

The Glory of God

The Mark

Rom. 3:23

- Man's 'lostness' is directly connected to his relationship with the glory of God.

“glory”

384X in the Bible. One of the real 'keys' of the scripture.

Greek word is “doxa” - *splendor, brightness; magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, grace, majesty, a thing belonging to God; a most exalted state*

This attribute of glory, which belongs primarily to God, is something that, amazingly, He is not only willing to share it with us; He actually calls us to it!

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: (John 17:22).

Isa. 60:1, 2 – Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

Living for the glory of God is clearly man's intended state.

Professing to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. (Ro 1:22-23).

“All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, (1 Pet. 2:24)

The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. (Rev. 21:23)

What does it mean, therefore to 'live for the glory of God'?

Honor (merit, virtue, dignity)

1 Pet. 2:12 - having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles (the lost), that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Praise

Ps 86:12 I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore.

Manifest Presence

When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. (2 Ch 7:1).

Glory to glory

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Cor. 3:18)

When you're living in and for the glory of God, you have great 'boldness of speech'!

Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— (2 Co 3:12).