

To God be the glory!

Actually that's the whole issue of all history for all times.

To better understand we must broaden our understanding of God's glory.

Define glory in Luke 2:14.

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More than that it's appreciating and valuing and by natural consequence the praise that results.

According to John Piper, "God's glory is the beauty of His manifold perfections. It is His bright and awesome radiance that sometimes breaks forth in visible manifestation.

It is the infinite moral excellence of God.

Glory testifies to the greatness and infiniteness and worth of God.

In this context, C.S. Lewis says he learned of God many ways but it was "ominous ravines and unapproachable crags that " that gave him the ultimate picture of the awe His glory deserved.

God the Father chose to manifest Himself and therefore His glory in His Son.

Read

a. John 1:1

b. Hebrews 1: 1-3

The Son's manifestation of the Father's essence, His glory delighted the Father's soul.

Read Isaiah 42:1

It pleased the Father to manifest His Glory.

As we understand or at least as we behold His glory it should likewise bring us great delight.

God does not need nature to have glory. He is glory. He has graciously spilled an overflowing of who He is in order to allow us to partake.

Remember the definition of glory “ a shining in that causes a shining out.”

God's being willing to broadcast His greatness, His glory is His way of manifesting Himself and His power and His way of including us. He is satisfied and delighted with being God.

Read Psalm 115:3

By including us, God makes available to us the satisfaction and delight in Him.

The joy and peace that you and I crave comes in beholding God alone as glorious. The inevitable result of seeing God's glory, even one thin outaying, is to be enveloped in delight and praise.

John Piper purposes that it is right to delight in a person in proportion to the excellence of that person's glory.

Therefore we are to take ultimate delight in God Almighty.

Spend the rest of the week thinking about and recording what you personally consider your experience of God's glory.