

Sermon Quotes
April 6th, 2008
Reflecting God's Glory

Scripture Text: Isaiah 43:5-7

God's glory is the beauty, power, wisdom and splendor of His character revealed in a variety of ways, but displayed in its highest and fullest measure through the gospel of His Son.

2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV “And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lord**, are **being transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

Two-Step Process:

1. Beholding God's Glory (every day)
2. Reflecting God's Glory (every day)

*“This was the great coming together for me—the breakthrough. What was life about? What was it for? Why do I exist? Why am I here? To be happy? Or to glorify God? Unspoken for years, there was in me the feeling that these two were at odds. **Either you glorify God or you pursue happiness.** One seemed right; the other seemed absolutely inevitable. And that is why I was confused and frustrated for so long. Compounding the problem was that many who seemed to emphasize the glory of God in their thinking did not seem too enjoy Him much...But now here was the greatest mind of early America, Jonathan Edward's, saying that God's purpose for my life was that I have a passion for God's glory AND that I have a passion for my joy in that glory, and **these two are one passion.**”*

—John Piper

John 15:10-11 “If you keep my commandments, you will **abide in my love**, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that **my joy** may be **in you**, and that **your joy may be full.**”

John 10:9-10 “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. **I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.**”

Matt. 7:13-14 “Enter by the narrow gate. For the **gate is wide** and **the way is easy** that **leads to destruction**, and those who enter by it are many. For the **gate is narrow** and the **way is hard** that **leads to life**, and those who find it **are few.**”

John 8:31-32 “If you **continue** in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

*“All He (Jesus) was and did, He owed to the Father; in all He only sought the Father's will and glory. **He had become man to show us what a creature ought to be to its Creator.** He took our place, and the spirit of His life before the Father was what He ever seeks to make ours...”*

—Andrew Murray

“What I finally came to as I walked and prayed for you is the old, old story of getting the gospel clear in your own hearts and minds, making it clear to others, and doing it with only one motive—the glory of Christ. Getting the glory of Christ before your eyes and keeping it there—is the greatest work of the Spirit that I can imagine. And there is no greater peace, especially in times of treadmill-like activity, than doing it all for the glory of the Lord Jesus. Think much of the Savior's suffering for you on that dreadful cross, think much of your sin that provoked such suffering, and then enter by faith into the love that took away your sin and guilt, and then give your work your best. Give it your heart out of a gratitude for a tender, seeking, and patient Savior. Make every common task shine with the radiance of Christ.”

—C. John Miller