

## THE GLORY OF THE LORD

We associate glory with:

1. Radiance- as a bride walking down a church aisle on her wedding day.
2. Triumph- of an Olympic athlete being crowned with a laurel wreath or decorated with a gold medal as that nation's anthem resounds around the world.
3. Glory is much more.  
Defined: *glory, chabod* (kah-vohd); Strong's #3519: Weightiness; that which is substantial or heavy; glory, honor, splendor, power, wealth, authority, magnificence, fame, dignity, riches, and Excellency. The root of *chabod is chabad* "to be heavy, glorious, notable," or "to be renowned." In the OT, ""heaviness" represented honor and substance, while "lightness" was equated with vanity, instability, temporariness, and emptiness (see Judges 9:4; Zephaniah 3:4). *Chabod* is God's glory, not only His honor, renown, and majesty, but also His visible splendor, which filled Solomon's temple and will someday fill the Earth (I Kings 8:11; Numbers 14:21). From *chabod* are derived the names "Jochebed" ("Jahweh Is Glory") and Ichabod ("Where Is the Glory?"). Word Wealth in the Spirit Filled Life Bible.
4. Christ the Redeemer is seen in these next verses but we are inseparable from Him. Isaiah 59:19-21
  - a. Spirit of the Lord is upon Christ and His Church, v. 19,21
  - b. "My words [church] which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants'... forever.
  - c. His glory will be seen upon us, 60:2
  - d. People will be drawn to us for Christ's sake, 3-4
  - e. "You will become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy;"

## THE GLORY DEPARTED, 1 Samuel 4: 8-22

1. Israel thought past examples of God's glory displayed could be reenacted as a lucky charm. God has always been a God of relationship from walking in the garden to this very day with us. Their sin had blinded their eyes.
2. The two sons of Eli were killed and the Ark of God taken. Followed by Eli dying. Followed by Phinehas's wife dying just before she declared her son was to be called Ichabod "The glory has departed from Israel."
3. Israel no longer had the strength, power, to defend their God given inheritance.
4. The story consummates in a description of the impact upon people and nations when worship becomes empty of spirit and void of truth, and the weight of glory is reduced to a vapor of toxic incense distilling from worship emptied of meaning. – Jack Hayford
5. The ancient English word for "worship" is *weorthscipe*, which incorporated the idea of "ascribed worth." True worship takes place when we declare the Lord's worth:
  - a. When we come before Him to honor His character, not parade our music or ministry talent;
  - b. When we come before Him with humility, not protecting ourselves from the penetrating power of His Spirit;
  - c. When we open as children to the truth of His Word, rather than smugly defending our narrow-minded, doctrinaire attitudes that produce more division than unity in Christ's Body.
6. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
  - a. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty, v.17
  - b. The Glory of God will be reflexed in us, v. 18
  - c. We will be transformed, v. 18

- d. 2 Corinthians 4:17 “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

LAST WORDS: Psalms 115:4-8 “Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands.” V. 4 “Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them.” V. 8

You become like that which you worship. What or who are you worshipping? Do you need to meet him and get to know him as He desires to know you?

I try to give credit where it is correctly do, so I would like to recognize Jack Hayford who has left a huge influence on my life and ministry. Often when I think a thought is original I believe it is not but has been influenced by others who have gone before me. Jacks has written several books about worship and one that has influenced much of these teachings on worship is “Manifested Presence” .