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# **Lesson 1 – God's Intrinsic Glory**

**The Supreme Objective** is for any man or woman to give God glory.

**Key Scriptures:** Psalm 16:8 "I have set the Lord always before me."

Psalm 16:9 "Therefore, my heart is glad and my glory rejoices."

## **PARTI**

## I. Understanding of Glory:

- 1. The Glory of God Is His Being: The intrinsic glory of God is a part of His being. It is the manifestation and combination of all His attributes.
- 2. God is a God of glory John 1:14
- 3. Believers are to reflect God's glory Ex 34: 30-35
  - a. Believers reflect His glory and magnify it in others' comprehension. Mt 5:16.
  - b. Believers give spoken testimony I Chronicles 16:24
  - c. Believers Praise Him I Chronicles 29:11

# II. A Theology of God's Glory

Read: Colossians 1:16

Why was the universe and everything in it created?

The Manifestation of God's Glory:

- The Garden of Eden Gen 3:8 "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day." Adam and Eve enjoyed the glory of the Lord daily. There was a sense of freedom they enjoyed by being in the presence of God.
- 2. Moses Exodus 33: 13, 14, 19 Moses boldly asked to experience the presence of God. The goodness of God describes the essence of his mercy and grace. What did Moses see?
  - a. God is a spirit John 4:24
  - b. Moses saw the shekinah Glory a visible manifestation of God's glory
- 3. Glory in a Tent Exodus 40:34, 35 God displayed His glory visibly to Israel in the Tabernacle. The glory of God filled the temple.
- 4. In the Temple I Kings 8, 10, 11
- 5. Glory Incarnate John 1:14

  God manifested his glory in the person of Jesus Christ.

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#### III. Live to the Glory of God

Scriptural Reference: Psalm 51:12 - "Restore unto me the joy of Your Salvation"

- 1. Make it the aim of your life to glorify God
  - a. \_\_\_Be willing to sacrifice self and self-glory Mt 6:1-4
  - b. Prefer Him above all else.
  - c. \_\_\_Be content to do His will at any cost John 12:27, 28
  - d. \_\_\_Suffer when He suffers Psalm 69:9
  - e. \_\_\_Be willing to go unrecognized Phil 1:17

(The above are marks of Spiritual Maturity. Check the ones that apply to you.)

- 2. Confess Your Sins
- 3. Trust God Romans 4:20
- 4. Bear Fruit John 15:8
- 5. Lead Others to Christ 2 Cor 4:15
- 6. Avoid Sexual Sin I Cor. 6:18

### **PART II**

# HOW TO GLORIFY GOD GLORIFYING GOD THROUGH OBEDIENCE

How can you tell genuine Christians from impostors? The evidence of one desiring to glorify God is through a life of good works.

**READ:** James 2:14-26. Good works results in obedience and faith in Jesus.

#### Scriptural Example: Noah

Noah was a man that walked with God – Gen. 6:9

- A. Noah responded to the Word of God Hebrews 11:7
  - 1. Noah obeyed because he revered God's Word
    - a. God said "Make thee an ark"
    - b. Noah showed faith when he cut down the first tree
  - 2. God told Noah to Pitch.

Pitch is the Hebrew word for "atonement" – Pitch is what kept the waters out. Pitch is what keeps judgment out of the lives of believers. It is the same word used for atonement in Lev. 17:11.

- B. God established his Covenant with Noah Gen. 6:8
  - 1. Noah's response was total obedience
  - 2. Noah obeyed God for 120 years Gen. 6:3

#### TWO KINDS OF OBEDIENCE:

- 1. Legal Obedience the result of a fleshly effort without a single failure.
- 2. Gracious Obedience is a loving and sincere spirit of obedience motivated by grace that God grants to us.

NOTE: A true Christian should be obedient to Jesus Christ and honor Him in one's behavior.

Summarize what you learned about God's Glory: