

Then Moses prayed,

Show me **Your glory!**

*When you catch a glimpse of who God really is,
your life can never be the same.
It will be radically different.*

Moses asked to see it.

Ex. 33

18-23 And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion." **20** But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" **21** Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand *there* on the rock; **22** and it will come about, while **My glory** is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. **23** "Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

Moses saw a lot of miracles. He was instrumental in delivering God's people out of Egypt and in parting of the red sea. He could have asked for anything, he was the friend of God. But what did he ask for? He asked to see God's glory.

Jesus desired to show His disciples one thing.

What was it?

His divine glory.

*John 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My **glory** which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.*

Isn't it an awesome thing that God also shows us the glory of His Son through the **cross.**

Peter Witnessed it.

Matthew 17:1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

2 and He was transfigured before them. **His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.**

3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Peter, not knowing what he was saying)

5 While he was still speaking, behold, **a bright cloud overshadowed them**; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "**This is My beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

6 And when the disciples heard *it*, **they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.** 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

After Jesus had risen from the dead, Peter wrote:

2Peter 1:16-19

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **we were eyewitnesses of His**

majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father **honor** and **γλορυ** when

such a voice came to Him from the Excellent **glory**: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 *And we heard this voice which came from*

*heaven when we were with Him on the holy **mountain.***

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a **light** that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Peter never forgot what he saw.

He saw who Jesus really was. Jesus was truly divine.

Peter was in awe of the glory of His Lord and Master.

Awestruck by God's Glory

Fredrick Dellenbaugh was only eighteen when he joined Major Powell on his pioneering river voyages through the Grand Canyon. Led by the one-armed Powell, the explorers floated on leaky boats and faced high waters. It's a wonder

they survived. It's every bit as much as wonder what they saw. Frederick described the scene:

My back being toward the fall I could not see it....Nearer and nearer came the angry tumult; the Major shouted "Back water! there was a sudden dropping away of all support; then the mighty waves smote us. The boat rose to them well, but we were flying at twenty-five miles an hour and at every leap the breakers rolled over us. "Bail!" shouted the Major, - "Bail for your lives!" and we dropped the oars to bail, and pitched like a ship in a tornado...canopies of foam poured over gigantic black boulders, first on the one side, then on the other...If you will take a watch and count by it ninety seconds, you will probably have about the time we were in this chaos, though it seemed much longer to me. Then we were through.

Frederick knew rapids Rivers and raging water were not new to him. But something about this river was. The sudden immensity, stark intensity-something stole the oarsman's breath. He knew rapids. But none like this. He was awestruck. *It's Not About me, Teen Edition, Page 34, Max Lucado, Integrity Publishers, 2005*

Saul was radically changed by it.

Acts chapters

9-22-26

Unlocking the safe life of Saul.

Ac.9

1 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, 2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, **and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;** 4 **and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"** 5 **And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"** **And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,** 6 **but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do."**

7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Later Saul began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." 21 All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing

them bound before the chief priests?" proving that this Jesus is the Christ. 23
When many days had elapsed, the Jews plotted together to *kill* him.

Saul thought he was safe while the believers were in danger.

But was he really?

Could anyone stop this violent man? Somebody did!

Ac. 22

6 "But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, **a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me,**

7 and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' 8 "And I answered, '**Who** are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.' 9 "And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me.

10 "And I said, '**What** shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Get up and go on into Damascus, and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.' 11 "But **since I could not see because of the brightness of that light,** I was led by the hand by those who were with me and came into Damascus.

Ac. 26

10 "And this is just what I did in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I cast my vote against them.

11 "And as I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being furiously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them even to foreign cities. 12 "While so engaged as I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, 13 at midday, O King,

**Ι σαω ον τη ωαψ α λιγητ φρομ ηεαωεν, βριγητερ τηαν τηε συν, σηνινηγα
λλ αρουνδ με ανδ τηοσε ωο αερε φουρνεψινηγ ωιτη με. 14 √Ανδ ωην ωε ηαδ αλ
λ φαλλεν το τηε γρουνηδ, Ι ηεαρδ α ωοιχε σαψινηγ το με ιν τηε Ηεβρεω διαλεχτ, εΣ
αυλ, Σαυλ, ωηψ αρε ψου περσεχυτινηγ Με? Ιτ ισ ηαρδ φορ ψου το κιχκ αγαινηστ τη
ε ρααδσ.ε 15 √Ανδ Ι σαιδ, εΩηο αρε Ψου, Λορδ?ε Ανδ τηε Λορδ σαιδ, εΙ αμ θεουσ
ωοηομ ψου αρε περσεχυτινηγ. 16 εΒυτ γετ υπ ανδ στανδ ον ψουρ φεετ; φορ τησ**

πυρποσε Ι ηαωε αππεαρεδ το ψου, το απποινητ ψου α μινιστερ ανδ α
ωιτηεσσ νοτ

ονλψ το τηε τηνγσ ωηιχη ψου ηαπε σεεν, βυτ αλσο το τηε τηνγσ ιν ωηιχη Ι ωιλ
λ αππεαρ το ψου; 17 ρεσχυινγ ψου φρομ τηε θεωιση πεοπλε ανδ φρομ τηε Γεντιλε
σ, το ωηομ

Ιαμ σενδινγ ψου, 18 το οπεν τηειρ εψεσ σο τηατ τηεψ μαψ τυρν φρομ δαρκνεσσ τ
ο λιγητ ανδ

φρομ τηε δομινιον οφ Σαταν το Γοδ, τηατ τηεψ μαψ ρεχειπε φοργιωενεσσ οφ σιν
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A vision of God had life changing affects on the person who saw who Jesus really was. Our problem is that we do not see God as He really is. Our lack of faith fails becomes an **obstacle** to our vision. God is far more glorious than you or I can imagine. The truth is God is glorious whether you believe it or not. I want to believe it. So I am praying Lord, **“show me Your Glory”**

Promoting Divine Glory

Saul met Jesus in an unusual way.

What was Saul doing when Jesus met him?

How did Jesus appear to Saul?

What were the two ways Saul's responded...two questions.

What effect did it have on his life?

1. Isn't God being self-centered when He promotes His own glory? Isn't that selfish? Isn't that self-promotion? Wouldn't it be wrong for you to promote your own glory? So why is it right for God to promote His? Lev. 10:3; Psalm 115-1-3; Luke 19:35-39

2. Note: we do not actually give God (more) glory. He is already perfectly glorious. We reflect His glory or we can declare His glory and it is a great privilege to do so. Name some **ways** you can declare God's glory. 1 Chron.16:24; Psalm 29:1-3,9; Luke 17:18

3. Why do people who have seen the Grand Canyon go back to see it **again and again**? What really awes you? Do you stand in awe of God's glory? When does it really "strike" you? What causes you to give God glory or praise?

ISA. 6

- 3 And one cried to another and said:
4 "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth *is* full of His **glory!**"

How does God display His glory to us? WWW.GOD'S GLORY

Through the **WORLD**

Psalm 19:1

The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

Through His **WORKS**

Acts 7:55

But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

**God uses His people to show and tell His glory to the world.
But He especially shows us His glory through His Son.**

Through His **WORD**

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His **glory**, the **glory** as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Which phrase best describes how you
give glory or praise to God?
Circle any and all that apply.**

serious and somber
enjoyable and satisfying
an act of duty
an act of passion
celebration
obligation
fun loud quiet
best alone
best in a crowd
tearful
moving
boring
other (specify):

