

## **GODS ETERNAL PLAN AND PURPOSE FOR MAN – GLORY**

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. What was the source of the light on day one of Creation (Gen. 1:3–5)? It was not the sun, for it was not created until the 4<sup>th</sup> day (Gen. 1:14–19).

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

**THESIS:** since the Holy Scriptures reveal that God Glows and radiates great light, His image would also glow – much as the moon (which has no light of its own) reflects the glory and light of the sun.

...our Lord Jesus Christ;

1 Timothy 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Psalms 104:1 ... O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Revelation 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

(1 Thessalonians. 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.)

**“Glory” is translated from the Greek word *doxa* (Strong’s # 1391).**

(speaking of God’s son – vss. 1 and 2)

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

(speaking of God’s son – vs. 13)

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

1 Corinthians 11:7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

1 Corinthians 15:40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Psalm 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?  
5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.  
6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

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.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### **Moses' face glowed:**

Exodus 34:29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.

32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai.

33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face.

34 But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.

35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

2 Corinthians 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### **Jesus' "glorified" body glows** (when seen in full majesty – especially in visions, cp. Rev. 1:10–18).

Daniel 10:5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

Matthew 17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Matthew 17:9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

Luke 9:28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

Revelation 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

As the Lord Jesus shone in His glorified body, since we shall have resurrection bodies like His – ***we shall also glow***, like our earthly “Father and Mother” – Adam & Eve (= the mother of all living people).

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Philippians 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

**GLORY:** Gods purpose for mankind – that man would be conformed to the image of the only begotten Son of God, Jesus the Christ – who is the image and **THE GLORY** of GOD. Indeed, He is the Creator come in the flesh to save His people from the terrible, righteous consequence of their sin (Isaiah 9:6).

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

1 Peter 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. How does “FAMILY” fit into God’s plan and purpose for man?

Malachi 2:13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.  
14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.  
15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.  
16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

God wants us to produce offspring – children that mirror and reflect God’s own image and life back to Him. Man is to be the RECEIVER and the RETURNER of God’s glory and His love. Just as we long to see our best qualities in our children, so God wants to see Himself – His qualities – in His children.

So God intends to have *many children conformed into His image* – and to accomplish that end, He established the family unit as the vehicle through which He might have many children – **ALL REFLECTING HIS GLORY** – who *is* the Lord Jesus.

Man would bear the family likeness of God, be an extension of God – such that the character of God would be revealed and manifested (i.e., holiness, righteousness, mercy, love, justice, compassion, etc.)  
**Thus, God created man for His own pleasure:**

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Proverbs 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: ...

Isaiah 43:5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;  
6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;  
7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

The LORD intended that man was to mirror and reflect God’s own glo-ry, and He established **the family** as the vehicle for achieving that purpose.

This plan was temporarily obstructed and thwarted by the “FALL” of the first family – Paradise lost.

Their rebellion resulted in “spiritual” death. They were no longer in the image of God, no longer spirit, soul and body (3 in 1) but only soul and body (2 in 1). With their “dead” spirit, they could no longer communicate with God – hence they feared Him and hid themselves from their FATHER.

As they were no longer 3 in 1, the GLORY departed. They no longer reflected God’s image. They saw their nakedness instead of God’s “Glory Covering” about them.

Instead of repenting, to replace God’s garment of Glory they made clothes of fig leaves their covering of “glo-ry” (similar to Moses’ veil, Exodus 34:29–35; 2 Corinthians 3:13–16 ).

God rejected man's covering (atonement), and He reminded them that the penalty of sin was death by killing animals. God Himself furnished the replacement covering (the atonement) which consisted of animal blood and their skins until such time that a truly worthy sacrifice could be made.

Then, in the fullness of time, THE LAMB OF GOD, even Jesus the Christ, came in the flesh to give Himself as the true and final atonement for both the sin and sins of the whole world.

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

When any offspring of Adam repents of their sins and turns to the Lord Jesus as their sin substitute and savior, identifying with Him in His atoning death and resurrection through faith in Him, Christ comes into that person's heart.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Then we receive His GLORY OF GOD "in" us, though the glo-ry is veiled by our flesh. Paradise restored – at least in part.

Now we can again mirror and reflect Gods image in part and have children that, after they are born the second time by their receiving Jesus, also bear and reflect the image of God.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Thus God's plan of redemption and the restoration of fallen man will reach its God appointed conclusion:

Judges 5:31 ... but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Philippians 3:21 (He) shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body...

Hebrews 2:10 so that ... in bringing many sons unto glory...

Colossians 1:27 through Christ ... which is in you, the hope of glory:

Matthew 13:43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their father.

Daniel 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

**Finally:**

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

2 Timothy 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

**GLORY!** God's purpose for man is for man to be conformed into the image of our Lord Jesus the Christ – who is the image and glory of God. Thus, mankind's destiny is that God is going to restore him fully, and through mercy, love, justice and grace the God who initially gave him dominion over the creation will again crown him with glory – and much, much more.

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