

INTRODUCTION

The glory of God is central to the idea of Christianity. We must be about God's glory because God is most concerned with His Glory.

DISCUSSION

What is your definition of Glory?

EXPLANATION

What is the heaviest thing you have ever tried to move?

How could you relate that heavy object to how the glory of God should weigh upon your life?

In what ways during your life have you not seen things the way God does?

APPLICATION

What could you DO in your life to show the true glory of God?

What things are happening in your life, that you are a part of, that are distracting from God's glory?

How can you get to a place this week to stare up at the heavens and hear them sing?

How is the gospel all about the glory of God?

What things in your life are like glitter and what things have true weight?

THE WEIGHT OF GLORY

Notes & SCRIPTURE VERSES

- John 1:14
- Luke 2:8-14
- Psalm 19:1
- Exodus 33:20-23
- 1 Chronicles 16:23-30
- James 2:14-18
- Psalm 8:1-9
- Jeremiah 2:11
- Luke 2:14
- Romans 3:23

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.*

The glory of God is central to the idea of Christianity. God is a God who is concerned about His glory above all things. Many people cannot understand that the most God centered being is actually God Himself. Many people are happy loving and giving God glory as long as God's top priority is them; but if God's top priority became anything other than God He would be an idolater and not worthy of being God.

God is most concerned with His glory above all things. It is God's concern for His glory that makes Him compassionate, graceful, righteous, and true.

Luke 2:8-14

It is because of God's glory that on earth there is peace offered to men.

Psalm 19:1

The Hebrew word for Glory is the word *Kavod*, it comes from an earlier word *Keved*. *Keved* referred to a rich person with so many possessions that they were weighted down under their gold and jewels. *Kavod* refers to God's weight, that HE is most heavy, the HE is to have the most significance.

- **Kavod** is what you come face to face with when you realize you are very small and God is very large.
- **Kavod** is what you get a glimpse of when you see the heavens.

Exodus 33:17-23

God's is even compassionate in how he displays and shows off His glory.

1 Chronicles 10:23-29

Those who experience the Kavod of God declare it because it is impossible to remain silent. We are to ascribe to God and give Him the glory due His name. This is done by living a life that reflects the goodness of God in our own.

Psalm 8

God has taken his Kavod and placed it upon man. God gives us His glory not to make us proud and self-righteous but so we can properly create, participate in, and manage this world we have been placed in. As we interact with the world around us we should be displaying the glory of God in using our gifts.

Everyone has been crowned with Kavod, the problem is what we do with it. Do we glorify God or try to keep it for ourselves. Glorifying ourselves cheapens God's Kavod and lessens the weight of all we do.

The Greek word for Glory is *Doxa*; it refers to thoughts or opinions. God has a *DOXA* about everything. God's glory and weight are immovable, His vision is a fixed standard that does not change. The way God sees the world is the way the world truly is. We must not be a people who get so busy that we miss all that we were created for, because we are hard wired for Kavod.

Rom 3:23

We are told that as a people we have all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have stopped even trying to see things how God does, but our great God and savior, Jesus, has come to redeem us from all of our foolishness.

By trusting in Christ we can be a people who experience the Kavod of God and live to bring Him glory.