

## Glory For Me

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The New Testament has much to say about the subject of “glory.” It is defined as “high renown or honor won by notable achievements” in our English dictionaries.

### God’s Eternal Glory

The greatest number of times “glory” is used to describe God and His eternal honor.

*“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen”* (Matt. 6:13) is the ending of the Lord’s prayer. Often the glory given to God seems to be a doxology in the Scriptures (Gal. 1:4-5; Phil. 4:20; 2 Tim. 4:18). God is certainly worthy of all praise, honor and glory! Everything originates and ends with Him, and man is the product of His power.

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”* (Lk. 2:14) sang “a multitude of the heavenly host” as Jesus, God’s only begotten Son, was born into the world to save mankind! A multitude of Jesus’ disciples likewise praised God for all the mighty works of Jesus as He entered Jerusalem on a colt for the final time (Lk. 19:38): *“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!” Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”*

Jesus Himself declared that He did not come to the earth to seek His own glory, but the glory of the Father (Jn. 7:18).

Repeatedly in the Bible, men have been given glimpses of God’s “glory” — Abraham (Acts 7:2), Isaiah (Is. 6:1-4; Jn. 12:41), Stephen (Acts 7:55), and the high priest (Heb. 9:5). Undoubtedly these were representations of God’s glory made available for human amazement, but man has been wholly awed by them.

### The Glory Of God’s People

“Glory” is used to describe the **relationship** of disciples with God in the New Testament. Jesus said in His prayer to the Father: *“And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one”* (Jn. 17:22). God’s gift to the faithful is *“eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor and immortality”* (Rom. 2:7). Christians *“...have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God”* (Rom. 5:2). Perhaps we should reflect more upon the **glory** that shall be ours at the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ! *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us”* (Rom. 8:18). This is what changed the lives of the faithful while they were here on the earth. They sacrificed anything and everything to obtain that eternal glory. *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,”* (2 Cor. 4:17). I cannot help but hear the words of the old hymn we sing about receiving heaven as our reward. The refrain is “that will be glory for me!”

### The Glory Of The World’s Kingdoms

Most men are **short-sighted** and will sacrifice that eternal glory for a little glory here upon the earth. Satan offered Jesus in the third temptation *“...all the kingdoms of the world and their glory”* (Matt. 4:8) if only He would fall down and worship Satan! Make no mistake about it — there is much temporal glory in the riches of this world — but it is *temporal* indeed. John’s revelation says of heaven: *“And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it”* (Rev. 21:24). (I must confess that I’m still working to comprehend this statement!)

So much more could be said about “glory” just in the New Testament! My plan is to prepare a sermon soon to discuss the subject even further.

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