

Exodus 33:18 — “God, Please Show Me Your Glory!”

In this prayer [Show me your glory], Moses asks for a personal audience with GOD. He wants MORE of God. Her wants an increased CLOSENESS with God.

Martyn Lloyd Jones exhorted Christians: “We must want more of God!”

• **Exodus is all about the “Giving of the Law to God’s covenant people” — in 3 phases:**

1. **Exodus // Redemption** (God delivers OUT of Egypt) (Ex 1-18)
2. **Law // Covenant** (Lord Claims his people for Himself) (Ex 19-24)
3. **Tabernacle // Worship** (Lord DWELLS with his people) (Ex 25-40)

This section specifically in Exodus 32-34:

- Ex 32 — GUILT = God’s people break the Law (Chap 32)
- Ex 33 — GRACE = God’s grace enters & Moses intercedes (Chaps 33-34)
 - God met with his people in the “tent” (outside the camp) (33.1-11)
 - God will be present with the nation (33:12-17)
 - God’s glory revealed (33:18-23)
 - God’s forgiveness granted & His self-revelation given (34:1-28)

Moses prays 4 petitions to God in Exodus 33:

1. 33:13 = I pray — that you let me know your ways! >> ***show me your ways!***
2. 33:15 = I pray: if your presences does not go with us, then do not lead us up from here! >> ***show me your presence!***

3. 33:18 = I pray: SHOW ME YOUR GLORY >> ***show me your GLORY!***

4. 34:9 = If I have found favor in your sight, I pray, let the LORD go along in our midst, even though the people are obstinate, pardon our iniquity. >> ***show me your Forgiveness!***

Our Outline For Exodus 33:18:

1. The **PLACE** of prayer —
2. The **PERSON** of prayer —
3. The **PETITION** of prayer —
4. The **POWER** of prayer —
5. The **PURSUIT** of prayer —

The Glory of God!

The Glory of God is the summation of ALL THAT GOD IS.

The Glory of God has 3 dimensions:

1. internal excellency and innate worthiness — because he is valuable and infinitely good.
2. public showing of his goodness — the demonstration of his power and his radiance
3. receiving honor from his creatures/praise — we worship & ascribe glory/praise to God
 - >> So God **HAS** glory, he **DISPLAYS**/shows his glory and he **GETS** glory!

Jonathan Edwards on the “Glory of God” [from his book: *The End for Which God Created the World*]:

- Edwards claims, “All that is ever spoken of in the Scriptures as the ultimate end of God’s works, is included in that one phrase, the glory of God”.
- God does all things for his glory, for his name’s sake, for displaying his excellencies, and for his praise—all synonyms of God’s chief end. The glory of God signifies “the emanation and true external expression of God’s internal glory and fullness”.
- For Edwards, God is morally disposed towards his own glory. God “loves and esteems his own excellence,” “values the glory of his own nature,” and “testifies a supreme respect to himself”.
- This self-glorification is morally right because God “is worthy in himself to be so [respected], being infinitely the greatest and best of beings.” God’s innate disposition towards honor is not “dishonorable to him” or “unworthy of God,” for “he should value himself infinitely more than his creatures.” His holiness “consist in giving due respect to that Being to whom most is due; for God is infinitely the most worthy of regard. The worthiness of others is as nothing to his.”
- His honor is neither ascribed nor achieved; his honor simply *is*, for all of eternity. God should, and does, seek his own glory.
- So that the whole is of God, and in God, and to God; and he is the beginning, and the middle, and the end.
- The magnification of God’s supreme glory continues unabated into eternity. Edwards viewed the eternal state as “increasing union and conformity though eternity.” Our knowledge and magnification of God’s glory will infinitely progress. God’s desire for his glory leads to “increasing communication of himself through eternity.”
- The end for which God created the world, has no end. His glory abounds forever.

“O God, I have tasted Thy goodness, and it has both satisfied me and made me thirsty for more.”
— AW Tozer

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1. **BEHOLD** the glory of God

2. **PURSUE** the glory of God

3. **ENJOY** the glory of God

4. **ANTICIPATE** the glory of God

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him. (John 1:14, 18)

May our goal be well summed up in the words by Leonard Ravenhill:

“My goal is GOD HIMSELF. Not joy, not peace, not even blessing, but HIMSELF...my GOD!”

COME PRAISE AND GLORIFY

Come praise and glorify our God
 The Father of our Lord
 In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
 His blessings on us poured
 For pure and blameless in His sight
 He destined us to be
 And now we've been adopted through
 His Son eternally.

*To the praise of Your glory
 To the praise of Your mercy and grace
 To the praise of Your glory
 You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God
 Who gives His grace in Christ

In Him our sins are washed away
 Redeemed through sacrifice
 In Him God has made known to us
 The myst'ry of His will
 That Christ should be the head of all
 His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God
 For we've believed the Word
 And through our faith we have a seal
 The Spirit of the Lord
 The Spirit guarantees our hope
 Until redemption's done
 Until we join in endless praise
 To God, the Three in One

JESUS THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
 With sweetness fills the breast;
 But sweeter far Thy face to see,
 And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
 Nor can the memory find
 A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
 O Savior of mankind!

O hope of every contrite heart,
 O joy of all the meek,
 To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
 How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
 Nor tongue nor pen can show;
 The love of Jesus, what it is,
 None but His loved ones know.

No other source have we but Thee,
 Soul-thirst to satisfy.
 Exhaustless spring! the waters free!
 All other streams are dry.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
 As Thou our prize will be;
 Jesus be Thou our glory now,
 And through eternity.

“When God's servants are discouraged and disappointed because of the sins of their people, the best remedy for a broken heart is a new vision of the glory of God.” (Warren Wiersbe)