

Let's Talk about the Glory of the Son
John 17:5

And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

1 - What is Jesus asking for? 2a - *"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you..."*

- a) He has authority over all flesh 2b
- b) He give eternal life to all God has given him 2c

2 - But what is eternal life? – 3a – *To know God, the only true God*
3b – *And Jesus Christ, whom God sent*

3 - How had the son glorified the father on earth? – 4b – *by accomplishing all the work the Father gave him to do*

4 - And so what now, is his prayer? V 5 - *And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*

- 1 – Jesus's prayer is about the Father-Son relationship. 1-5
- 2 – Jesus's prayer is about the Son-church relationship. 6-19
- 3 – Jesus's prayer is about the Father-Son-church relationship. 20-26

What is glory? These verses tell us what it is not: vain glory; recognition that comes from the world.

We should not seek this because:

1 John 2:16 - *For all that is in the world—*

- a) *the desires of the flesh*- what you can do
- b) *and the desires of the eyes* - what you can have
- c) *and pride of life* – what you can be

—is not from the Father but is from the world.

Jesus has already endured these temptations –

Matthew 4:3 – *"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."* – Jesus could **do** that

Matthew 4:4 – *“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down...angels will care for you...”* – Jesus could **have** that adoration

Matthew 4:7 – *“All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”* – Jesus could **be** that king of the world....and He will.

But you need to know:

1 – None of these things are really the devil’s to give –

- a) He can’t create bread like manna in the wilderness or take two loaves and five fishes and feed 5,000 people
- b) He doesn’t oversee the angles in Heaven.
- c) He can’t give away a world that doesn’t belong to him.

John 8:44 - *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

- 1 – He murdered Adam and Eve
- 2 – There is no truth in him
- 3 – He is a liar and the father of lies

What is glory not? It is not vainglory and Jesus knew that in the temptation.

Instead of siding with the devil –

Matthew 12:22-29 - *Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. ²³ And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” ²⁵ Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶ And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.*

This is what Jesus did in the wilderness temptation.

- 1 - He entered the strong man’s house,
- 2 - bound him and then
- 3 - plundered his house!

Let's look again at the prayer – John 15:5 - *And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*

- a) *And now – v 1 - “the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you”*
- b) *Father – Everything God has done in creating the world has been done to glorify the Son*

Ephesians 1:4a - *...he chose us in him [Jesus] before the foundation of the world*
 1:5 – *In love, he predestined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ*
 1:6 – *to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved [Jesus]*
 1:7 – *In him [Jesus] we have redemption through his [Jesus's] blood*
 1:9 – *making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set for in Christ*
 1:10 – *as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him [Jesus], things in heaven and in earth*

- *What the Father planned – v 4 - ...he chose us in him before the foundation of the world*
- *The Son purchased – v 7 – In him we have redemption through his blood*
- *The Spirit protects – In him also....when you heard the word of truth...were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit*

No wonder Jesus could say in

John 17:12 - *While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.*

1 – Would it glorify the Son if the son died for someone, and the Father did not save them?

2 – Would it glorify the Son if the son died for someone, the Father saved them, but the Spirit could not keep them?

That would not be glory!

- c) *glorify me in your own presence*

Psalm 22 – the Psalm of his cross

Psalm 23 – the Psalm of his care

Psalm 24 – the Psalm of his coming

When did this happen?

1 Chronicles 15:1-3 – *David built houses for himself in the city of David. And he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it. ² Then David said that no one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, for the LORD had chosen them to carry the ark of the LORD and to minister to him forever. ³ And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the LORD to its place, which he had prepared for it.*

But it is also prophetic of another time -

His first coming after the cross and crushing sin, Satan, and death – vs 7-8 - *Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!*

“mighty in battle” is a stronger form of God’s title as ‘warrior’ in the Red Sea triumph.

Exodus 15:1-3 - *Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider^a he has thrown into the sea. ² The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³ The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.*

His second coming after the contest with the kings of the earth – vs 9-10 - *Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!*

This is how Jesus is glorified in the Father’s presence and among the angels and the church

d) *with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*

What does that glory look like?

Isaiah 6:1-5 - *In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”*

1 – *In the year that King Uzziah died* – Isaiah had pinned his hopes for national revival on Uzziah – He succeeded Amaziah and reigned for 42 years (c. 783-742). God said, “I’ll show you a King!

2 – *I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple*

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Psalm 110:1 & Hebrews 1:13 – *“Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”*

Conclusion:

We have seen this scene before –

Genesis 45:1-10 - *Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “**Come near to me, please.**” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And **God sent me before you** to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸**So it was not you who sent me here, but God.** He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹**Hurry and go up to my father and say to him,** ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹**There I will provide for you...***

See how this foreshadows

John 14:1-3 - *“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a*

place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

See how our good is wrapped up in Jesus's glory!

This is Jesus's prayer, and what a prayer it is!

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