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# ***What is the Glory?***

What is glory? My friend, you are about to embark on a tremendous study of the very nature and essence of God, Himself. This subject, as you will soon see, can at times seem as vast as the ocean and God Himself. So we will look to the Holy Spirit to help us understand the nature and characteristics of an eternal holy and all powerful God.

There are many places in Bible that talk about the glory of a thing or the glory of God, but it take more than a dictionary to define and understand the glory of God. The glory of God is definitely one of the more challenging subjects to clearly define and understand in the Bible. But by the glory and grace of God we will come to see what God desires us to understand.

The word *glory* is used extensively throughout the Bible. In some places it speaks of the splendor of a person, object or thing. Many times glory refers to the honor that God receives from the praise and worship of His people. While in other places the word glory speaks of God Himself.

Below is the Webster's Dictionary definition of *glory*. I have also included the definitions of the words *glorify* and *glorious* because these words are derivatives of the word *glory*.

**Glory** *n.* Great honor, popular praise, renown; splendor, as, the *glory* of the hills; that in which one glories. – *vi* [-ried] To rejoice in, exult.

**Glorify** *vt.* To honor, reverence, adore, as, to *glorify* God; to give radiance, as, her smile *glorified* her face; to make glorious, elevate by praise, as, to *glorify* the commonplace.

**Glorious** *adj.* Honored, illustrious; resplendent, as, a *glorious* occasion.

Notice that the dictionary uses the word *honor* in one form or another to define each of these words: *glory*, *glorify* and *glorious*. Because the dictionary uses the word honor to define these three words, I believe it would help us to take a quick look at the definitions of honor. I have also included Webster's Dictionary definitions of the word *honor* in its noun and verb form.

**Honor** n. 1. A fine sense of what is just and right with readiness to apply it to one's own conduct in relation to others. 2. Great respect. 3. Wide and good reputation. 4. Any token of recognition for distinguished services or high merit. 5. A title accorded holders of certain civil offices, as: His Honor the Mayor.

**Honor** v. To treat with respect, revere; to bestow honors upon; to recognize, as a business obligation and meet it, as, to *honor* a claim; to recognize as correct and pay, as, to *honor* a draft. Syn. Respect, esteem. To *honor* is an outward act; to *esteem* is to hold in high regard.

Throughout the New Testament there are primarily two Greek words that are translated into the English word *glory*. It is also interesting to note that these same two Greek words are also translated extensively as *honor* in the New Testament.

In the same manner, throughout the Old Testament the primary Hebrew words that are translated *glory* are also extensively translated as the word *honor*. (By the way, our English word *honor* is spelled *honour* in the King James Version of the Bible.) Remember that the word *glory* and the word *honor*

have in many cases, been translated from the very same Hebrew and Greek words.

When we look at the Hebrew and Greek dictionaries, we find that the word *glory* conveys, for the most part, the same basic ideas as the word *honor*: ideas of reverence, respect, dignity, and esteem as well as the idea of what is upright, just, right, true, honest, good, and noble.

As I stated before, there are times when Scriptures talk about the *glory* of God as it refers to the *honor* that God receives from the praise and worship of His people. Here are a couple of examples found in the scriptures.

### **1 TIMOTHY 1:17**

**17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **REVELATION 5:12**

**12 ..."Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"**

The Hebrew words *kabad* and *kabowd* which are translated *glory* and *honor* in the Old Testament also convey the idea of weight and heaviness.

Hence, lawyers like to call an honorable witness to testify because his words are very heavy and weighty when used in a court of law.

The Hebrew definitions of *glory* and *honor* also add the idea of wealth and the idea of a significant and/or positive reputation that is worthy of reverence, respect, dignity, esteem, and majesty. So even though these words primarily convey the idea of majesty and splendor of a person, object or thing. The first time we see the word glory used in the Old Testament it is referring to the idea of wealth.

## **GENESIS 31:1**

**1 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory [wealth]. (KJV)**

I think that it is also important for all of us to learn, as Jacob did, that when we honor the Lord and give His Word first place in our lives, we will begin to personally experience the blessings of the Lord that make rich. As we make it a point to honor and glorify the Lord with our substance the Lord will bless us with honor, glory and wealth as He did Jacob.

**PSALMS 84:11**

**11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace [unmerited favor and blessings] and glory [wealth and honor]; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly [honorably].**

There are many ways that the words “glory and honor” can be used, but in the end both of these words, in most cases, are basically describing different aspects of the same spiritual concept. Both of these words help us to further understand the character and nature of our God. They help us to see His heart and what sets Him apart like no other. They also help point us to Christ and the way to the next level in our transformation into His image.

The next time you see the word glory in a Scripture realize that it is very possible that it could also be translated “honor.” Try reading the Scripture a second time, translating *glory* to *honor* or *honor* to *glory*, and see if Holy Spirit reveals any additional insight to you.

## ***Honor, Love and Glory***

Now when you think of the word *glory*, what comes to your mind? Personally, when I hear the word glory I think of the story of Moses at the burning bush on Mount Sinai. The bush appeared to be on fire but was not consumed. However, the bush was not actually on fire naturally, rather it was the glory of God's manifested presence in a form that resembled fire. There are many other accounts in the Bible that reveal the glory of God's manifested presence as fire or a pillar of fire. Other references reveal the glory of God's presence as a cloud, smoke, lightning and brilliant light.

But when we get right down to it, what exactly is the glory of God? Even Moses wanted a revelation of God's glory. In fact, Moses made one of the boldest requests found anywhere in the Bible. Take a look at this passage.

### **EXODUS 33:18-23**

**18** And he [Moses] said, "Please, show me Your glory."

**19** Then He [God] said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

**20** But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."

**21** And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.

**22** "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.

**23** "Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

Although God's manifested presence and power seen in the earth is known as His glory, above all it is truly God's character that shines forth the essence of His glory and nature. I find it interesting to note that when Moses requested to see God's glory, God replied, in Exodus 33:19, by saying, "*I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you.*" When Moses wanted to see God's glory, God responded by allowing Moses to see His backside while God proclaimed His goodness, grace and

compassion to him. Moses wanted to see God's magnificence and glory, however, God really wanted Moses to see His heart.

### **EXODUS 34:5-8**

**5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.**

**6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,**

**7 "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."**

**8 So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.**

After Moses had this mountaintop experience with God, he came down to the camp of Israel. When Moses came into the camp the people looked at His face and it shined with radiant glory from being in God's presence. Moses face shined so much with God's glory that the people where

afraid of him. Therefore, after Moses was done talking to the people he put a veil over his face.

### **EXODUS 34:29-35**

**29** Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

**30** So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

**31** Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them.

**32** Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

**33** And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

**34** But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded.

**35 And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.**

In almost every place we find the *glory of God* manifested in presence or power in the Scriptures it is almost always directly or indirectly associated with an act of God's *love* and *honor* towards His covenant people. God's glory would manifest for the purpose of helping and caring for the needs of His people.

For example, when God led the children of Israel with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, these were manifestations of God's glory and presence. God's manifested presence in the form of the cloud protected the children of Israel from the hot desert sun. The pillar of fire by night gave the children of Israel light for the camp.

We can see another example of God's manifested glory when He blocked Pharaoh's army with a pillar of fire and then parted the Red Sea to rescue His people from the hand of Pharaoh and the Egyptian army. The parting of the Red Sea was a manifestation of God's glorious power and a

mighty act of God's love to save His people from the Egyptians.

We can find many other examples throughout the Bible, such as in the Old Testament account of the walls of Jericho fell down, to help give the children of Israel the land He had promised them.

In the New Testament we can also see examples of God's glorious power and presence manifesting ultimately as an act of love to His covenant people. One example of God's glory can be seen when Paul was converted on the road to Damascus. A glorious light from heaven shone around Paul and he was blinded for three days. Not only was Paul saved, but he stopped persecuting and making havoc of the church, God's beloved people.

We can also see examples of God's glorious power when He set Paul and Silas free from prison by causing an earthquake. This demonstrated God's love not only for Paul and Silas, but also His love for all the people that would be reached through their ministries.

**ACTS 16:25-26**

**25** But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

**26** Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

The more that I have continued to study and meditate on the subjects of *honor*, *love* and *glory*, the more I am convinced of the divine union they share. In fact, I have a good example to help correlate these concepts and their relationships.

The Lord showed me that the concept of *honor* is like unto our heavenly Father, the concept of *glory* is like unto the Holy Spirit and the concept of *love* is like unto Jesus our Lord. Our heavenly Father represents God's *honor* seated on a throne high and lifted up. The Holy Spirit represents the manifested *glory* of God's presence and power, and Jesus represents God's *love* given and demonstrated to a lost and dying world.

They are all three individuals yet at the same time they all three God, united together working in perfect harmony. These three: *honor*, *love* and

*glory* make up the nature and essence of God. They flow together harmoniously as One. All of God's many character attributes flow out of these three manifestations of God's nature. In fact, God does not merely have honor, love and glory, rather, *God is* honor, love and glory personified.

Here is another way to understand the relationship between honor, love and glory. Think of a looking at a mountain from three different perspectives: you see one mountain, yet you see a completely different view of that same mountain from each angle. In fact, if you took a photo of a mountain from three angles, depending on the mountain, it could look like three completely different mountains. This does not mean there are three mountains though. It means there is one mountain with three facets, all appear similar yet different.

God desires to manifest His *honor, love* and *glory* today through the lives of His covenant people. We see these manifestations through the lives of individuals and we call it "the anointing." And there is a relationship between the glory of God, the love of God, and the power and anointing of God. All of God's power and anointing flow out of His glory a.k.a His gracious compassion.

Therefore, if we want to walk under a stronger anointing in as a Christian or as a minister of the Gospel, then we must learn to flow with the Lord. This begins by honoring the Lord and walking in love toward people. We must first humble ourselves before the Lord. That is the first way we give honor, love, and glory to Him. We must humbly receive God's grace and compassion for ourselves. It is only then that we are empowered to by His grace, which gives us the capacity to honor, love and minister to others. The more we make a point to honor and love the Lord and other people in our daily lives, the greater God's glory, power and anointing will rest upon us.

The "anointing" is the glory and power of God upon us, working to demonstrate God's gracious honor, love and glory to other individuals. We can see this demonstrated in the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus walked in God's glory and anointing without measure. In fact, the word *Christ* is not Jesus' last name. The word comes from the Greek word *Christos*, which is actually a translation of the Hebrew word *Messiah*, which means "the Anointed One of God." Although Jesus was the Son of God, He came to earth as a man, and He ministered to people as a man anointed (christened) and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The anointing that was upon Jesus the Christ manifested in the power and miracles that He performed. Jesus was anointed with the power and presence of God without measure because He perfectly honored, loved and glorified God and His Word even to His death on the cross.

### **1 SAMUEL 2:30**

**30 ... for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.**

I remember a time in my life shortly before I came to know the Lord. God had sent many people across my path to witness to me but I rejected their witness of Jesus because I had been taught that anyone who talked about Jesus was a Jesus freak. At the time, I was a sixteen-year-old runaway on drugs. The very day I ran away from home I journeyed about a hundred miles to the beach in Southern California where my father had a boat. I made money by cleaning and detailing cars in local neighborhoods, which helped me purchase a van that I lived in at the time. I also had the keys to the showers at a nearby boat dock.

One day, I had cleaned about three cars and had made about \$120. At the time, that was a lot of

money for me. I thought I was living the high life but I was only high. I spent most of the money on drugs. After I had finished my work that day, I decided to go down to the beach and check out the local scenery (girls); keep in mind that I was a sixteen-year-old heathen.

When I got to the beach a beautiful young girl about my age passed by me walking down the beach I noticed something strange about her. I did not know what it was at the time but her face seemed to glow as she was walking towards me. I was determined to sweet-talk her into my van. I began to make my move and started talking to her. After a while I made some provocative suggestions but she told me that she did not do those kinds of things because she was a Christian.

Now, as I stated, God had already sent other Christians that witnessed to me and, as far as I was concerned at the time, I thought they were all a bunch of nuts. But this girl whom I met on the beach, even though she witnessed to me, I still found myself drawn to her. But I was determined to get her into my van and persuade her to my way of thinking. I thought to myself that I would let her get this Jesus stuff off her chest, then I would make my move. I had no idea what I was in for.

This girl talked to me about Jesus for at least two hours as we sat on the curb in front of my van. Finally, she asked me if I wanted to accept Jesus as my Lord. I told her that I did not want to give up drugs and all I had to serve some Jesus I did not even know. In the end she went her way and I went mine. I did not receive the Lord Jesus that day but I did receive Him about a month later. It happened after I had spent all my money, used up all my drugs and my van had broken down. But it was this young lady's testimony and the testimony of several other witnesses that paved the way to my salvation.

I told you this story because I now know that it was the glory of God on this young lady to which I found myself so attracted. Even though I did not realize it at the time, I know that I actually saw the glory of God emanating and shining from her face and I was not even born again at the time. I'm sure that what I saw was very similar to what the children of Israel saw when they looked at Moses, although probably to a lesser degree. I did not know what it was at the time but I knew there was something about her that glowed. But now I know that it was the glory of God on her countenance that seemed to magnify her beauty.

I believe that God wants us to be vessels of His glory to such a degree that His glory can actually be seen on our countenance and draw others to the light of Jesus. God wants us to become vessels of honor that are fit for His *glory* so that He can, in turn, reach out and touch this lost and dying world through us.

I believe we can all have our own mountaintop experience with God, when we make up our mind to seek God with all of our heart. And when we do, His presence, power and anointing will not be far behind.

## ***Partakers of God's Nature***

God the Father is the greatest Father of all. As our great heavenly Father, He seeks to demonstrate and share His *honor, love* and *glory* with His children. Our heavenly Father, like all fathers, desires that His children, follow in His footsteps and in His ways. However, to follow after Him we must first come to know Him as little children come to know their father. Knowing God intimately as Father starts with first knowing His Son, His heart, His character and His ways as revealed in His Word.

### **MATTHEW 18:2-4**

**2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,**

**3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.**

**4 "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

The Bible reveals to us that God is love but the Bible also teaches us that glory and honor are in God's presence, which is really another way to say that God is honor and God is glory. Or we could say that God is honor, love and glory personified.

### **1 JOHN 4:8**

**8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

### **1 CHRONICLES 16:27**

**27 Glory and honour are in his [God's] presence... (KJV)**

No good father would ever want less for his children than he would want for himself. In truth, I think most parents would like to see their children do even better in life than they have accomplished themselves.

### **MATTHEW 7:11**

**11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!**

If a king has a child, the prince or princess is not made to sleep outside in the doghouse. Rather,

their place is with their father, the king, inside the royal home. So it is with our heavenly Father. He does not want us to live in the doghouse when He already paid the ultimate price to provide a place for us in His house and when He has invited us to sit at His table and partake with Him.

**Ephesians 2:6** And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: (KJV)

But unfortunately, many people are ignorant of the fact that from the beginning God intended mankind to be His family. To be like Him and be partakers of His divine nature as dearly beloved children. However, even many of God's children have failed to realize what God intended for them. There are various reasons, here are a few.

Some Christians have failed to receive because they are just plain stuck in the quagmire of religious thinking. Many attend churches famous for teaching nothing! That is, many churches teach their parishioners everything but the Word of God!

Still others have failed to receive all that God has in store for them because of a lack knowledge of the scriptures and the inheritance God's Word

declares and promises. There are more than five thousand promises in the Bible.

Still others fail walk by faith by not acting on the promises of God they do know.

## **2 PETER 1:2-4**

**2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,**

**3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,**

**4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

What do you think it means to be a partaker of God's divine nature? In order to answer that question, I think we first have to ask what is God's divine nature?

God's divine nature is the essence of His person. For example, the nature of a cat is not the same as the nature of a dog. Both have an inward nature that motivates them to do the things they do.

God has shown Himself to be honor, love and glory personified. God is motivated by His divine nature of honor, love and glory, goodness, meekness, kindness, truthfulness, joy and peace, to name a few. In short, God wants us to become partakers of His nature, which is the only way we will escape the corruption that is in this world.

Now I can already hear some of you thinking to yourselves, “Brother Lee, I thought God would not give His glory to another.” “How can you possibly think we can be like God?” “Isn’t that blasphemy?” “After all, haven’t you read these Scriptures?” Yes, actually I have read those Scriptures but maybe it is time that we all took another look at them together.

### **ISAIAH 42:8**

**8 I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.**

On one hand, it is true that God will not give or share His glory with those who would try to usurp or compete with Him for the praise and worship due to Him alone. Nor will God give or share His glory with someone that would attempt to take the

honor and glory for something that God did Himself.

For example, say that someone is used by God to do great signs, miracles and healings. Yet at some point, he forgets that it is God doing the work through him and begins to take the credit for his success instead of giving all the glory and honor to God. At that point, the person has taken to himself the glory and honor that rightfully belongs to God alone.

Now on the other hand, God can give His glory and honor to others, as it pleases Him. After all it is His glory, who are we to tell God how to be God? You can see examples of this in the lives of Moses and David and many others mentioned in the Bible. But if anyone attempts to take more honor and glory than God chooses to give them, then they are simply getting into pride and acting like the nature of the devil. And the Scriptures teach us that God resists the proud and that pride goes before a fall.

## **PROVERBS 16:18**

**18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.**

**PROVERBS 29:23**

**23 A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor [glory].**

I can show you by the Scriptures that God does in fact, want us to become partakers of His honor, love and glory. However, we must learn how to walk with God and that starts with humility and a willingness to be submissive to Him and His ways of doing things. Submission means to come under another's mission. God simply wants us to adopt His ways of life and truth.

**1 PETER 5:5-6**

**5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to [honor] one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace (unmerited honor, love and glory) to the humble."**

**6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt [honor and glorify] you in due time,**

If there is one thing that I have learned about God over the years it is this: God is in the restoration business. Ever since the day that Adam and Eve committed high treason against Him, God has been in the process of working out His foreknown plan

of restoration and redemption for mankind. And He is the only one who could redeem us.

When we talk about the idea of restoration, it first helps to understand what restoration means. Restoration means to return something to its original state. However, for us to understand what God had in mind, as it relates to mankind, we must first look at the original state in which God had created man. Then we will see the image that God has in mind when it comes to restoring mankind.

Can you imagine a person trying to restore a car without having an image of what the car originally looked like? It would be impossible. It is no different when it comes to having our lives restored. Granted, we are not the ones that actually do the restoration, but as with almost all things in God's dealings with man, we have a part and God has a part. That is what makes us part-akers.

In order to better cooperate with God as a partaker of His divine nature, we must be able to see the vision that God has in mind for our restoration. But this first requires that we understand what God's original image for mankind was, so that we can be in agreement with Him. This is important because

if we do not believe that God wants us to be healed in our bodies, the truth is we will never be healed. Likewise, if we do not believe that God wants us to become a partaker of His glory, then we will never partake. Being a partaker requires us to believe and use our faith to receive the promises God has made to us. As for the original image and state of man, let us see what God's Word reveals to us about it.

First, the Scriptures reveal to us that God created man in his own image, ultimately, so God could have a being like unto Himself with the capacity to be a partaker of His divine nature: honor, love and glory.

### **GENESIS 1:26-28**

**26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

**27** So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."**

Man was created by God to commune with God on His level. Similarly a man can only truly commune with another man. As a man cannot fully commune with a dog on the same level as another man.

Likewise, God can commune with angels but not to the same degree that He can with mankind. God never died on a cross to redeem an angle but He did do it for mankind. Man was created in God's image and likeness just a little lower than God Almighty Himself. Therefore it is mankind that can truly receive as well as reciprocate God's honor, love and glory on the highest level.

### **PSALMS 8:4-6**

**4 What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?**

**5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.**

**6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; you have put all things under his feet,**

The word translated “angels” in Psalms 8:5 in the King James Version of the Old Testament, is not an accurate rendering of the original language in this context. The Hebrew word translated “angels” in this Scripture is the word “*elohiym*.” While the word *elohiym* in the original Hebrew can refer to “angels or judges” but it primarily refers to the “supreme God.” In this Scripture and context, “God” is the proper translation. The word *elohiym* has also been translated “God” in many other Scriptures throughout the Old Testament. Here is the definition of the word *elohiym* as it is found in the Stong’s Dictionary.

430 '**elohiym** (el-o-heem');

plural of 433; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative:

KJV-- angels, X exceeding, God (gods)- dess, -ly), X (very) great, judges, X mighty.

The word *elohiym* in Psalms 8:5 has been translated “God” in many other translations of the Old Testament, such as the American Standard Version, New American Standard, and the Revised Standard Version, to name only a few. Below is

the Revised Standard Version rendering of Psalms 8:4-6, which is an example of the way this verse should be translated.

### **PSALMS 8:4-6**

**4 What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?**

**5 Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor.**

**6 Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet, (RSV)**

I believe the reason this verse was rendered “angels” in the King James Version is most likely due to a lack of understanding by the translators at the time or, simply due to the religious mindset of their day. Keep in mind that the King James Version of the Bible was written about four hundred years ago shortly after a time we call the Dark Ages. It was called the Dark Ages, due to the lack of illumination and understanding of God’s Word, as the general public did not have access to the Scriptures, which were confined to monasteries and the Scriptures were only read to the general public in Latin.

Now I would like to point out another important observation of Psalms 8:5. Not only did God make man in His own image (Genesis 1:26-28) but God also made man a little lower than Himself. Then God took the same glory and honor that is in His presence (1 Chronicles 16:27) and crowned man with it. Then God made man a ruler, like Himself, over the works of His hands.

In man's original state in the day that God had created him in the Garden of Eden, man was even clothed with the glory of God. This means that man was originally clothed just like God, "with a brilliant light from his waist up and from his waist down." This was not natural light, but the supernatural glory of God, much like when Moses face shown with the glory of God after coming down Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments (Ex 34:29). Man only found himself naked after he had lost this original glory clothing when he sinned against God.

### **EZEKIAL 1:26-28**

**26 And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it.**

**27** Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around.

**28** Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

Now we can see from these Scriptures and Psalms 8:5 that man was crowned with glory and honor – so much so that it was even his original clothing. Man, like the animals, was originally clothed from the inside out. Originally man never had to wear external clothing. Unfortunately, the day that Adam sinned against God he lost much more than his clothes, he lost the Garden, he lost the presence and close fellowship of God, and he lost the glory and honor that was bestowed upon him. On top of all that Adam gave His dominion and rule to the devil and the curse of death invaded his spirit, soul, and body. Furthermore, Adam passed the death down to all mankind (Rom 5:12).

In fact, this is the very reason that Jesus told the Jewish ruler Nicodemus in the gospel of John that a man must be born again.

### **JOHN 3:1-6**

**1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.**

**2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."**

**3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."**

**4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"**

**5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

**6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

Man must be born again spiritually because he is born spiritually dead from natural birth. Therefore, man's spirit must be reborn or revived with the life of God in order to be fit to once again be a vessel suitable for the honor, love and the glory of God.

**MATTHEW 9:16-17**

**16** "No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.

**17** "Nor do they put new wine [the glory God] into old wineskins [dead human spirits], or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine [the glory of God] into new wineskins [born again human spirits], and both are preserved."

In the Garden of Eden, God told Adam and Eve they could freely eat the fruit from all the trees in the Garden of Eden but the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil that was in the middle of the Garden, He specifically warned them NOT to eat from it.

**GENESIS. 2:17**

**17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

What happened? Adam and Eve did not drop dead immediately as though they ate a bite of poisonous fruit. This phrase "you shall surely die" in the Hebrew is actually two Hebrew words. The first word is "mowt" and the second word is "taamuwt".

Both of these words are derivatives of the same root word and both convey the idea of death.

The phrase “you shall surely die” would have been better translated, “in death you shall die” or “in dying you shall die.” But in the King James Version and many other translations, the first word is translated you shall surely then the second word is translated die.

It is important for us to understand what happened to Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God. We know that they did not immediately die physically the day that they ate the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. In fact, the Bible records that Adam lived for more than 900 years. So what really happened? The truth is that they first died spiritually, and as a result of dying spiritually, they ultimately died physically. Hence “in dying you shall die.”

Disobedience to God is called sin. Sin separates us from God. Separation from God, who is the source of all life, is called spiritual death.

## **ROMANS 6:23**

**23 For the wages of sin is death [dishonor, and corruption], but the gift of God is eternal life**

**[honor, love and glory] in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Thankfully, God was not willing to leave mankind in a state of spiritual corruption, eternally separated from Himself. But God the Father, planned in the fullness of time to send the second person of the Godhead, Jesus, His only begotten Son. Jesus bore the penalty of God's justice. He experienced spiritual, mental and physical death for all men because all men had died spiritually, mentally and physically in Adam.

In fact, Jesus was able to avoid inheriting the sin nature of mankind only because God personally impregnated the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit. This allowed Jesus to become a man legally and bypass the cursed bloodline of Adam. Joseph was a descendant of Adam and his blood like all of us was corrupted from birth. This made it impossible for him or any other man to be the biological father of a pure sinless man. Joseph was a just man that adopted Jesus and raised Him in a Godly manner.

It is a known fact that a woman never gives or shares her blood with her unborn baby. We get our blood from our father not our mother. In fact, the mother and her baby can both have different blood

types. Jesus got his blood directly from God the Father and this allowed Jesus to have pure, undefiled blood, free from the corruption and curse of sin. His mother Mary as a woman, only carried the seed of God. Because of this, Jesus was latter able to sacrificially shed His sinless blood on our behalf as a substitute that was acceptable to God to pay the judgement for all mankind's sin.

In the end, Jesus suffered death just like Adam – spirit, soul and body – in order to fully restore and redeem mankind back to the original state that God had intended for him. The main difference being that Adam died because of his own sin, whereas Jesus died because of our sins.

### **1 JOHN 4:9-10**

**9 In this the love [honor, love and glory] of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.**

**10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

This is the Good News of the gospel. That God, who is *honor, love and glory personified* made a way for all men to be redeemed and restored to the

original state that God had intended from the beginning. That state was God's image, likeness and nature.

This is what actually happens to every Christian at the new birth. The Holy Spirit who is honor, love and glory recreates our human spirit, by depositing *honor, love and glory* into our heart. Bringing back into our spirit all the nature and essence of God Himself which is honor, love and glory. Again, this was the original nature and essence of the first man Adam when he was created.

## **2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4**

**3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,**

**4 whose minds the god of this age [the devil] has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God [honor, love and glory], should shine on them.**

## **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

**17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ [honor, love and glory], he is a new creation; old things [dishonor and corruption] have passed away; behold, all things have become new [honor, love and glory],.**

**GALATIANS 5:22-23**

**22** But the fruit of the Spirit [honor, love and glory] is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
**23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

**1 PETER 1:23**

**23** having been born again, not of corruptible seed [dishonor and corruption] but incorruptible [honor, love and glory], through the word of God [honor, love and glory] which lives and abides forever,

**JOHN 5:24**

**24** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word [honor, love and glory] and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life [honor, love and glory], and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

So God's process of restoring man's honor, love and glory begins with the new birth of man's spirit. Instantaneously the Holy Spirit of God, restores man's original nature which was God's nature. And

at the same time restoring the broken relationship between God and man.

Though salvation can happen in a moment of time, the next stage in the process of redemption will take a lifetime. It is a renewing of our mind to God's way of understanding and thinking. The word "repent" actually comes from a Greek word that means: "to change your mind."

### **ROMANS 12:2**

**2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

### **EPHESIANS 4:23-24**

**23 and be renewed in the spirit of your minds,  
24 and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God [honor, love and glory] in true righteousness and holiness. (RSV)**

The process of mental restoration will not be completed until we go to be with the Lord or when the last trumpet sounds. At which time we will also receive a glorified body exactly like mankind had in the beginning and exactly like the Lord Jesus

currently possesses. Then we will be completely whole body, soul and spirit.

## **1 CORINTHIANS 15:52-55**

**52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

**53 For this corruptible [body] must put on incorruption, and this mortal [body] must put on immortality.**

**54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."**

**55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"**

## ***Where It All Ends***

God's nature is the key to our nature. We will never see the true purpose for our lives until we understand honor, love and glory. What I Am about to share with you only came after seven years of study and is one of the greatest revelations I have come to understand. This revelation really put things into a whole new perspective for me and I believe it will bless you as well. But I will say that it is going to take some meditation.

When I first started studying the subject of honor it did not take long before I realized there was much more to the subject than I realized. I could see a basic correlation between love and honor and I could see a basic correlation between honor and glory. And by God's Spirit I knew they were all uniquely separate yet they come together as one completing each other, like the Godhead.

But it was the correlation between love and glory that seemed to be the biggest leap for my mind and for the longest time it allude me. But nearly seven

years latter I finally got it. God showed me their unique connection and how they work together.

So what is the connection? To help you see it I need to give you a quick lesson on seed, time and harvest.

I live in northern California near the great redwoods. These trees can reach heights above 360 feet and over 20 feet across with diameters greater than 60 feet at the base. But like every plant they still start from a very small seed. Every redwood seed has the power within it to grow and develop into a glorious redwood tree. At maturity the tree will ultimately produce pinecones with more seeds inside. Essentially the pinecone is the fruit of a redwood containing the seeds of the redwood tree.

Similarly an apple tree produces apples which are the fruit and glory of the apple tree. And each apple contains seeds within itself. These seeds can then be planted and become mature trees. And ultimately under the right conditions they could produce fruit as well. You can count how many seeds are in an apple but you can not count how many apples and trees are in a seed.

A seed given enough time will grow until the fruit begins to show. Seed, Time and Harvest (Fruit). Now I like to look at Love, Honor, and Glory the same way. Additionally look at the Godhead: The Son, The Father, and The Holy Spirit all three but one in the same God. Also we have solid, liquid and vapor the three states of water but all still water.

God the Father planted His Son Jesus as a seed of Love in the earth. When we receive God's Word and accept Jesus as Lord The Holy Spirit plants the seed of salvation into our heart. This seed contains God's glory within it. The seed grows as we honor God and walk with Him. Honoring the Father is like water and fertilizer in our heart and brings growth to the seed of Jesus Love planted in our heart. And when fully mature it will produce Glory fruit, which is the result of the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

Said another way when we are born again the life seed of God is planted in our heart and this seed will ultimately produce glorious fruit in our lives if properly cultivated. Fruit that will bring us to glory and gives glory to God.

Jesus is Love, The Love of God personified to mankind. The Father is the Honor of God personified as Judge of mankind, and the Holy Spirit is the manifest power and presents of God to mankind.

The glory of a thing is the fullness of its nature revealed. The seed is the beginning and the fruit is the end. But it really does not end there because the fruit contains the seed within itself. So we can then see that love produces honor and honor produces glory. So glory is the fullness of love and contains honor within itself.

This is why you and I are destined to bear the glory of God because we have the seed of God, which is God's love already planted in our heart. And in time we will become glorious as love bears its fruit. Then the seed of love within us can be planted into the field of the world.

When you see other Christians that seem to have a strong anointing on their lives you are simply observing God's glory manifesting fruit on their tree. But you can also bear fruit and manifest the glory and anointing placed on your life but you must first come to Christ and receive the seed of love and allow honor to develop by watering it

with the Word of God until the glory of the Holy Spirit starts to manifest in your life.

The New Testament declares that Jesus is returning for a glorious church but it will not happen until we embrace the love of God. When we do, then we can love one another. As we embrace the honor of God, then we can honor others and we open the door for God to honor us. As we glorify God he glorifies us so we can bear his image allowing others to partake of the fruit.

Make no mistake about it your fruit is not for you alone it is also a gift of God to those around you and those God would send you to.

So ultimately God intends the church to be crowned with His honor, love and glory, and exercise dominion as kings and priests. God has always desired man to rule and reign with Him in honor, love and glory forever.

### **REVELATION 1:5-6**

**5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**

**6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (KJV)**

Because of the selfless sacrifice of Jesus, we are now able to call God, our heavenly Father. We have also been made kings and priests and joint-heirs with Jesus. And God wants us to start thinking like kings and priests. Reigning in life as we follow the Great King and our great High Priest Jesus the Christ.

### **ROMANS 8:14-18**

**14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God [honor, love and glory], these are sons of God.**

**15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."**

**16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**

**17 and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ [God], if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.**

**18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared**

**with the glory [honor, love and glory] which shall be revealed in us.**

Did you notice the statement in verse 17 that said, “*that we may also be glorified together*” and the statement in verse 18 that said, “*compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us?*”

### **JOHN 8:58**

**58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."**

It helps to remember that Jesus the Christ is the Second person of the Godhead. In other words, Jesus was and is God manifest in the flesh. That means that we are heirs of God the Father and joint heirs with God the Son.

Do you have any idea what it means to be a joint heir with Christ? For it is by grace through faith that we are made joint heirs with Christ Jesus (Eph 2:5-8). It is God’s grace that gives us the right to become partakers of His Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:2-4). And we now know His Divine Nature is honor, love and glory. This also means you get the same inheritance Jesus gets! That does not mean you get the same reward, because our rewards are based on our works and our inheritance is based on

grace. There will be some people in heaven who will have greater rewards than others, but we all share the same inheritance as sons of God.

## **PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**

**5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,**

**6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,**

**7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.**

**8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.**

**9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,**

**10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,**

**11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Jesus did not consider it robbery to be equal with God and neither should we. That does not mean that we walk around full of pride, rather, like Jesus

we need to learn to humble ourselves before God and men. But neither does it mean that we have to deny our new true heritage as heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus. For some of us, this may mean that we need to adjust our thinking to realize who we are in Christ. We do this by changing our mind to agree with God and not the world or religion. It is not prideful for us as sons and daughters of the King to acknowledge our birthright and our new place in the family of God. As children of the King we are destined to rule and reign with Him forever and ever.

## **REVELATION 22:5**

**5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.**

As part of our birthright God desires to restore dominion back to us, as in the beginning. As Christians we should know that God has already given us dominion and authority in Jesus name over the devil. But our Father also wants us to receive His honor, love and glory for the purpose of learning how to properly rule and reign over our circumstances in life as kings, then we can turn

around as priests dispensing honor, love and glory to this lost and dying world.

### **REVELATION 3:21**

**21 To him who overcomes I [Jesus] will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.**

Here we are even told that if we overcome in this life we will be granted the right to sit with Christ on His throne. God has many great things in store for those who love and honor Him. Make sure that you do not miss out on anything that God wants you to have. Honor God and watch him honor you.

Make no mistake about it, when we are born again, we become heirs of almighty God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus, and because of that, you and I are now able to be a partakers of His divine nature: *honor, love and glory*. And we are destined to bear the honor, love and glory of God forever without end.



## **Would you like to know Jesus?**

Read this page carefully, then pray.

### **ROMANS 10:9-11**

**9 If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

**11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." (NKJ)**

Understand that salvation is not simply reciting a prayer but salvation is opening your heart to Jesus and making Him Lord of your life.

Now pray: Jesus, forgive me for my sins. I turn from my sins and I receive You, Jesus, as my Lord and Savior. I ask You to come into my heart and take control of my life. I believe You took my place and died for me on the cross and I believe that God raised You from the dead. And I thank You for saving me and revealing Yourself to me in a personal and intimate way. In Jesus name. Amen.

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