 "Has a nation changed gods when they were not gods? But My people have changed their glory for that which does not profit.

Ezk 3:12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard a great rumbling sound behind me, "Blessed be the glory of the LORD in His place."

Hag 2:7 'I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

3. Visible phenomena accompanying God's glory (presence).

Cloud - Often a cloud shrouded the brilliance of His glory

Ex 24:15-18 Then Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 The glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. 17 And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountain top. 18 Moses entered the midst of the cloud as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights. (Ex 33:9-10; Dt 5:24; 2 Chr 5:13; 7:1; Isa 4:5; Mt 17:5; Mk 9:7; Lk 9:34; Lk 21:27; Mt 24:30; Mk 13:26)

Fire

Dt 5:22-24 "These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud and of the thick gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me. 23 "And when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. 24 "You said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with man, yet he lives. (Dt 4:11; 9:15; Ex 3:2; 13:21; 2 Chr 7:1-3; Ps 97:3)

The inability to stand

God's glory at the dedication of the tabernacle (Ex 40:34-35)

God's glory at the dedication of the temple (1Ki 8:10-11; 2Ch 5:13-14)

Many fall at the feet of the Lord, as a dead man when seeing the Lord (Eze 1:28; Dan 8:18; Rev 1:17).

When Jesus was arrested, before He surrendered Himself to them

Jn 18:6 So when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

Transfiguration of Jesus

Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of this unveiled glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. (Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:1-8)

It was after this experience that Jesus began to teach His disciples about His future return in the glory of His Father (Mt 16:27).

2 Pt 1:17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"—

B. Glory and Jesus

Jn 12:41 These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him.

The gospel of the glory of Christ

2 Co 4:3-4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Jesus is the Lord of glory

1 Co 2:8 the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

Jas 2:1 My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.

Jesus reflects God's glory

Heb 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Jn 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jesus glorified the Father

Jn 12:27-28 Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ' Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 "Father, glorify Your name"... (Jn 8:54; 11:40; 13:32; 17:1-5)

IV. Key verses

A. Prophetic promise of glory

Nu 14:21 but indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD. (Hab 2:14)

Isa 60:1-3 "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you." 2 "For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; but the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. 3 "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Isa 60:19-21 "No longer will you have the sun for light by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you light; But you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And your God for your glory. 20 "Your sun will no longer set, Nor will your moon wane; For you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And the days of your mourning will be over. 21 "Then all your people will be righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified. (Isa 62:3)

Hag 2:7-9 'I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory ,' says the LORD of hosts. 8'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts. 9'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares the LORD of hosts."

B. Transformation

Unveiled face

2Co 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, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. (Eph 3:21)

Eph 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

Christ in you

Col 1:27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Called to glory

1Th 2:12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. (Ps 145:11-12; 1Ch 29:11; Mt 6:13)

C. Glory & worship

Rev 1:6 to Him (Jesus) be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Scene #1 Worship at the Father's throne Rev 4:1-11

Rev 4:9-11 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Lamb of God opens the book Rev 5:1-14

Rev 5:11-13 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." 13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

Scene #2 144,000 sealed; great multitude worships Rev 7:1-14

Rev 7:11-12 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Scene #3 worship after the 7th trumpet - no mention of glory

Scene #4 great dragon is thrown down to earth - no mention of glory

Rev 12:11 overcome by the blood of the Lamb, word of testimony, love not life till death

Rev 14:7 "Fear God, and give Him glory,"

Scene #5 the last plagues; Rev 15:2-4 overcome her sing song of Moses & song of the Lamb

Rev 15:5-8 temple fills with smoke from glory of God

Rev 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

Scene #6 the 4 Hallelujah

Rev 19:1 After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God;"

Rev 19:7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."

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