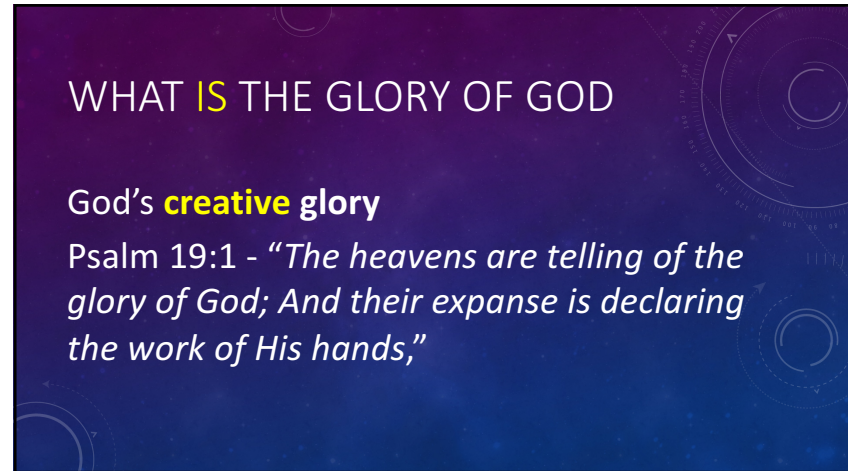




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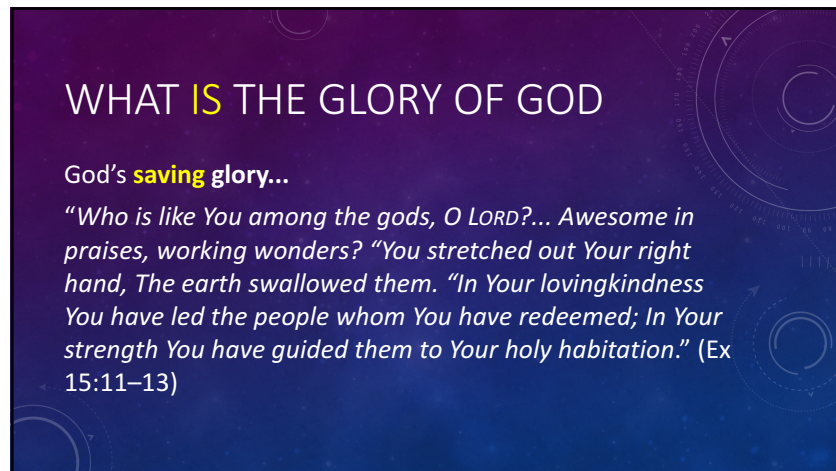
THE AIM: THE GLORY OF GOD (PART B)



WHAT IS THE GLORY OF GOD

God's **creative** glory

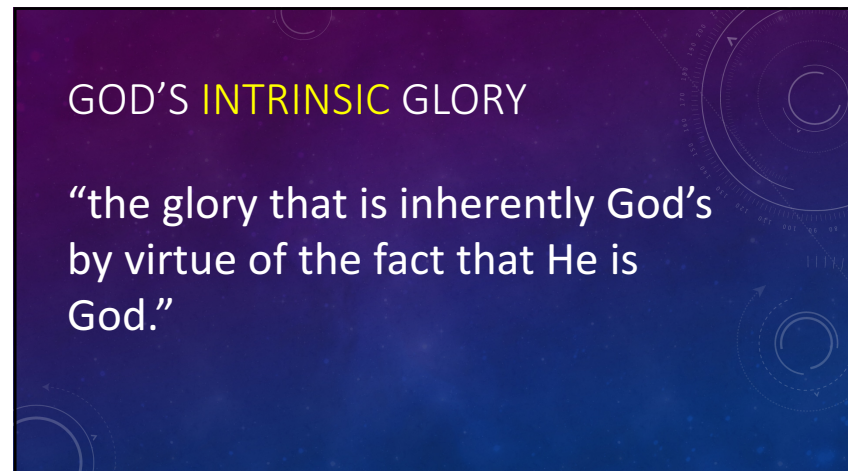
Psalm 19:1 - *"The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands,"*



WHAT IS THE GLORY OF GOD

God's **saving** glory...

"Who is like You among the gods, O LORD?... Awesome in praises, working wonders? "You stretched out Your right hand, The earth swallowed them. "In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; In Your strength You have guided them to Your holy habitation." (Ex 15:11-13)



GOD'S INTRINSIC GLORY

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GOD'S REPUTATIONAL GLORY

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Three questions:

- **First, what is it?**
- **Second, why is it significant?**
- **Third, how do we live and pray for it?**

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The glory that is God's because of His surpassing character. It is comprised of all the elements of his character that create his reputation.

GOD'S JUSTICE

Ez 39:21 "And I will set My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed and My hand which I have laid on them."

GOD'S LOVINGKINDNESS AND TRUTH

Ps 115:1 "Not to us, O LORD, not to us, But to Your name give glory. Because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth."

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Psalm 79:9-10 "Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; And deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake. Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

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Ever since the fall of man, living to the glory of God is, in many respects, a reversal of what occurred in the fall.

It is a reinstating of God's character in the minds of men.

It is the magnifying his reputation, particularly with respect to his goodness, wisdom and trustworthiness.

ROMANS 4:19-20

*"Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; 20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong **in faith, giving glory to God.**"*

1 PETER 1:6-7

*"In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that **the tested genuineness of your faith... may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**"*

HOW WE PRAY FOR IT?

Praying for God's glory means that our lives and the lives of others may magnify his reputation in the sight of the world and cosmos.

NUMBERS 14:15-16

Now if you kill this people as one man, then the nations who have heard your fame will say, 'It is because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to give to them that he has killed them in the wilderness.'

JOSHUA 7:9

"the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?"

2 KINGS 19:19

So now, O LORD our God, save us, please, from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, O LORD, are God alone."

DANIEL 9:17-19

¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate.... Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."

CONCLUSION

- Living to the glory of God is, primarily, magnifying his reputation, particularly with respect to his goodness, wisdom and trustworthiness. Praying to his glory means asking for that to be true in our lives and others.