

GLIMPSES OF GOD'S GLORY - PART ONE

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NOTE: Because this sermon was so long, it was necessary to break it into two parts. The entire outline is provided in advance so the entire picture can be seen as a whole.

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FIVE WAYS GOD'S CHILDREN CAN GLORIFY GOD:

[#1]. BE **TRANSFORMED**

[#2]. **PRAISE GOD** and **DECLARE HIS GLORY**

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III. GLIMPSES OF FUTURE GLORY

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- #2. **HEAVEN** WILL BE GLORIOUS

#3. THE SAINTS WILL BE GLORIFIED



S ONE WORD OFTEN USED TO DESCRIBE GOD IS **GLORY**.
TWICE in Scripture GOD IS CALLED **THE GOD OF GLORY** (Psa 29:3; Acts 7:2). The O.T. Hebrew word for *glory* is **KABAD** (kaw-bad'). The primitive root means **to be heavy**. We speak of things being *weighty* meaning they are very significant. The N.T. word for *glory* is **DOXA** (dox'-ah). From *doxa* is derived our English word **doxology**. On occasion we sing the *Doxology*:

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.”

GLORY speaks of something that is **EXTRAORDINARILY MAGNIFICENT**. *Glorious* things are almost **breathtaking**. Words that are often used to describe *glory* are **beauty, majesty, splendor, radiance, brilliance, light, majestic and honor**.

S THERE IS ABOUT GOD that which is **GLORIOUS**. He is **radiant, beautiful, majestic, and splendorous**.

(**Psa 104:2 NIV**), “He wraps himself in **LIGHT** as with a garment; . . .”

S EVERY DESCRIPTION IN SCRIPTURE OF GOD UPON HIS THRONE PORTRAYS GOD’S **GLORY**:

- (**Daniel 7:9**), “and the Ancient of days did sit, his throne **WAS LIKE** the **FIERY FLAME**, and his **WHEELS** as **BURNING FIRE**.”
- (**Ezek 1:26-28 NIV**), “Above the expanse over their heads was what looked like **A THRONE OF SAPPHIRE**, . . . {27} And I saw as THE COLOR OF **AMBER** {bronze colored} AS THE **APPEARANCE OF FIRE** round about within it . . . {28} As the appearance of **THE BOW** that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was THE APPEARANCE OF THE **BRIGHTNESS** round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of **THE GLORY OF THE LORD**. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, . . . ”

- **(Rev 4:3 NIV)**, “And the one who sat there had the APPEARANCE OF **JASPER** and **CARNELIAN**. A **RAINBOW**, resembling an **EMERALD**, encircled the throne.”

S GOD'S THRONE IS:

- **GLORIOUS**
- **RADIANT**
- **BRILLIANT**

THERE IS ABOUT IT:

- The **BEAUTY** of **THE DEEP BLUE SKY**
- The **GLORY** of **A BLOOD-RED RUBY**
- The **WONDER** of **EMERALD GREEN**
- The **RADIANCE** of **A DIAMOND**
- The **BRILLIANCE** of **A BLAZING FIRE**

S **GOD IS A GOD OF GLORY!**

 WHEN GOD CREATED **ADAM and EVE**, He made them with THE CAPACITY to **REFLECT** His glory. Because Adam and Eve were **in perfect fellowship** with God before they sinned, **THEY REFLECTED GOD'S GLORY PERFECTLY**. They **were not the source** of glory, they were **REFLECTORS** of God's glory.

WITH REFLECTORS IN MIND CONSIDER THREE ILLUSTRATIONS:

1) **WHILE GROWING UP**, we lived about 15 miles from the city where we purchased most of our groceries. Driving back from that city required 13 miles of highway and 2 miles of dirt road driving. Detecting the turnoff onto the dirt road was very difficult at night. To help spot the turn off in the dark, my dad placed **A REFLECTOR** on the telephone pole in the ditch beside the highway. The car headlights would shine into the reflector at night indicating where to turn. Now, if you walked down that highway at night and looked at that pole, you would not be able to see the reflector at all. The reflector required light to reflect. That reflector was incapable of making light, all it could do was reflect light.

That is the way it was with **ADAM and EVE**. Adam and Eve were not the light, they were **REFLECTORS** of the light. They were not the *glory*, they were reflectors of God's glory.

2) When we moved into the **YELLOW HOUSE** so you could remodel the parsonage, we discovered **FLOURESCENT STARS** on the

ceiling in the room where we slept. When you turned the lights off at night, they would glow. With a good imagination, a person might think they were outside. The longer the lights were off, the dimmer the stars grew. With time the stars completely stopped glowing. There is an explanation for those stars growing dim. Those stars were not the light, they were **REFLECTORS** of the light.

That is the way it was with **ADAM and EVE**. Adam and Eve were not the light, they were **REFLECTORS** of the light. They were not the *glory*, they were reflectors of God's glory.

3) WHILE AT MOUNT SINAI, **MOSES** PRAYED THIS PRAYER TO GOD:

(Exo 33:18), "... I beseech thee, **SHOW ME THY GLORY.**"

GOD SAID TO MOSES:

(V. 19 -20 NIV), "... 'I will cause all **my goodness** to pass in front of you, ... {20} But ... **you cannot** see my face, for **NO ONE MAY SEE ME AND LIVE.**'"

(V. 21-22), "... 'There is **A PLACE** near me where you may stand **ON A ROCK**. {22} When my glory passes by, I will put you in **A CLEFT** in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. {23} Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.'"

MOSES EVENTUALLY CAME BACK DOWN TO THE PEOPLE **(Exo 34:35)**, "And the children of **ISRAEL SAW THE FACE** OF **MOSES**, that **THE SKIN OF MOSES' FACE SHONE**: and Moses **PUT THE VEIL** UPON HIS FACE again, until he went in to speak with him."

N.T. EXPLANATION FOR THE VEIL

(2 Cor 3:13 NIV), "We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face **TO KEEP THE ISRAELITES FROM GAZING** at it while **THE RADIANCE WAS FADING AWAY.**"

- **MOSES** covered his face so no one could see **THE GLORY FADING FROM HIS FACE**.
- **MOSES' GLORY FADED BECAUSE IT WAS NOT HIS OWN**. Moses was simply **A REFLECTOR** of God's glory. Moses was not the glory, he was a reflector of the glory.

NOW, BACK TO ADAM and EVE -----

ADAM and EVE were created with the capacity to **REFLECT** God's glory. Because Adam and Eve lived in perfect fellowship with God before their sin, they **REFLECTED GOD'S GLORY PERFECTLY**. There is reason to believe Adam and Eve had a **beauty, splendor, radiance, brilliance** about them. Adam and Eve could have looked at one another and known that the other had been in the presence of God.

S **HOWEVER, SOMETHING HAPPENED** that **DIMINISHED** Adam and Eve's ability to reflect the glory of God. **THEY SINNED! THEY** experienced spiritual **death** (Gen 2:17). As a result, **THEY HID FROM GOD** among the trees of in the Garden (Gen 3:10) and **COVERED THEMSELVES** with fig leaves (Gen 3:7).

S **WHAT CAUSED ADAM and EVE** to **cover themselves** and **hide**? My opinion is their ability to reflect God's *glory* was so diminished that there was **A VISIBLE DIFFERENCE**. Adam and Eve could look into the other's face and see a fading **radiance** and discern deteriorating **GLORY!** They knew something was wrong by outward observation.

THE BOOK OF **ROMANS** uses the word **GLORY** to describe what happened to them. It also describes what has happened to all of us. (**Rom 3:23**), "For all have **SINNED**, and **COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD**;"

WHEN **A CAR** is driven through a **PUDDLE AND MUD** splashes up on the rear **REFLECTORS**, those reflectors lose their ability to reflect light. **AS SPIRITUAL REFLECTORS** coated in spiritual mud, Adam and Eve's ability to reflect God's glory was greatly diminished when they sinned. **AND GOD, WHOSE FELLOWSHIP** had once been **so intimate** that He walked with them in the garden (Gen 3:8), was **FORCED TO DISTANCE HIMSELF** from them because of their sin. What was true of them, is also true of us, also.

(**Isa 59:2**), "But your iniquities have **separated** between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

RATHER THAN GOD BEING ABLE TO FELLOWSHIP with Adam and Eve **IN THE GARDEN AS HE HAD DONE IN THE PAST**, God was **FORCED TO** relate to them in the same manner He later described to Moses:

(**Exo 33:20**), "Thou canst not see my face: for there shall

NO MAN SEE ME, AND LIVE."

EVER SINCE SIN became a part of the human experience, we have **not** been **permitted** to experience the full radiance of God's glory lest we die. All that we sinful persons have experienced are **GLIMPSES OF GOD'S GLORY**.

ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURE, **GOD HAS A GOAL FOR US**. **GOD DESIRES** that we experience **THE FULLNESS OF HIS GLORY AGAIN** as Adam and Eve once did. **GOD DESIRES** to return us to the place where we reflect His glory perfectly. Someday in *glory*, that will be the case. **GOD WILL REMOVE** THE "MUD OF SIN" from the reflectors of our lives and we will reflect His glory just as Adam and Eve did before they sinned.

SCRIPTURE USES **MANY WORDS** TO PICTURE God's action to restore broken fellowship between Him and people. Some words are **SALVATION, JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION, REDEMPTION, REGENERATION, GLORIFICATION**.

GLORIFICATION "is the ultimate and complete salvation which shall be realized in heaven" (Baptist Faith and Message, p 53). Salvation has **three tenses: *past, present* and *future***. We **were** saved. We **are** being saved. We **will be** saved. At the completion of our salvation, we will be *glorified* (Rom 8:17; 8:29-30). At the time the believer will experience the full glory of God. Still, then, we will not be the glory, we will reflect His glory.

With this long introduction behind us, let's consider **GLIMPSES OF GOD'S GLORY** under THREE HEADINGS:

- I. GLIMPSES OF **PAST** GLORY
- II. GLIMPSES OF **PRESENT** GLORY
- III. GLIMPSES OF **FUTURE** GLORY

I. GLIMPSES OF PAST GLORY

WHENEVER God approached man in the Bible, there was glory associated with that experience. That was true in both the O.T. and the N.T.

GLIMPSES OF GOD'S GLORY FROM THE O. T.

THE PRIMARY PLACE where God revealed His glory in the O.T. was the **TABERNACLE** and the **TEMPLE**. The difference between the two was the temple was **portable**, and the temple was a **permanent** structure. The tabernacle and temple served the same purpose. Both represented the presence of God in the midst of His people. Wherever you find God manifesting Himself, you find glory. Many glimpses of God's glory were found preceding the construction of the temple.

God appeared to Moses in the wilderness and manifest Himself through "a **flame of fire** out of the midst of **A BUSH**. The bush **burned with fire** but the bush was **not consumed**" (Exo 3:2). From that bush God called Moses to return to Egypt to be the instrument of deliverance of the children of Israel.

After ten glorious miracles, Moses and Israel started their long journey to the Promised Land. Throughout that long journey, God made known His glorious presence. He manifest Himself to them through a **PILLAR OF A CLOUD** by day, and **A PILLAR OF FIRE** by night (Ex 13:21). Can you imagine living for forty years with the glory of God's presence so visible that all you had to do was look up and see it?

At God's command, Moses led Israel to **MOUNT SINAI** to receive the O.T. law. God approached the nation of Israel and it was **no coincidence** that **GOD'S RADIANCE** accompanied that visitation.

(Exo 24:16-17), "And **THE GLORY OF THE LORD** abode upon mount Sinai, . . . **THE GLORY OF THE LORD WAS LIKE DEVOURING FIRE** on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel."

WHILE AT MOUNT SINAI God gave Israel instructions for the construction of the **TABERNACLE/ TEMPLE**. That **tabernacle/ temple** would be **THE PLACE WHERE GOD WOULD MEET WITH HIS PEOPLE**. If God was going to meet with His people at the temple, then it would be associated with God's glory. Many verses in the O.T. speak of God's glory in association with the tabernacle.

- **(Exo 40:34)**, "Then **A CLOUD COVERED THE TENT** of the congregation, and **THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TABERNACLE**." (Exo 29:43; Psa 26:8)

SOLOMON was responsible for building the **PERMANENT STRUCTURE** called the **TEMPLE**. Once the construction was complete, Solomon called for **A DEDICATION SERVICE**. God manifest His glory at that dedication service. God filled that temple with the glory of His presence. It was described in this manner:

- **(2 Chr 7:1-3)**, “Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the **FIRE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN**, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and **THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE HOUSE**. {2} And **THE PRIESTS COULD NOT ENTER** into the house of the LORD, **BECAUSE THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAD FILLED THE LORD'S HOUSE**. {3} And **WHEN** all the children of **ISRAEL SAW** how the **FIRE** came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, **THEY BOWED** themselves **WITH THEIR FACES TO THE GROUND** upon the pavement, and **WORSHIPPED**, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.”
- The temple / tabernacle **represented the presence of God** among His people. It was in that place where **God had chosen to meet with His people**.

HOWEVER, SOMETHING HAPPENED. LIKE ADAM AND EVE, **THEIR SIN** adversely affected **GOD’S ABILITY TO MANIFEST HIS GLORY**. Their sin was **SO GRIEVOUS** that **GOD WITHDREW HIS GLORY** from His temple. That sad withdrawal is described in the Book of **EZEKIEL**, chapters **10-11** (10:4, 18-19; 11:22-23).

- Ezekiel described the actual departure of the *glory of the LORD* from the temple. God’s glory departed from over the threshold of the temple, stopping above the cherubim. God’s presence began moving **eastward** stopping for a **final pause at the entrance to the east gate**. It is as if God was grieving over His departure.
- It would have been accurate for God to have inscribed “**ICHABOD**” (“the glory has departed”) over the temple, the city of Jerusalem and over the nation of Israel at that time. The children of Israel were such failures in reflecting the glory of God that God withdrew His glory from their midst. In the days that followed, **THE BABYLONIAN ARMY** destroyed the temple and the city of Jerusalem.

However, as is always the case, **GOD WAS NOT CONTENT** in leaving people stranded in sin. God was not satisfied with man being separated from Him because of sin. So God came again among His people. His coming manifest His glory among mankind **IN A SECOND MANNER** which is described in the N.T.

GLIMPSES OF GOD'S GLORY FROM THE N. T.

(John 1:14), “And the Word was made flesh, and **DWELT** among us, (and WE BEHELD HIS GLORY, THE GLORY as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

S The word “**DWELT**” comes from the Greek “**SKENOO**” (skay-no'-o). It literally means “**TO PITCH A TENT**” or “**TO ENCAMP.**” IT COULD BE TRANSLATED “**TO TABERNACLE AMONG.**”

S AS GOD **DWELT** (*tabernacled*) among His people in a tent in the O.T. days, SO GOD **DWELT** among the people in N.T. days through the person of JESUS CHRIST. Jesus was God in human flesh who had LEFT HEAVEN in order to **TABERNACLE AMONG US.**

S Since Jesus was God dwelling among us, it is logical to conclude **GLIMPSES OF GOD’S GLORY would accompany His visitation.** CONSIDER FIVE EXAMPLES of God’s glory manifest through Jesus.

1) GLORY WAS ASSOCIATED WITH JESUS BIRTH

S THE **STAR** that led the Magi (Matt 2:2). The star was an object of **light — glory.**

S **ANGELS ANNOUNCED TO SHEPHERDS JESUS’ BIRTH:**

- **(Luke 2:9)**, “And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and **THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE ROUND** about them: and they were sore afraid.”
- **(Luke 2:13-14)**, “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, {14} **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,** and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

2) GLORY WAS REVEALED AT JESUS’ BAPTISM

- **(Mark 1:10-11)**, “And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and **THE SPIRIT LIKE A DOVE DESCENDING** upon him: {11} And there came **A VOICE** from heaven, saying, ‘**Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**’”

3) GLORY WAS MANIFEST THROUGH HIS MIRACLES

- **(John 2:11)**, “This beginning of miracles did Jesus in **CANA** of Galilee, and manifested forth **HIS GLORY**; and his disciples

believed on him."

- **(John 11:40)**, "Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest **SEE THE GLORY OF GOD?**"

4) GLORY WAS DISPLAYED AT HIS TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus had taken three of His disciples to a mountain. All the sudden Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus. In the process, Jesus was transformed with a radiant glory. Scripture describes it in this manner:

- **(Mat 17:2, 5)**, "And was transfigured before them: and **HIS FACE DID SHINE AS THE SUN, AND HIS RAIMENT WAS WHITE AS THE LIGHT**. . . {5} While he yet spake, behold, **A BRIGHT CLOUD OVERSHADOWED THEM**: and behold **A VOICE** out of the cloud, which said, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.'"
- **(2 Pet 1:17)**, "For he **RECEIVED** from God the Father honor and **GLORY**, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

5) GLORY WAS UNVEILED AT HIS DEATH & RESURRECTION

S **JUST AS THE O.T. FOLKS MESSED UP** and they destroyed the temple, **THE N.T. FOLKS MESSED UP** and **they crucified JESUS**. They took the Lord of glory and nailed Him to a cross. The good news is God turned that crucifixion into the centerpiece of the N.T. It was by Jesus' shed blood on the cross that salvation was made available to all who would receive Jesus as their Savior.

S **SCRIPTURE SAYS OF JESUS**

(Phil 2:8-9), "And being found in fashion as a man, he **HUMBLED HIMSELF**, and **BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH**, even the death of the cross. {9} Wherefore **GOD ALSO HATH HIGHLY EXALTED HIM**, and given him a name which is above every name:" (Heb 2:9)

- **(Heb 2:9)**, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels **FOR THE SUFFERING OF DEATH, CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR**; that he by the grace of God

should taste death for every man."

- **(John 1:14)**, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and **WE BEHELD HIS GLORY**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."
- MUCH OF THE EMPHASIS is on the fact that **the disciples SAW Jesus' glory**. John said, "We **BEHELD** his glory." John highlighted the fact in his epistle that the disciples **SAW** Jesus. They **HEARD** Jesus. They **TOUCHED** Him. They **FELLOWSHIPED** with Jesus (1 John 1:1-3).

I. GLIMPSES OF PAST GLORY

II. GLIMPSES OF PRESENT GLORY

THREE PRIMARY AREAS WHERE GOD'S GLORY IS MANIFEST TODAY

#1. GLORY IS MANIFEST THROUGH GOD'S CREATION

S Scripture makes abundantly clear that **GOD'S CREATION MANIFESTS HIS GLORY**:

- **(Psa 19:1)**, "THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE **GLORY OF GOD**; and the firmament showeth his handiwork."
- **(Isa 6:3)**, "And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: **the whole earth is full of his glory**."
- **(Rom 1:20)**, "For the invisible things of him from **THE CREATION** of the world are clearly seen, **BEING UNDERSTOOD BY** the **THINGS THAT ARE MADE**, even his **ETERNAL POWER** and **GODHEAD**; so that they are without excuse:"

S **PERHAPS YOU HAVE HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING AWESTRICKEN BY GOD'S GLORY THROUGH CREATION**:

- 1) THE **SUNSETS** in the Tri-Cities manifest the **GLORY OF GOD**. Those sunsets speak of **A MASTER ARTIST**.

2) **CLOUDS** often evidence the **GLORY** of God. As a kid growing up in the Panhandle of Texas, there came a sense of awe when watching **THUNDER CLOUDS**. Some of those clouds reached fifty-five thousand feet into the air. Those mighty clouds were something to behold in the **day light**. **At night** they had another glory as their lightening flashed back and forth and lit the night sky.

3) **THE MIGHTY MOUNTAINS OF THE NORTHWEST** display the **GLORY** of God. When we first moved to the Tri-Cities, we were driving toward Yakima when **MOUNT ADAMS** became visible. It was so big and magnificent. That mountain appeared to have been about ten miles away. We were surprised to discover it was fifty or more miles away.

From the station at Paradise, we were looking through a telescope at **MT. RAINIER**. As we observed that mighty mountain under the clouds that covered the peak, it was so majestic. Yet that did not compare with the sense of awe we experienced when the clouds moved away and we could see the peak. It was breathtaking. There was a **glory** and **splendor** about that mountain.

4) **THE STARS** at night reveal the **GLORY** of God. Perhaps you have sat out under the stars **AT NIGHT** and wondered at the magnificence of God's creation. As a youngster you might have wondered how far those stars were from you. The **VASTNESS OF THE UNIVERSE** spoke to you of the **GLORY** of God.

THE UNIVERSE IS SO VAST they measure distance in **LIGHT YEARS**. A light year is the distance light travels in one year at the speed of **186,000 miles per second**.

Suppose you had **A TRAIN TRACK** that wrapped around earth. On that track was a train that traveled at the speed of light. The speed of light is so fast that if it took you one second to cross the track, the train traveling at that speed would run you over seven times.

SUPPOSE WE COULD HOP ON A RAY OF LIGHT and travel the universe at 186,000 miles per second.

- It would take us **longer to get on** the ray of light than it would to get to **THE MOON**. At the speed of light we would reach the moon in exactly **1 ¼ SECONDS**.

- If we failed to get off at the moon and rode for **4 MINUTES**, we would end up at **MARS**.
- IN **8½ MINUTES** we would pass the **SUN, 93 MILLION MILES** from the earth. In **less than 30 MINUTES** we could be to the sun and back.

S THAT SOUNDS **SO VAST**. The truth is all that distance is like **ONE SPECK OF DUST** in an ocean of sand. For example:

- It would take **ALMOST 100,000 YEARS** just to travel **ACROSS** our own **GALAXY, THE MILKY WAY**.
- **THE NEAREST GALAXY** to our **MILKY WAY GALAXY** is **THE ANDROMEDA GALAXY**. Those two galaxies are **SEPARATED BY 2 MILLION LIGHT YEARS**.
- IT WOULD TAKE **4,500 MILLION YEARS** at the speed of light to reach the area of the universe that we cannot see with our **TELESCOPES** from planet earth. Who knows what lies beyond that. (Information received on a fact sheet several years ago)
- THE STAR NAMED **EPSILON** is actually **LARGER THAN THE ORBIT OF THE PLANET PLUTO** in our solar system! Pluto is **3.6 BILLION MILES** from the earth when it is at it farthest point in orbit. (James Dobson, pg. 143, When God Doesn't Make Sense)

S WITH ALL THAT IN MIND **CONSIDER THREE VERSES: (John 1:3)**, “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

(Isa 40:12), “Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span. . .”

(Psa 19:1-3), “THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE **GLORY OF GOD**; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. {2} DAY UNTO DAY uttereth **speech**, and NIGHT UNTO NIGHT **showeth knowledge**. {3} **There is no speech** nor language, where their voice is not heard.”

#1. THROUGH CREATION

**#2. GOD'S GLORY IS MANIFEST THROUGH THE
GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST**

- If you want to see **A GLIMPSE OF THE GLORY OF GOD**, read the Gospels. As you read them, you will experience repeatedly the splashes of God's glory.
- **(2 Cor 4:3-4)**, "But if **OUR GOSPEL** be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: {4} In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of **THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF CHRIST**, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."
- **THE EXPLANATION FOR SOME PEOPLE'S INABILITY** to see the Designer behind creation's design is that Satan has blinded their minds. He has pulled a veil over their understanding and caused them to believe a lie.
- **THE WONDERFUL NEWS** of the Gospel is that God can take a blinded mind and cause it to see. A sinner separated from God can become a child of God by receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (John 1:12; Rom 10:9, 13). **THAT SALVATION EXPERIENCE** all by itself brings glory to God.
(Phil 2:11), ""And that every tongue should **CONFESS** that Jesus Christ is Lord, **TO THE GLORY OF GOD** the Father."
- **IT IS A WONDER AND A MARVEL** of God's grace how He can take sinners and make them His own children. When that happens, it not only **glorifies God**, it causes the **ANGELS** of heaven to rejoice. Heaven gets excited when a sinner responds to the gospel of Christ.

#1. THROUGH CREATION

#2. THROUGH THE GOSPEL

(THIS MESSAGE IS CONTINUE UNDER PART 2)