

# The Glory of the Lord

EXODUS 40:34-38

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God  
Dwells  
WITH US

*Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys. Exodus 40:34-38*

1. The glory of the Lord was a tangible manifestation of God's holy \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 34-35)
2. The glory of the Lord was a fulfillment of God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex 29:45-46)
3. The glory of the Lord was the means of \_\_\_\_\_ God's place and people. (Ex 29:43-44)
4. The glory of the Lord was the \_\_\_\_\_ marker of the people of Israel. (v. 38)
5. The glory of the Lord was the \_\_\_\_\_ force to direct the Israelites. (vv. 36-37)

**Jesus, as God, is the manifestation of holiness and power.**

**Jesus, as man, is the tangible presence of that glory  
as He dwells with His people.**

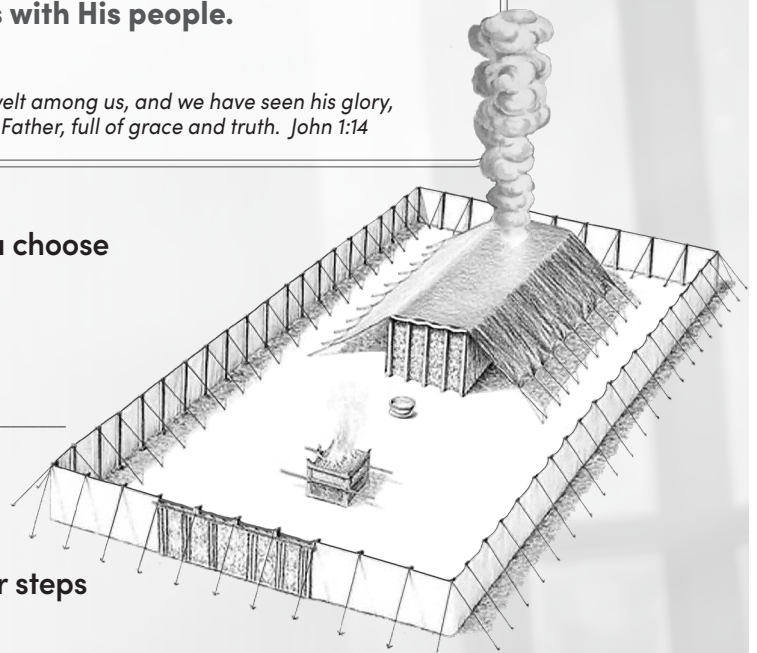
*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

Your pursuit of God's glory happens when you choose  
sanctifying \_\_\_\_\_.

Your pursuit of God's glory is what \_\_\_\_\_  
you to others as a child of God.

Your pursuit of God's glory will \_\_\_\_\_ your steps  
through life.

**You are made to glorify God, and \_\_\_\_\_ has made the way for you to do just that.**



## HOME GROUP

# Lesson + Devotional

*Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.*

1. Read Exodus 33:7–40:38, and skim over the section headings from the beginning of the book of Exodus. As you read, think about the lengths to which God went to enable men to know Him intimately and to dwell among them.
2. Describe the relationship between Moses and the Lord (see 33:7-11).
3. The pillar of cloud and fire was a visible appearance of God's glory; Moses wanted to see God even more intimately. What desires does Moses express to God in 33:12-16? How has Moses gained the Lord's pleasure so much that his request to see God is granted (see 33:17)?
4. In what sense does the presence of God depend on a willingness and welcome extended to Him by men?
5. Why do you think the book of Exodus ends with 40:34-38?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 10:11-13. Why did God record the history of Israel's relationship with Himself?
7. In what manner have you glimpsed the glory of God? Would you say that you use your relationship with God mostly to make yourself feel blessed, or just as much for others' benefit?
8. How would living daily in conscious awareness of God's glory change your present lifestyle and habits?

## HELPFUL Quotes

The tabernacle proclaims not only the loving nature of God but his holiness as well. His dwelling inspired both fear and awe. Even people in God's favor had to worship at a distance, with only the ordained priests approaching, and then only under strict guidelines. But later Christ would bridge this distance. Still, the people of God should never view the presence of God as something to run from. The freewill offerings of the people were designed to express their desire to have God dwell among them. The New Testament links the dwelling of God with man by presenting the incarnate Christ as one who "made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14, literally, "tabernacled"). Thus access to God is through Christ (John 14:6), in whom dwells the Godhead. The designated name of our Lord, Immanuel, means "God with us" (Matt. 1:23). The ultimate realization of perfect fellowship between man and God culminates in Revelation 21:3, where a loud voice proclaims, "Now the dwelling of God is with men."  
- Glen Martin

Where is God's glory today? The body of every true believer is the temple of God (1 Cor 6:19-20), but so is the local church (3:10-23) and the church universal (Eph 2:20-22). When Solomon finished the temple, the glory of God moved in, but when God finishes building His church, He will move the church out! Then we will share God's glory in heaven for all eternity! "And the city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light" (Rev 21:23 NKJV).  
- Warren Wiersbe

## YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



### Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

### Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



### Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

### Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



## A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.  
**(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)**
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.  
**(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)**
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.  
**(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)**
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.  
**(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)**

### You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!