

Sunday June 6th, 2010

Please Show Me Your Glory

1) Rom 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, [lit. the Christ] for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*

2 Cor 3:18 *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.*

- a) As we mature in our faith what progression do we see evidenced in these 2 scriptures?
- b) How does the transformation take place?
- c) What OT event is 2 Cor 3 making reference to?

2) Ex 34: 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.*

- a) Why did Moses' face shine?
- b) Why was he required to put a veil over his face?

c) What would be the significance of Moses taking off the veil to speak with the Lord?

3) 2 Cor. 3:7 *But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. 10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. 11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.*

- a) How is Israel's covenant under Moses referred to in these scriptures?
- b) Why would Paul refer to it this way?
- c) In what way is the ministry of the Spirit also referred to as?
- d) What differences do you see between the Mosaic Covenant and the ministry of the Spirit?

4) 2 Cor. 3:14 *But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 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.

- a) In what way is Moses wearing a veil a type?
- b) What further information are we given here about the nation of Israel?
- c) What hope does Israel have collectively or individually?
- d) What event will bring about the nation's change of heart?
- e) What scriptures do we have to support Israel's change of heart?
- f) Contextually how do you understand liberty as it is referred to in v.17?
- g) Does v.18 apply to all the redeemed?

5) The Hebrew word that is translated 'Glory' is the word *chabod* (*Strongs # 03159*). And it means: weightiness, that which is substantial or heavy; glory, honor, splendor, power, wealth, authority, magnificence, fame, dignity, riches and excellency. The root of '*chabod*' is '*chabad*' (*Strongs # 03513*) meaning to be heavy, glorious, and notable; to be renowned.

- a) What 4 areas of God's glory can we categorize His glory into?
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 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)

b) If 'heaviness' and 'weightiness' demonstrates glory in the OT, what does 'lightness' equate with?

c) At what event was the heaviness of God's glory so aptly demonstrated?

6) Joh 2:11 *This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.*

a) Jesus came to the earth with no recognizable glory. How was His glory manifested?

b) For what purpose?

7) 2 Cor. 4:17 *For our **light affliction**, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal **weight of glory**,*

a) What do you understand '*light affliction*' to mean?

b) How does it relate to and compare with the '*weight of glory*'?

c) What other scriptures do we have that demonstrate the same idea?

d) What are your personal thoughts on the role of suffering with regards to glory?

8) Finally: look at the following scriptures and identify what is involved in ‘giving God glory’.

*Jos 7:19 Now Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I beg you, **give glory to the LORD God of Israel**, and make confession to Him, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me."*

*Jer 13:16 **Give glory to the LORD your God** Before He causes darkness, And before your feet stumble On the dark mountains, And while you are looking for light, He turns it into the shadow of death And makes it dense darkness.*

*Mal 2:2 If you will not hear, And if you will not take it to heart, To **give glory to My name**," Says the LORD of hosts, "I will send a curse upon you, And I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, Because you do not take it to heart.*

*Re 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and **give Him glory**.*

9). Final thoughts or questions?