

The Glory of God  
**A Highway for God**

- ★ Why do people experience the glory of God, but not live for the glory of God?

It's not *built* into their lives.

**Isa. 40:3-5**

What is God after here? To build His glory consistently into our lives.

To build a highway, you have to overcome obstacles in the landscape. The reason people don't *continue* in the Glory of God is they are unwilling to address the obstacles. God's glory becomes *elusive*.

**God reveals here four obstacles that have to be overcome:**

**(1) Valleys**

Issues of depression and moodiness

There's a certain level of that that's self indulgence

A lot of people who don't address this are always wondering where God is.

God doesn't want your movie to be a soap opera

**(2) Mountains**

Issues of pride – defensiveness, self justification

How hard is it for you to admit you're wrong? (or even *might* be!)

Arkansas highways

**(3) Crooked places**

Issues of integrity

Integrity = living your values

**(4) Rough places**

Issues of 'personality'

Our personalities can be warped by our insecurities – need to fit in, stand out, control

John the Baptist's interpretation of Isaiah's message – Matt. 3:1-3

*In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!**" 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.' "*

metanoeo /met·an·o·eh·o/] v. 1 to change one's mind; a reversal of moral purpose

