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Teaching Title: Doxa Glory of God

- I. Omnipresence vs Manifest Presence
 - a. It's important to understand the difference between God's omnipresence and his manifest presence.
 - b. Omnipresence: the state of being widespread or constantly encountered.
 - i. God's omnipresence is transcendent while his manifest presence is localized.
 - ii. Glory spot during Secret Prayer, then taking it to the parking lot for hours.
 1. "Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!" (Psalm 139:7–8, ESV)
 2. *"he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."* (Revelation 14:10–11, ESV)
 - c. Omnipresence doesn't only refer to God's location, but his nature and his activity.
 - i. God can be working as powerfully through his omnipresence as he is through his manifest presence.
 - d. John Piper surely was right when he said, "God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of three of them."
 - i. He will never leave you or forsake you.
 - ii. *"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go...Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."* (Genesis 28:15–16, ESV)
 - iii. *"teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:20, ESV)
 - iv. When we pray according to his active omnipresence, faith increases.
 - e. Manifest presence: a tangible, unmistakable, and experiential encounter with a divine being, where their presence is made clear and convincing, distinct from the general omnipresence or all-pervasiveness.
 - i. Another way to say it is it's God's presence made clear.
 - ii. Growing in intimacy with God requires a deep hunger for his presence, both active omnipresence and his manifest presence.
 - iii. Faith and intimacy are developed in the arena of God's omnipresence.
 - iv. Faith and intimacy are evidenced in the arena of God's manifest presence.
 - v. Remember, we have access to God's glory!

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- vi. *“And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.”* (Mark 15:37–38, ESV)
- vii. *“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,”* (Hebrews 10:19–20, ESV)

II. Shekinah and Kabod

- a. Shekinah glory is seen.
 - i. Pillar of cloud and fire
 - ii. Cloud engulfing Mount Sinai
 - iii. Glory in the tabernacle
 - iv. The burning bush
 - v. *““But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.”* (Mark 13:24–26, ESV)
- b. Kabod glory is felt.
 - i. Trembling, falling over, drunkenness, peace, etc.

III. Doxa Glory

- a. In order to move into the realm of the Shekinah and Kabod, we must understand a third type of glory: Doxa
 - i. It signifies honor, praise, and the intrinsic worth of God, encompassing His character, essence, and the magnificence of His being.
 - 1. It also communicates radiance or splendor.
 - 2. The distinctively Biblical usage first appears in connection with God's awe-inspiring manifestations to the Israelites.
 - 3. The word *doxa* is found 167 times in the New Testament.
 - 4. It is closely related to Kabod, and understanding it more clearly will enable us to live in the Kabod glory.
 - a. Doxa is the truth of God's glory.
 - b. Kabod is the experience of God's glory.
 - ii. *“And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory (doxa) that I had with you before the world existed.”* (John 17:5, ESV)
 - iii. Doxology: *“... For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”* (Matthew 6:13, KJV 1900)
 - iv. It has to do with assessment, the actual worth and value of God.
 - 1. He is supreme and superior.
 - 2. He is the ultimate authority.
 - 3. He is absolutely perfect.
 - 4. He is perfectly holy.

5. He is greater in magnitude, power and desirability than all else.
- IV. *“and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory (doxa) of God the Father.”* (Philippians 2:11, ESV)
- a. In John 17, Jesus was making a declaration of his divinity, his supremacy.
 - b. When Jesus worked miracles, he revealed his glory, his doxa.
 - i. He provided proof of his magnificence.
 - ii. The Bible says that because of the miracles, his disciples believed in him.
 - c. When we grasp the doxa of God, our passion escalates, our praise explodes, our desire overwhelms us.
 - i. *“Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!””* (Revelation 5:11–13, ESV)
 - d. The glory of the cross, the glory of the resurrection, the transfiguration, the ascension are all revelations of God’s doxa glory.
 - i. *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.”* (Colossians 1:15–16, ESV)
 - ii. *“Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.”* (Psalm 24:7, ESV)
 - iii. *“Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!”* (Psalm 66:1–2, ESV)
 - iv. *“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”* (Isaiah 60:1, ESV)
 - v. *“which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.”* (1 Timothy 6:15–16, ESV)
 - vi. *“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”* (Hebrews 1:3–4, ESV)
 - e. Manifestations of doxa:

- i. Answered prayer
 - 1. *"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."* (John 15:7–8, ESV)
- ii. Deliverance
 - 1. *"And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?""* (Matthew 8:29, ESV)
- iii. The cross
 - 1. *"When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed."* (John 17:1–5, ESV)
- iv. The empty tomb
 - 1. Defeated death, hell and the grave
- v. Creation
 - 1. *"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."* (Psalm 19:1, ESV)
- vi. Worship
 - 1. *"And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!""* (Isaiah 6:3, ESV)
- vii. Revival
 - 1. Kingdom established
- viii. Healing
 - 1. His majesty and supremacy is revealed.
- ix. Transformed lives
 - 1. *"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory (doxa) of God."* (1 Corinthians 10:31, ESV)
- x. Miracles
 - 1. Proof of God's authority
- xi. Protection
 - 1. Trump's ear
- xii. Angelic encounters
 - 1. The shepherds experienced the doxa of God at the announcement of Christ's birth.

2. Doxa to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all men.
- xiii. Judgment
1. His supremacy will be clear.
- xiv. Fear of the Lord
1. *“for they loved the glory (doxa) that comes from man more than the glory (doxa) that comes from God.”* (John 12:43, ESV)
 2. *“I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.”* (Isaiah 42:8, ESV)