

## Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in all wisdom,  
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



*Who is God? What is He like? Can He be known? These are the most important questions in the universe. The good news is God has answered these questions by revealing Himself through His attributes. Since the beginning of Lent we have had 19 devotionals on the attributes of God. We come now to the final attribute, **the glory of God.***

### Glory

What is glory? What is the difference between God's glory and His holiness. Holiness is the greatest of God's many attributes, His crowning attribute. He is holy, set apart, completely other. Glory is the sum of all His attributes. Glory is the brilliant radiance produced by the infinite combination of all His attributes. God's glory outshines ten thousand suns.

God's glory is like a stained-glass window. Each piece of glass is like an attribute, piece of His character and nature, and all of it together is a stunningly beautiful, brilliant light. God's glory is what you see when His light shines through all that He is and has. God's glory is the revelation of all His attributes, of which holiness is His greatest. We are created for His glory, to behold His glory and to glorify Him.

### Scripture on God's Glory

*Psalm 8:1 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.*

*Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

*Psalm 57:5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!*

*Psalm 72:18-19 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.  
<sup>19</sup> Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!*

*Psalm 96:1-9 Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
<sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.  
<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
<sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.  
<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.  
<sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!  
<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
<sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!*

**Isaiah 6:1-4** In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" <sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

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

**Romans 11:33-36** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

<sup>35</sup> "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

**I Corinthians 10:31** Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

**II 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.

**I Timothy 1:17** To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Jude 24-25** Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

## **Song**

**Psalms 59:16** But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

### **To God Be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice.  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us,  
Great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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## Prayer

*II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Holy, gracious, and all-glorious God, we worship and praise you. You are God most high, higher than which there is no other. You are exalted above the heavens and your glory is over all the earth. You alone dwell in unapproachable light; your glory outshines ten thousand suns. How awesome are your deeds. The unveiled revelation of yourself in creation, redemption and Scripture cause our hearts to soar. You are the mighty one who is strong to save. Salvation belongs to our God. In your righteousness you deliver and rescue the perishing, you judge and bring down your enemies, you humble the exalted and exalt the humble. You are the one and only true God before whom all will bow and worship you and glorify your name.

Father, we know from experience that uncertainty about life and the future can lead us to great fear and misery and anxiety. The trials and troubles that beset our lives are innumerable. But by your Word and your Spirit you have given to us certainty about your good providence and your purposeful control of all things. Our future is securely in your hands. Our faith in you that leads us to certainty leads us to joy, peace and trust. We can rest our anxious souls in your perfect, Fatherly providence and in your sovereign goodness, that you work all things for your glory and our benefit.

We desire to give you all the honor and glory that is due your name for no one has done great things as you. May you be glorified in and through us now and forever. Holy Father, be glorified here in our lives and in our church and in our nation, for your glory is our eternal security and everlasting hope and joy. Use us here, Lord, to fill the world with your glory, that people from every tribe and tongue and nation would see you and be glad and worship you.

Thank you that you are the one true God and that you are not only to be glorified, but to be enjoyed forever. Prepare us and make us fit for that purpose which will be ours now and forever. We dare to ask as Moses asked, show us your glory. All this we ask in the holy name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria! To God alone be all the Glory!