

The Glory Of God

Glory:

1. Something that is a source of honour, fame, or admiration; a distinguished ornament or an object of pride.
2. Adoring praise or worshipful thanksgiving: *Give glory to God.*
3. Resplendent beauty or magnificence: *the glory of autumn.*
4. A state of great splendour, magnificence, or prosperity.
5. The splendour and bliss of heaven; heaven

Our worship team get together once a month and the last few times we've been asking ourselves the question, "what is it that we long for in our times of worship?" its been great hearing different people's responses and the conclusion we have come to is simple: we long for God's manifest presence to come and dwell in us. When do we know we have done our job as lead worshippers? Its not when the music is perfect, or when we're singing the popular songs. Its when all we can do is be still and silent, in reverence to our God, when we can't even play another note because His presence has filled the room.

I was doing some research on the word 'glory' and found out some pretty interesting facts. Meteorologists have a term called 'A glory' which is a full circular rainbow around it's source. 'A glory' is formed by water particles reflecting sunlight back to it's source. I love that definition because it's such a true representation of what happens when God's glory fall's. His glory falls on us so that it would be reflected back to him. For God says in his word in Isaiah 42:8 "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not share my glory with another". So when his glory falls, it's not ours and its not for our pleasure, it's his and when we acknowledge his presence all we can do is give it back to him! Also the picture that 'A glory' illustrates again is such a perfect picture of God's glory. The source being himself and his glory is what shines around him. The radiance of God.

In 2 Chronicles 5:13-14 it say's:

The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang:

"He is good;
his love endures forever."

Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.

As Matt Redman puts it "Lord let your glory fall, as on THAT ancient day. Songs of enduring love, and then your glory came."

So how can we practically apply this to our times in worship? As a worship team begin to seek after his glory, long for his presence and get into his word. Maybe get your team together and do a bible study on the glory of God. As you discuss and pray about it, it will become a part of you and it will be in your DNA as a worship team. From there God will make himself known! As lead worshipers, let's continue to go after God's heart, long for his glory, and let his will be done! God Bless

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