The Glory Yet to Come

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It's All About Glory

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, **he also glorified**. Romans 8:28-29

Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, **like the stars forever and ever**. Dan 12:3

The Glory That Was Lost

Man's Original Glory

The Fall from Glory

Adam lost fellowship with God and his glory

- His first awareness after he sinned was that he was naked (Gen 3:7)
- No covering of glory
 - Adam and Eve used fig leaves as a covering (Gen 3:7).
 - God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them (Gen 3:21)
- No human way back

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Ro 3:23)

But...

God had a plan to restore the creation

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." Gen 3:16

The Glory That Is – The Glory of God

God's Glory is Seen Throughout the Old Testament

- He led the Israelites with pillar of fire in the wilderness
- He spoke from a burning bush to Abraham
- His reflected glory on Moses faces was painful to the people



The Glory of God

Then there came a voice from above the vault over their heads as they stood with lowered wings. Above the vault over their heads was what looked like a throne of lapis lazuli, and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him.

This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

Ezek 1:23-28

The Shekinah Glory

In the tabernacle

When Moses entered the tent of meeting to speak with the Lord, he heard the voice speaking to him from between the two cherubim above the atonement cover on the ark of the covenant law. In this way the Lord spoke to him. Num 7:89

In the temple

When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the Lord. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled his temple. I King 8:10-11





God's Glory was Unapproachable

- David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.
- When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God. 2 Sam 6:5-7



God Promises to Come to His People

A virgin will conceive and give birth to a child. And he will be called Emanuel, God with us.

Isaiah 7:14



The Greek for Shekinah Glory is "Logos"

- Greek speaking rabbis needed a word for God. They chose to use lógos (Word).
- "The Targums used the expressions 'Shekinah of God', 'Glory of God', and 'word of God' synonymously. Indeed the terms 'shekinah', 'glory,' and 'word' became designations of God Himself."

ZBE,, Vol 5, p388 "Shekinah"

The Shekinah Glory Became A Man

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. **The true light** that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

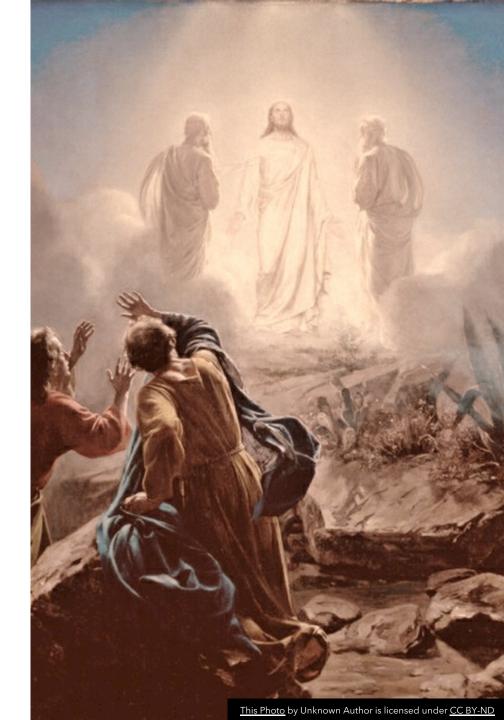
The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-6

And the Glory of the Lord shone round about them. Luke 2:9



Jesus' Glory Revealed

- On the mount of Transfiguration
 - "his clothes became dazzling white" (Mk 9:11)
 - "his face changed...like lightning... Peter and his companions saw his glory (Lk 9:29-32)
- We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only who came from the Father (Jn 1:14)



Jesus <u>is</u> the Shekinah Glory

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being... Hebrews 1:3

His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters... His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. Rev 1:14-16

He is the first fruits...

Jesus <u>is</u> the Way to Glory for Us

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body... Hebrews 10:19-20

Jesus' Purpose was to Share His Glory

I have given them the glory that you gave me...

Jn 17:22

 He called you to this through the gospel, so that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Th 2:14

His Glory was Hidden from the World

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:

 No eye has seen,
 no ear has heard,
 no mind has conceived
 what God has prepared for those who love him"

but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit (I Cor 2:8-10)

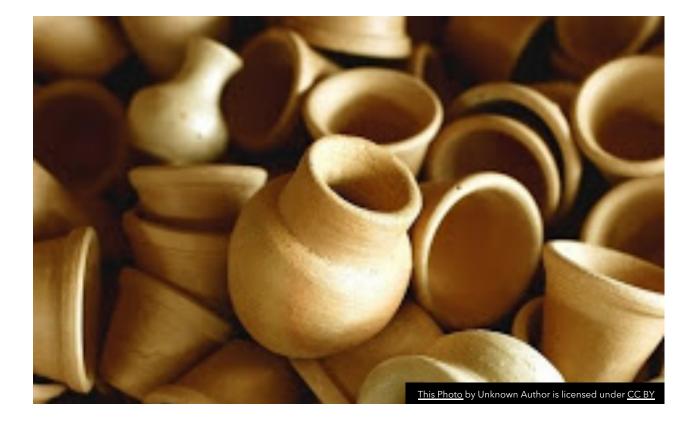
The Glory Yet to Come -Our Glory

Jesus Prayed for Us To Share His Glory

- "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.
- Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one... John 17:1-5, 21



The Glory is Hidden Now



But we have this treasure in jars of clay (2 Cor 4:7)

This mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col 1:27)

Those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. (Rom 8:30)

Two Phases to Our Glorification

- Phase 1: Repentance while in our mortal bodies
 - meta noeo = change of mind
- Phase 2: Transfiguration to immortal bodies
 - Meta morpheo = change of form

Like Jesus in Glory

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Phil 3:20-21

When Will We be Glorified?

We know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. I John 3:2

When Christ... appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Col 3:4

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ITh 4:17



Transfigured at the Rapture

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed (alloso - to exchange one form for another). **In a flash**, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will all be changed. I Cor 15:51-52

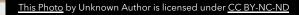
Now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. I John 3:2

And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. | Cor 15: 42

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Phil 3:20-21



All Creation Yearns for Us to Be Glorified

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. Rom 8:18-21





Oh that will be Glory, Glory for Me! Maranatha. Come quickly Lord Jesus!

