

**The Glorification of God, Pt. 2 (49 Minutes)**  
**Philippians 2:5-11, 2024-06-23A, #6**

**Introduction:** Today I want to continue to talk to you about the glory of God – meanings and motives. We have been examining the references of Paul to the divinity and humanity of Jesus. In a previous study, we saw that the name “Jesus” was given at the incarnation, and the name “Lord” (Kurios) was given at the exaltation of Jesus. The exaltation of Jesus involved His resurrection, ascension, and coronation. The name “Kurios” means “Sovereign, Ruler, Master, Owner” (Matthew 28:18; 1 Peter 3:22).

**I. Meanings of the Glory of God:**

**A. Two of the words most often translated “glory” are the Hebrew קָבוֹד “kavod” or “kabod” and the Greek *doxa* (δόξα).**

- 1. “Kabod” (Strong’s 3519) occurs 200 times in the Hebrew Bible and is translated by the AV “glory” 156 times.**
- 2. “Doxa” (Strong’s 1391) occurs 168 times in the Greek New Testament and is translated by the AV “glory” 145 times.**

**B. Some of the meanings the Hebrew קָבוֹד “kabod” and the Greek *doxa* (δόξα):**

- 1. The glory of God means the display of one or more of the attributes of God (Exodus 33:17-23; 34:5-7; Numbers 16:19, 42; Psalm 19:1-3; John 1:14; 2:11; 11:4, 40).**
- 2. The glory of God means the manifestation of the presence of God:**
  - a. Appearances of God in the Old Testament in any form are called “theophanies” (Exodus 13:21-22; 19:9, 16; Isaiah 6:1-8; cf. John 12:41).**
  - b. Pre-Incarnate appearances of Jesus in the Old Testament are called “Christophanies,” and they are usually referred to as “the angel of the Lord” (Genesis 22:11, 15-18; Exodus 3:1-8).**
  - c. “Shekinah” means the “the manifest presence of God” (Exodus 16:7, 10; 24:16, 17; Numbers 14:10; 16:19, 42; 1 Kings 8:11; 2 Chronicles 5:14; 7:1-3).**
- 3. The glory of God means “honor, respect.”**
  - a. “Kabod” is translated “honor” 32 times out of the 200 occurrences by the AV. (Exodus 14:4; 1 Kings 3:13; 1 Chronicles 29:12, 28; 2 Chronicles 1:11-12).**
  - b. “Doxa” is translated “honor” six times by the AV (John 5:41, 44; 8:54; 2 Corinthians 6:8).**
- 4. The glory of God means “brightness, splendor, majesty” (Ezekiel 1:28; 10:4; Luke 2:9; Acts 22:11; Revelation 21:23).**
- 5. The glory of God means “praise” and “worship.”**

- a. **“Doxa” is translated “praise” five times by the AV (John 9:24; 12:43; Ephesians 1:6; 1 Peter 4:11).**
- b. **From “doxa” we get our English word “doxology” which is a song or hymn of praise to God: “Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.”**
- c. **Doxologies can be found in many of the Psalms and letters of Paul.**
  - 1) **Some of the doxologies in the Psalms: Psalm 41:13; 72:19; 89:32; 106:48; 150:1-6.**
  - 2) **Some of the doxologies in the letters of Paul: Romans 1:25; 9:5; 11:33-36; Ephesians 3:20-21.**

## **II. Motives for Glorifying God:**

**A. It is good to know the reasons for doing what we do.**

**B. Some of the biblical motives for glorifying God:**

1. **We are commanded to glorify God (Psalm 29:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:31).**
  - a. **The verbs “do” in 1 Corinthians 10:31 translate Greek verbs that are in the present tense, active voice, and imperative mood.**
  - b. **The present tense means continuous action in the present; the active voice means the subject is performing the action; the imperative mood means a command.**
2. **We were created to glorify God (Isaiah 43:7, 21; Revelation 4:11).**
  - a. **The Bible teaches that God created everyone and everything for His glory (Isaiah 43:7, 21; Revelation 4:11).**
  - b. **According to the Westminster Shorter Catechism: “The chief duty of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever” (cf. Isaiah 29:13; Matthew 15:8).**
  - c. **The world becomes a different place in which to live when we understand that our purpose for existing is the glory of God (Romans 8:28; 1 Peter 4:11).**
  - d. **We will respond to problems and difficult situations differently when our aim is to glorify God at all times and in all things (John 9:1-3; 11:4; cf. Exodus 4:10-11).**
3. **We were converted to glorify God (Ephesians 1:3-14; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:20).**
4. **We were chosen to glorify God (1 Peter 2:9).**
5. **We were called to glorify God (1 Peter 2:9).**

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