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Glory Definitions, and Scriptural Applications

The Glory - Definition

A. Layman's definition: "The Manifest Presence & Power of God

**1. That's the simplified / condensed
version.**

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B. Source: "A Word for Today" by JD Watson

"In secular Greek, 'doxa' (NT word translated Glory) means opinion or conjecture; i.e. favorable human opinion, evaluation placed by others, fame, repute, honor, praise.

Coming to the NT, however, we see a totally different picture. While the ideas of repute and honor are still present, the concept of opinion vanished entirely; of the some 165 occurrences, not one speak of this. In other words, no longer does the subjective, shifting selfish opinion of man matter a whit. Rather, all that remains and all that matters is the eternal constant of God's fame, repute, honor, and praise.

Even more significant, however, the ideas of 'radiance' and 'glory' were added to doxa, concepts that were foreign to secular Greek. It now denotes 'divine and heavenly radiance, the loftiness and majesty of God, and even the begin of God (Heb. 1:3)."

It speaks of the luminous manifestation of His person, His glorious revelation of Himself."

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C. Source: thecompellingtruth.org

"The glory of God – What is it?"

The dictionary definition of "glory" often describes it as great praise, splendor, or honor. The glory of God is the splendor that comes from Him. [Psalm 19:1](#) states, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." Here the word glory is used in parallel with "handiwork" or His power or greatness."

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D. Source: bibleconnection.com

What is the glory of God? The answer is as infinite as God's glory itself, so the question can never be answered exhaustively. Some key aspects of God's glory, however, can be summarized as follows: the glory of God is the weight of the majestic goodness of who God is and the resulting name, or reputation, that he gains from revealing himself as Creator, Sustainer, Judge, and Redeemer, perfect in justice and mercy, loving-kindness and truth (cf. [Exod 34:6-8](#)). God's glory elicits praise.

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E. Source: applygod'sword.com

“What is the glory of God?” is certainly one of the most foundational questions to answer in all of Christianity because the glory of God is so central to the gospel, the Bible, and everything God does.

Humbly, however, we must first accept our answers will always be incomplete as our Infinite God can never fully be described by his finite creatures. With that said, the Bible uses the phrase “glory of God” in many different ways, which means we can create many different definitions in general. However, the Bible primarily uses the phrase “the glory of God” in a specific way, and therefore what follows is a specific definition.

Definition: The glory of God is the invisible qualities, character, or attributes of God displayed in a visible (or knowable) way.

XIV. "Glory" - Hebrew and Greek Definitions

A. Since we're to have this Glory and live in it, let's look at what we're talking about.

B. Glory - Hebrew & Greek Definitions.

1. Title: *QuickVerse Bible Dictionary*

Glory - (Heb. *kabhod*; Gr. *doxa*).

- (a.) *Abundance, wealth, treasure, and hence honor (Ps. 49:12); glory (Gen. 31:1; Matt. 4:8; Rev. 21:24, 26).*
- (b.) *Honor, dignity (1 Kings 3:13; Heb. 2:7; 1 Pet. 1:24); of God (Ps. 19:1; 29:1); of the mind or heart (Gen. 49:6; Ps. 7:5; Acts 2:46).*
- (c.) *Splendour, brightness, majesty (Gen. 45:13; Isa. 4:5; Acts 22:11; 2 Cor. 3:7); of Jehovah (Isa. 59:19; 60:1; 2 Thess. 1:9).*
- (d.) *The glorious moral attributes, the infinite perfections of God (Isa. 40:5; Acts 7:2; Rom. 1:23; 9:23; Eph. 1:12). Jesus is the "brightness of the Father's glory" (Heb. 1:3; John 1:14; 2:11).*
- (e.) *The bliss of heaven (Rom. 2:7, 10; 5:2; 8:18; Heb. 2:10; 1 Pet. 5:1, 10).*
- (f.) *The phrase "Give glory to God" (Josh. 7:19; Jer. 13:16) is a Hebrew idiom meaning, "Confess your sins." The words of the Jews to the blind man, "Give God the praise" (John 9:24), are an adjuration to confess. They are equivalent to, "Confess that you are an impostor," "Give God the glory by speaking the truth;" for they denied that a miracle had been wrought.*

A. There are a number of times in the NT where the KJV translated a Greek word as 'Glory', but it's not 'doxa', nor is it talking about God.

1. It's the Greek word: 'Kauchaomai' (#2744 - Strongs)

a. It means to "Boast, Brag, Rejoice" in a good or bad sense.

b. It's translated "Glory" - 33 times in the KJV.