

Triumphant Living
“God’s Glory and Our Glorification”
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A few general observations about Christmas. Has everything to do with our subject.

1. God’s Glory.

2. Isaiah 6:1-3. “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried out to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!’”

Luke 2:8-9. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

John 1:14. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Question: What do we mean by “glory?” What ramifications does this have for how God is to be approached in worship?

Question: What does it mean to glorify God? Are we able to add to His glory?

3. Our glorification. A much neglected subject, especially in America, but what we are to long for. Indeed, we groan, waiting for it.

Previews:

Exodus 33:18-23. “Moses said, ‘Please show me Your glory.’ And He said, ‘I will make all My goodness pass before You, and will proclaim before you My name, the LORD. And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,’ He said, ‘you cannot see My face, for man shall not see Me and live.’ And the LORD said, ‘Behold, there is a place by Me where you shall stand on the rock. And while My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen.’”

Mark 9:2-4. “And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them. And His

clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared with Him Elijah and Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.”

Jesus wants this for us.

John 17:24. “Father, I desire that all those You have given Me may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me, because you loved Me from before the foundation of the world.”

This is the ultimate joy of heaven.

1 John 3:2. “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared. But we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.”

Revelation 21:1-4. “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people. And God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death shall be no more, neither shall there be any mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.’”

A “done deal” for Christians.

Romans 8:29-30. “For those whom He foreknew He also predestined, to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined, He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.”