

The Glory of God

God's Glorious Plan

The **Glory of God** and what **He has planned for the future** are magnificent themes that run like golden threads throughout the Bible. The return of Jesus, what the future has in store for this earth, and how we should be living our lives today, are all directly connected with the **Good News about God's Plan of Glory**. The three quotes below give us a nutshell description of what God intends to do in the future. The first reference from Numbers 14:21 vows God's **own existence** as a guarantee that His Plan of Glory will indeed happen:

- “...but truly **as I live**, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD” Num.14:21
- “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious.” Isa.11:9-10
- “For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” Hab.2:14

God's Glory filling the earth

God's glory filling the earth would mean all those things that **God values filling the earth**, in contrast to today, where we see a world that is full of all the things that man values, which in many cases has resulted in untold human suffering and misery. The verses below from the prophet Isaiah give us further details of this wonderful time to come:

- “Now it shall come to pass in the **latter days**, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, 'Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He shall teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. 'For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” Isa.2:2-3

See also Mic.4:1-7; Isa.ch35; Jer.33:14-15; Zech.14:16-21.

God's Glory in Power and Majesty

The word 'glory' in the Bible can be understood as 'splendour', 'majesty' or 'awe inspiring'. In Psalm 19 we are told that, “**the heavens declare the glory of God**”. When we look at the heavens we can see the great power and majesty of God. God has shown His glory via **His Holy Spirit Power** with miracles, visions, fire, earthquake, storm and bright light (Luke 2:9; Ezek.ch1; Hab.3:3).

Jesus demonstrated God's Glory in the visual sense by the miracles He performed and in the **Kingdom vision of Glory** on the mount (Luke 9:27-36).

- “This sickness is not unto death, but for the **glory of God**, that the Son of God **may be glorified through it**.”

John 11:4

See also Matt.9:8; John 2:11.

God's Glory in Love and Unity

- “And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one.” John 17:22
- “...and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14
- “And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the **spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; and his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD...**”

Isa.11:2-3 R.V.

In the first verse above from John ch17, we can see that **Jesus' loving relationship** with His Father, His disciples and others, is also an example of God's Glory. This shows God's Glory in a character that displays **love and unity**. When we follow God's advice in our lives, our behaviour is showing praise and glory to God. If we sin, the Bible says that we, “fall short of the glory of God” (Rom.3:23). Mistreatment of children is referred to in the Bible as **taking away God's Glory** from them forever (Mic.2:9).

God's Glory in all ways

- “Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things! And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be **filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.**” Psalm 72:18-19

God's Glory will once again be seen on this earth in both the natural and spiritual sense, when Jesus returns. It will be seen in a renewed earth, and in people who live in peace, holiness and happiness together, all worshipping the One God through His Son, who will be the King of all nations. **You will find in Psalm 72 an amazing and beautiful word picture of this coming Kingdom of Glory**. Part of God's Plan is to prepare willing people today for the **future glory** they will share with Jesus in his Kingdom **after** He returns.

- “When Christ who is our life **appears**, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” Col.3:4
- “...and when the chief shepherd **appears**, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away ... v10 may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.” 1 Pet.5:4, 10
- “...when He **comes** in that day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.” 2 Thess.1:10
- “...though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honour, and glory at **the revelation of Jesus Christ.**” 1 Pet.1:7
- “But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.” 1 Pet.4:13

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