

## Daniel Perrin – Lesson 3: The Backstory: The Prologue – Thursday, October 17: Reappearing Themes–Glory

1. What is “glory”?
  - a. *Doxsa* – glory / *Doxsazo* – to glorify
    - Opinion / Judgment / View (Determination of Value)
    - ALSO PART of the definition: Splendor / Brightness / Majesty — this is the pinnacle of value
  - b. True Glory is based on God’s character – **Jeremiah 9:23-24** – *Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches;<sup>24</sup> But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.*
  - c. In the Bible, the word “GLORY” is paired with things like: God’s Law on tables of stone / God’s Hand / His Right arm / God’s Name / Kingdom / Church / His gospel / His power / Jesus’ appearing / Jesus’ resurrected body
  
2. A brief background of God’s Glory in the Older Testament
  - a. **Exodus 24:17** – *The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. — UNAPPROACHABLE BY SINFUL HUMANS*
  - b. **Exodus 40:35** – *Moses couldn’t enter the Tabernacle because of the glory of the Lord*
  - c. **2 Chronicles 7:2** – *the priests couldn’t enter the house of the Lord because of the glory of the Lord*
  - d. **Ezekiel 10:4** – *the glory of the Lord is BRIGHTNESS*
  - e. **Isaiah 2:10** – *the glory of the Lord is MAJESTY*
  - f. **Isaiah 42:8** – *I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images.*
  - g. **Exodus 33:18-19** – *And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.”<sup>19</sup> Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”*
  
3. Glory in the Gospel of John
  - a. **1:14** – *And the Word became 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.*
    - God’s Glory is ACTUALLY SEEN BY HUMANS in the incarnation
  - b. **2:11** – *This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and MANIFESTED His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.*
    - We see Jesus’ glory when His divine power is manifested — but Glory is NOT just power
  - c. **8:50** – *And I do not seek My own glory*
    - True Heavenly Glory is NOT self-seeking in any way / No Selfishness at all
  - d. **17:22** – *And the glory which You gave Me I HAVE GIVEN THEM, that they may be one just as We are one:*
    - Intertwining with the human story plot – Glory FOR US
  - e. **17:4-5** – *I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.<sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.*
    - United glory WITH THE FATHER — Before Creation
      - But now, He is ASKING to BE Glorified — Something MORE to God’ glory than Rulership
      - What MORE is there to Glory than perfection?
  
4. John shows us God’s True Glory in Jesus:

- a. **17:1-2** – *Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.*
  - He will be glorified AT AN HOUR — a particular time, A specific event.
    - Jesus has been looking forward to and talking about this HOUR for His whole ministry.
- b. **John 2:4** – Jesus tells HIS MOTHER: *“My hour has not yet come.”*
- c. **7:30 & 8:20** – No one could lay hands on Jesus because ... *His hour had not yet come.*
- d. **12:23-24** – Jesus Says: *“The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. – THEN Jesus explains by describing Himself as a GRAIN OF WHEAT that dies.*
- e. **12:27-28** – *“Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.”<sup>28</sup> Father, glorify Your name.” [Glorified in His ministry — SEE 11:4]*
- f. **13:1** – *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world....*
  - This is the PROPHETIC HOUR from Daniel 9 when the Messiah would be “cut off.”
  - **The Hour that Glorifies the Son is taking our sins on Himself to die in our place.**
- g. WHY couldn't He just show us His HEAVENLY glory? – How is Dying His Glory?
  1. In order to show His glory TO Humanity, He had to show His glory THROUGH Humanity
    - Otherwise, His glory would be the consuming fire that no sinner could approach
  2. If I am a good parent, do all good things that a parent does, but I do NOT risk my life for my child when the child is endangered ... I am NOT a good parent (even if I have been nice, trained them well, fed and clothed them)
    - Pinnacle of parenthood: risking life for a child.
    - The GLORY of the parent is seen when there is OPPORTUNITY to sacrifice
    - SO, God's Glory is NOT glory UNLESS Jesus comes down to Earth to rescue sinners