

## Until the Earth is Filled with His Glory 2

Habakkuk 2:14 - For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

What is the Glory of God?

- glory = Heb. kabowd = translated wealth, splendor, honor, riches, abundance... a heaviness... a brightness
  - Revelation 21:23 – we won't need a sun or moon for light because God's glory will shine so intensely
- glory = Gk. doxa = God's infinite, intrinsic worth... the splendor and majesty originating in God alone

God's Glory is Sometimes Utterly Terrifying

- Numbers 14: The Spies Rebel – God's glory threatened to kill them all
- Numbers 16:1-40: Korah's Rebellion - God's glory appeared, opened the ground, and buried them alive
- Numbers 16:41-50: Korah's Rebellion 2.0 - God's glory appeared and wiped out 14,700 people
- 1 Samuel 5: The Ark of the Covenant – God's glory on the Ark sends tumors and a mouse infestation on the Philistines, striking fear into their hearts
- 2 Samuel 6: Uzzah Killed – God's glory killed Uzzah for touching the Ark

Ezekiel Saw God's Glory

- Ezekiel 1:4-5 - 4 As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal. 5 And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures...
- Ezekiel 1:26-28 - 26 And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. 27 And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. 28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.
- Ezekiel 3:23 - So I arose and went out into the valley, and behold, the glory of the Lord stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the Chebar canal, and I fell on my face.
- Ezekiel 43:2-3 - 2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east. And the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory. 3 And the vision I saw was just like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and just like the vision that I had seen by the Chebar canal. And I fell on my face.
- Ezekiel saw God's glory and understood the fear of God

Moses Saw God's Glory

- Exodus 19 – God descends on Mount Sinai and it's intense
- Exodus 20 – The people are afraid and refuse to come near
  - Exodus 20:21 - The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.
- Exodus 24 – Moses and the elders go even closer
  - Exodus 24:9-11 - 9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. 11 And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

- Exodus 24:15-18 - 15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18 Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.
- Exodus 33-34 – Moses sees God’s glory again
  - Exodus 33:19-23 - 19 And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” 21 And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”
  - Exodus 34:6-8 - 6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.” 8 And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.
- Moses saw God’s glory and understood the goodness of God

#### David Saw God’s Glory

- The Tabernacle and Temple were filled with God’s glory (Exodus 40, 2 Chronicles 7)
- Psalm 26:8 - O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.
- Psalm 63:2 - So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
- Psalm 27:4 - One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.
- David saw God’s glory and understood the beauty of God

#### Jesus, Lord of Glory

- John 1:14 - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Jesus is the most complete, fullest picture we have of the glory of God
  - His birth was announced by angels in glory (Luke 2:8-10)
  - He lived in glory (John 1:14)
  - He shone with glory at the Transfiguration (Luke 9)
  - He demonstrated the glory of God in miracles (John 11)
  - He entered into glory through the cross (Luke 24:26)
  - He was raised from the dead by the glory of God (Romans 6:4)
  - He was counted worthy of glory (Hebrews 3:3)
  - He was crowned with glory (Hebrews 2:9)
  - He will return one day in glory (Luke 9:26, Matt 24:30, etc.)
  - He has more glory than Moses (Hebrews 3:3)
  - He is called the “Lord of Glory” (James 2:1, 1 Cor 2:8)
- Hebrews 1:3 - He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power...
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 - For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

#### What Do we Do with This?

- Make sure your heart is right before God
- Draw near to God
- Walk in peace
- Love your enemies
- Preach the Gospel, make disciples, raise up leaders, and establish churches