

“Glory to God Alone”

Introduction

Sola is the Latin word for “_____.” *Soli Deo Gloria*.

Doing all of life for the glory of God?

1 Corinthians 10:31 *“Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*

Creation declares God’s glory

Psalms 19:1 *“The heavens declare the glory of God.*

God’s glory and His name

Psalms 29:1,2 *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.*

Chabad

The Hebrew word for glory is _____. To the Israelites, the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. They said to Moses,

“Speak to us yourself and we’ll listen, but don’t have God speak to us or we will die.”

You might remember the shepherds in the Christmas story at Bethlehem.

“And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them...”

Fallen human beings and glory

Romans 3:23 *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

Note: We are glory _____, not glory _____.

Ancient Israel and Shekinah glory

Exodus 40:34 *“Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.”*

Now when the text says, “The cloud settled or rested on the tent,” the Hebrews verb is _____, and this is where we get (you might have heard this expression) the *shekinah* glory. The glory of God was portable, was able to come down to earth, can surprise you in the strangest places, in the oddest time, in a little tent, in a moment where you’re never expecting it.

Ichabod – no glory or departed glory

1 Samuel 4:21 *“His name shall be called Ichabod.”*

In Hebrew that little letter “i” when it gets attached to a word turns it into its opposite, very much like the letter “a” in English. Moral versus amoral. Chabad, the glory of God. Ichabod, the glory is gone.

But there was a rumor in Israel that this is not true. Some, a few, a prophet said another glory, another “chabad”, another “shekinah” was coming, a better one than even conquering the Philistines by war.

Habakkuk 2:14 *“For the earth “will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”*

Jesus and glory

John 1:1 *“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”* When John says this he uses a word from a Greek word _____, which means tent or tabernacle. The verb could be translated, “The Word became flesh and tabernacled in our midst, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth.”

On the final night of Jesus’ life, he prays,

John 17:1 *“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son may glorify you.”*

Then he went on to the cross. What kind of God is this?

Before he died, Jesus prayed the most staggering prayer for you and me.

John 17:22 *“I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you...I have given them the glory that you gave me.”*

Apostle Paul and glory

2 Corinthians 3:18 *“We, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”*

Conclusion

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”