

**Sermon Quotes**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**Beholding God's Glory**

*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.*

**1 Corinthians 10:31** ESV “So, whether you eat or drink, or **whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**”

**1 Peter 4:10-11** ESV “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...**in order that in everything God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ.

Two-Step Process (every day):

1. Beholding God's Glory
2. Reflecting God's Glory

*“In this passage the phrase ‘are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another’ is a description of spiritual growth. The key word is transformed, which in context describes **a significant and fundamental change in our inner being.**”*

—Jerry Bridges

*“What is the glory of the Lord that Paul referred to, and how does beholding it transform us?...This close connection between the gospel and Christ's glory leads me to believe that Paul was, in this instance, thinking of the glory of Christ, **especially as it is revealed in the gospel.**...Our specific responsibility in the pursuit of growth as seen in 2 Cor. 3:18 then, is to behold the glory of the Lord as it is displayed in the gospel. The gospel is the ‘mirror’ through which we now behold His beauty.”*

—Jerry Bridges

*“One day we shall see Christ, not as in a mirror, but face to face. Then ‘we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is’ (1 John 3:2). **Until then we behold Him in the gospel.** Therefore, we must **keep the gospel continually before us...**It is a habit we must develop by practice as we learn to **bathe our minds in the gospel.** None of the means of growth is more important than beholding the glory of Christ in the mirror of the gospel and experiencing the conscience-cleansing effect of the blood of Christ.”*

—Jerry Bridges

*“The light on the face of Moses was the result of fellowship with God...My brothers and sisters, have we not lost a great deal by so seldom dwelling apart, so little seeking a continuous, absorbing fellowship with the Most High? I am sure we have. We snatch a hasty minute of prayer; we allow a hurried fifteen minutes for Bible reading, and we think we have done well...Oh, for the shutting of the closet door and a believer drawing near to God! There is no limit to the power we might obtain if such were the case...Though our faces might not be lit up with splendor, our lives would shine, our characters would become more pure and transparent; and our whole spirit would be so heavenly, that men would regard with wonder the brightness of our being. Thus, you see, the face of Moses shone because he had **long looked upon the face of God.**”*

—Charles Spurgeon