

Make Room for Glory

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John 10:10b, LB – [Jesus said,] “My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.”

1 Corinthians 10:31, NLT – So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Main Passage: Luke 2:8-20, NIV

What is God’s Glory?

1. God’s glory is _____

1 Samuel 4:18, NIV – ...Eli fell backward off his chair by the side of the gate. His neck was broken and he died, for he was an old man, and he was heavy.

John 14:16-17a, LB – [Jesus said,] “I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter, and he will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit...”

When I make room for God’s glory, _____

Isaiah 40:1, NIV – Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Matthew 11:28,30, NIV – [Jesus said,] “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ...My yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

2. God’s glory is _____

Psalms 49:16-19, NLT – So don’t be dismayed when the wicked grow rich and their homes become ever more splendid. For when they die, they take nothing with them. Their wealth will not follow them into the grave. In this life they consider themselves fortunate and are applauded for their success. But they will die like all before them and never again see the light of day.

Mark 8:36, NIV – [Jesus said,] “What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?”

Psalms 49:15, NLT – But as for me, God will redeem my life. He will snatch me from the power of the grave.

Luke 14:11, NIV – “For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

When I make room for God’s glory, _____

Psalms 29:1-2, NIV – Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Luke 2:17,20, NIV – When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child... The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen...

3. God's glory is _____

Luke 2:9, NIV – An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them...

Ezekiel 1:27-28b, NIV – I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

Ezekiel 10:4, NIV – Then the glory of the Lord rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple. The cloud filled the temple, and the court was full of the radiance of the glory of the Lord.

Isaiah 60:1-2, NIV – Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

John 1:5, NIV – The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Matthew 17:2,5, NIV – There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light... a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

When we make room for God's glory, _____

2 Corinthians 3:16,18, NLT – But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ...So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

Psalms 24:8-9, NLT – Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord, invincible in battle. Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter. Who is the King of glory? The Lord of Heaven's Armies—he is the King of glory.

4. God's glory is _____

John 1:14, NIV – The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 1:3a, NIV – The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being..."

Revelation 22:5, NIV – There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

When I make room for God's glory, _____