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The Glory

of

God

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Bible House of Grace contains an easy to read New and Old Testament commentary full of spiritual treasures and pearls, complete with an insightful resource guide illuminating God's love and grace.



Although I believe my aim is pure and God's will perfect this document is still the product of a human man, as to such I neither claim perfect knowledge or perfect understanding.

The Glory of God.

Some may wonder, what is God's greatest glory, many I suspect would say it is the miraculous way:

- He, delivered, the Hebrew people from the bondage and slavery of Egypt after many mighty miracles, to become His chosen people.
- He caused the parting of the Red Sea, so that the Hebrew people could pass through it on dry land.
- He caused the strong fortified walls of Jericho to crumble.
- He miraculously saved Jerusalem from the attack of Assyria's 185 000 mighty, merciless, and fierce soldiers attacking Jerusalem.
- He performed many other great supernatural miracles recorded in the Bible.

There is no doubt, these all testify to the glory of God, but the greatest glory He manifested for all the world to see, and which we should worship Him for, is the following truth:

• God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16).

PONDER FOR A MOMENT: what earthly father, who loves his children would ever consider sacrificing them to save those who had no interest in his family, and lived totally contrary to the morals and ethics he taught would ever consider sacrificing his own children for those who lived contrary to his morals and ethics, yet this is what God did, and Jesus His most beloved Son willing laid His life down for us, while we were sinners, because he loves us, and understands, we are fallen creatures who live in a body of flesh, filled with sinful and ungodly thoughts and attitudes. Understanding these truths, I would suggest, God's greatest glory is manifested in the following three truths:

- 1. The love He has for all mankind.
- 2. The path of salvation He planned and purposed in His eternal mind, eternal wisdom, and eternal foreknowledge, that all could be saved to eternal life, not by striving to attain to Holiness to earn acceptance, but by grace and faith in His Beloved Son.
- 3. He daily lavishes all in Christ with His unceasing grace, and sets His love upon them, even though not one attains to His Holiness and the perfections of Christ's character.

It is because of this glory of God, Christians all around the world, lift their hands in praise to worship their Heavenly Father and praise their Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following verses speak of Gods glory.

The glory of the LORD stopped Moses from entering the tabernacle.

• Exodus 40:35: Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and *the glory of the LORD* filled the tabernacle.

The glory of the LORD filled the temple.

• 1 Kings 8:11: the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the LORD.

All will confess the glory of God the Father.

 Philippians 2:11: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The glory of the LORD stopped anyone from entering the Sanctuary of God.

• Revelation 15:8: and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from *the glory of God* and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

The glory of the LORD is described as crystal clear, signifying pure, and precious far above all the treasures on earth

 Revelation 21:11: having <u>the glory of God</u>, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

The glory of the LORD gives light to the Holy City New Jerusalem.

• Revelation 21:23: and the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for *the glory of God* gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The Shekinah glory: is the divine presence of God, the shekhinah (Hebrew שְׁכִינָּה šəkַīna) is the English translation of a Hebrew word meaning 'dwelling' or 'settling' and denotes the dwelling or settling of the divine presence of God. In Jewish theology, it refers to the presence of God in the world.

Following are ways we can be image bearers of the glory of God:

- Confess sin, for when we confess sin, we are manifesting His glory by declaring His righteousness.
- Forgive others, for it manifests that God is forgiving.
- · Trust God, and produce fruit.
- Give thanks, and pray.

Following are scriptural ways we can glorify God:

- · Praise Him, and obey His word.
- Pray in Jesus' name, and produce spiritual fruit.
- Do all we can to live a godly lifestyle, and do good for others.
- Give generously, and live honourably among unbelievers.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.