

1) Readings

- a) Deut. 33:17

2) Introduction

When Moses was giving his last words of blessing to Israel, speaking of Joseph he said: "His glory is like the firstling of his bullock" (Deut. 33:17). With that in mind we turn to muse on our Lord and His glory which leads to the question: "What is glory?" It could be suggested that glory can be the distinguishing renown gained by intellect, military or business exploits, achievements, a position, or a unique beauty. The Queen has a glory simply because of the position she holds. A professor in a university is the same. When Aaron was made high priest he had garments of "glory and beauty" (Ex. 28:2). His sons were the same (Ex. 28:40).

When we consider the glory of our Lord it is not the external glory of place nor of holy earthly garments. Rather, it is the glory of the outward manifestation of the essential excellencies of Christ manifested in His powers and prerogatives.

Evidently when dealing with such a subject one has neither the comprehension nor ability to declare the fulness of this theme. Joseph told his brethren: "Ye shall tell my father of all my glory" (Gen. 45:13). It was an impossible task for how could that old sheik ever comprehend the glory of ancient Egypt and the position of His son in it. Moses asked the Lord: "Shew me thy glory" (Ex. 33:18). This also was an impossibility for man could never comprehend the glory of God. These observations are simply "springboards" for the speaker to develop for his audience.

3) How The Word "Glory" Is Used Of The Lord

There are a number of expressions used of the Lord and His glory such as:

- a) "The King of Glory" (Psa. 24:7, 8, 9, 10)
- b) "The God of Glory" (Psa. 29:3; Acts 7:2)
- c) "The Lord of Glory" (1 Cor. 2:8; Jam. 2:1)
- d) "The glory of Christ" (2 Cor. 8:23)
- e) "Glory and honour are in His presence" (1 Chron. 16:27)
- f) "The glory of His majesty" (Isa. 2:10, 19, 21)
- g) "He shall bear the glory" (Zech. 6:13)
- h) "The glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6)

Seeing the glory of the Lord is an awesome thing that even at our highest most spiritual moment we are catching only the slightest glimpse of it.

- a) It was the glory of God that caused Abraham to leave the idolatry of Ur. (Josh. 24:2; Acts. 7:2)
- b) It was the glory of God that sustained Stephen in the moments of martyrdom. (Acts 7:55)

4) The Personal Glory Of The Lord

The personal glory of the Lord is in two avenues, the glory of His deity and of His humanity.

- a) The Glory of His attributes of Deity. J N Darby wrote the age abiding words: "The Father only, glorious claim, the Son can comprehend". Our lovely Lord was, is, and forever will be the fulness of the Godhead (Col. 2:9). His deity was never diminished by His taking on humanity and being God. He alone could reveal God (Jn. 1:14) and the Father (Jn. 14:8-9).

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The glory of :	Aspect	Reference
His eternity	The eternity of His Being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Name is Emmanuel - God with us • In the beginning was the Word • He had a glory before the world was • Was the object of the Father's love before the foundation of the world • Before Abraham was (better, "came to be") I AM 	Matt. 1:23 Jn. 1:1 Jn. 17:5 Jn. 17:24 Jn. 8:58
His Creating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is "before all things, and by Him all things consist (are held together)" 	Col. 1:17
His immutability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "They shall perish; but thou remainest . . . Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail" 	Heb. 1:11-12
Omnipotence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "All power is given unto me" 	Matt. 28:18
Omniscience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "He knew all men" 	Jn. 2:24
Omnipresence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I am with you always" 	Matt. 28:20

b) Titles which convey the Glory of His Deity

- i) This is not a composite of the evidences for His deity. It is a summary of His titles for a ministry meeting.

He is	Reference
The Image (eikon) of God	2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:15
The express Image (charakter)	Heb. 1:3
The bread of God	Jn. 6:33
The Son of God	Rom. 1:4
The fulness of the Godhead	Col. 2:9
The form of God	Phil. 2:6
The great God and our Saviour	Titus 2:13
Thy throne, O God, is for ever	Heb. 1:8
I am the first and the last	Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:17
I am Alpha and Omega	Rev. 22:13
He is the Redeemer	Isa. 44:6
The everlasting Father and Mighty God	Isa. 9:6
His words stand forever	Isa. 40:8; Matt. 24:35

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He is	Reference
The Saviour	Isa. 43:3; Titus 2:10
The Judge	Joel 3:12; Matt. 25:31-46

b) The Glory of His Humanity

- i) Such is the glory of His humanity that He stands unique and forever will be. He alone has the moral and legal qualifications to be the King of Israel for only He has the genealogical history.

His Humanity Was	Reference
Promised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Adam and Eve • To Abraham • To David 	Gen. 3:15 Gen. 12:7; 16:10 2 Sam.7:12
Pictured in the Meal offering	Lev. 2:1-16
Prophecies of His manhood	Gen. 3:15; 2 Sam. 8:12; Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Psa. 22:9
Presented in the New Testament	Matt. 11:19; Mk. 13:34; Jn. 1:30; 4:29; 8:40; Acts 2:22; Phil. 2:8; 1 Cor. 15:21

5) The Glory of His Offices

Sometimes we sing “Great are the offices He bears”. What are some of the great offices of the Lord and in what ways do they display His glory?

The Glory of His	Data	Reference
Headship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is the Head of every man • He is the Head of all principality and power • He is the head of the Church • He is head over all things 	1 Cor. 11:3 Col. 2:10 Eph. 5:23 Eph. 1:22
Kingship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The King in His beauty • Where is he that is born King of the Jews • Rabbi . . . Thou art the King of Israel • Just and true are thy ways Thou King of saints • Now unto the King eternal • The blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings • King of righteousness • King of Salem which is King of Peace • King of glory • King of heaven • King of Kings and Lord of Lords • Yet have I set my King • It is the city of the great King • The Lord is the true God . . . an everlasting King 	Isa. 33:17 Matt. 2:2 Jn. 1:49 Rev. 15:3 1 Tim. 1:17 1 Tim. 6:15 Heb. 7:2 Heb. 7:2 Psa. 24:7 Dan. 4:37 Rev. 19:16 Psa. 2:6 Matt. 5:35 Jer. 10:10

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Priesthood	<p>The descriptive terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Priest • Great high priest • Apostle and High Priest • High priest forever after the order of Melchisedec • A priest forever after the order of Melchisedec • Called of God an high priest <p>Its superiority due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His manhood • His deity (My Son) • His compassion • The salvation he procured • His perfecting • His sacrifice 	<p>Heb. 5:5 Heb. 4:14 Heb. 3:1 Heb. 6:20 Heb. 5:5 Heb. 5:10</p> <p>Heb. 5:1; 2:17 Heb. 5:5 Heb. 5:2 Heb. 5:9 Heb. 5:7; 2:17 Heb. 10:10</p>
His Prince-hood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prince of Peace (associated with this is He is the Lord of peace, 2 Thess. 3:16); King of peace (Heb. 7:2); and God of peace (Rom. 15:33) • Prince of life • A Prince • Prince of the kings of the earth • Prince of princes 	<p>Isa. 9:6</p> <p>Acts 3:15 Acts 5:31 Rev. 1:5 Dan. 8:25</p>

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
 John 16:13**

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