



Moses and the Glory of Yahweh

Exodus 33:12-23

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Defining Glory

“God’s glory is the outward manifestation of His inward, essential excellence—the “weight” of His holiness being felt and seen by His creation.” - Jonathan Edwards

“ If God’s holiness is His “beauty,” then His glory is the “radiance” that comes off that beauty. It is the overwhelming excellence of God being made “weighty” and visible to the creature.” - Stephen Charnock

Essential Glory vs Manifestative Glory

- **Essential Glory:** This is God's nature. It is infinite and cannot be increased or decreased. Even if no humans or angels existed, God would be infinitely glorious within the Trinity.
- **Manifestative Glory:** This is the "showing" of that excellence. When the Bible talks about "the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" or the "the heavens declare the glory of God" (Ps 19) they are talking about the internal excellence of God being made public.

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“Therefore the reader would be mistaken to assume that what Moses actually *saw* would be significantly revelatory; it was rather what he *learned* through God’s words that would most help him to understand that his request to be taught God’s ways (v. 13) and to be shown God’s glory (v. 18) had indeed been granted.”

- Douglas Start

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Lessons...

- 1) We remember ourselves, our great need for Yahweh to accompany us in the journey He has called us.
- 1) We should Glory, even if we did not see what Moses saw, in that we also have seen God's glory arguably in an even more significant and complete way in Christ.
- 1) We should long to see the glory of God revealed to us day by day and seek it out that we may know Him, His ways, and find favor in His sight.