

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

In Hebrew, "the Glory of the Lord" means "heavy with the weight of worth".

In Greek, "the Glory of the Lord" or "the Glory of God" means "honor & splendor"

Let's start out by looking at this phrase in the Old Testament

Exodus 16:7 Moses said to the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you shall see THE GLORY OF THE LORD."

Exodus 16:10 As Aaron spoke to the congregation (the people), they looked toward the wilderness and behold, THE GLORY OF THE LORD appeared in the cloud.

Exodus 24:15-16 The Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. Now THE GLORY OF THE LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days.

Exodus 24:17 The sight of THE GLORY OF THE LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.

1. When they see the "Glory of the Lord", what are they seeing?

a. Exodus 16:10 _____

b. Exodus 24:16 _____

c. Exodus 24:17 _____

2. Why would God want them to see all this?

Notice that God's presence was not in the camp where the Jews were living, but across the wilderness on the top of the mountain.

Exodus 20:18-19 Now all the people witnessed the thunder, the lightning flashes, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. They said to Moses, "You speak with us and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die."

Exodus 20:20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear (holiness) may be before you, so that you may not sin."

3. Would you agree that the Jews' lives were full of fear & sin? ___Yes ___No

4. God demonstrated His presence to the people out in that wilderness so that they would no longer be afraid of Him. ___Yes ___No

5. God demonstrated His presence to the people out in that wilderness so that they would no longer continue to sin. ___Yes ___No

Their reaction & behavior toward God seems very similar to the way that Adam & Eve handled things. Remember?

a. They sinned (disobeyed).

b. They became afraid.

c. They hid themselves & stayed away from God

d. They (sinful man) could not be in the presence of a Holy God.

Leviticus 9:23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the GLORY OF THE LORD appeared to all the people, and the fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

At this point in time, God has given Moses the Law, the instructions for building the Tabernacle, and all the rules for handling their sin (offerings done by the priests).



6. When God showed His glory this time, was He across the wilderness on the mountain, or in the camp with the people? ___On the mountain ___In the camp

Notice that God burned up the offering. That means He accepted it as payment for the sins of the Nation of Israel.

7. Why is it important that the "Glory of the Lord" was in the camp this time?
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Notice also that "THE GLORY OF THE LORD" appeared to all the people. He does not give up on His people - even though they sinned, were afraid, and hid from Him.

Isaiah 6:1-3 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high & lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TEMPLE. And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD because THE GLORY OF THE LORD had filled the LORD'S house. When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and THE GLORY OF THE LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground

8. Notice in both verses what is filling the temple.
a. If **both** "the train (hem) of the LORD'S robe" and "The Glory of the Lord" filled the temple, then the LORD is the **same** as the Glory of the LORD. ___Yes ___No

Psalms 138:5 Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is THE GLORY OF THE LORD.

Psalms 104:31 May the GLORY OF THE LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works.

Ezekiel 3:22-23 Then the hand of the LORD was upon me there, and He said to me, "Arise, go out into the plain, and there I shall talk with you". So I arose and went out into the plain, and behold, THE GLORY OF THE LORD stood there; and I fell on my face.

9. Is the "LORD" & the "GLORY OF THE LORD" the same? ___Yes ___No

THE GLORY OF THE LORD = The invisible qualities, character, and attributes of God displayed in a visible way for the world to see.

Exodus 16:7 And in the morning you shall see THE GLORY OF THE LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD

10. Notice that "The Glory of the Lord" is referred as "He". This would mean that the "Glory of the Lord" is a person, and that person is God Himself. ___Yes ___No

Is it possible that, in the Old Testament, "The Glory of the Lord" = God's Spirit = the Presence of the Lord = The Invisible God = God's image?

Equally, in the New Testament, could the "Glory of the LORD" = Jesus Christ = the Holy Spirit of God. ALL REPRESENT THE PRESENCE OF GOD TO MANKIND.