

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Exodus 33:17-23 “So the LORD said to Moses, ‘I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.’ And he said, ‘Please, show me Your glory.’ Then He said, ‘I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.’ But He said, ‘You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.’ And the LORD said, ‘Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.’”

Quote: “A man can no more diminish God’s glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling ‘darkness’ on the wall of his cell.” C.S. Lewis

The glory of God involves the unique and pre-eminent excellence of all that He is in His perfection. Many of the inspired writers of Scripture paint a faint semblance of God’s glory. Isaiah wrote, “For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.’”¹ Jeremiah cried out, “Inasmuch as there is none like You, O LORD (You are great, and Your name is great in might), who would not fear You, O King of the nations? For this is Your rightful due. For among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like You...”² Nehemiah proclaimed “Blessed be Your glorious name, Which is exalted above all blessing and praise! You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.”³ David sang, “Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out 90

the heavens like a curtain.”⁴ Ezekiel wrote that God’s throne was “like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the *appearance* of fire all around within it; and from the *appearance* of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the *appearance* of fire with brightness all around. Like the *appearance* of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the *appearance* of the brightness all around it. This was the *appearance* of the *likeness* of the glory of the LORD. So when I saw it, I fell on my face.”⁵

By God’s grace, may we purpose that our worship will be more about extolling Who He is than about what it does for us; that our attitudes will embrace whatever circumstances God ordains for us; that our goals will reflect a passion to spend our life for His glory and the eternal good of men; that our thoughts will be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ; that our speech will be impeccably pure and edifying; that our conduct in both work and play will be noble as a child of the Most High God; that our appearance will befit the glorious bride of Christ for Whom He suffered and died, and that our time will be invested to further the Kingdom of God.

God is Glorious

Great God, unsearchable, unknown, supreme beyond compare, in reverent adoration our feeble praise we share. Thy glory is that *excellence* unique to Thee alone—spectacular in majesty, vast universe Thy throne! For hungry souls, Thy written Word grants a faint glimpse of Thee. Though dim, the image awes the mind, and bows both heart and knee. Thy grandeur, matchless King of kings and regal Lord of lords, leads saints to meditate on Thee and silently adore. Pure worship of the Heav’nly throng envelops me in praise, o’erwhelming me with joy that sets my grateful heart ablaze. None but Thyself can fully know the glory that is Thine. All tribute saints may offer Thee falls short by Thy design, but fearing Thee and loving Thee and walking in Thy ways while serving Thee with grateful heart beyond my earth-bound days.⁶

1 Isaiah 57:15 2 Jeremiah 10:6-7 3 Nehemiah 9:5-6 4 Psa.104:1-2
5 Ezekiel 1:26-28 6 Exodus 24:10; Revelation 4