

The Glory of God

Module 3 of 3

Session 1 of 6

Who is God?

John 17:24-26

²⁴Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am^[a] they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.

1. Rules of interpretation
 - a. Authorial _____ intent
 - b. The original language is important to understand the intent of the author
 - c. All scripture must be understood within the _____ and cultural context.
 - i. Three groups of foundational documents
 1. Old Testament – Creation, history, laws, poetic, wisdom, prophets.
 2. New Testament – History, prophecy, doctrine.
 3. The life of Jesus – Bridge between the old and the new, revelation of God
2. Last session review – Grasping God’s Glory
 - a. God’s Glory is wherever God is.
 - b. Glimpses of _____ in the past, present, future.
3. We can not know God without knowing who He is. (Who is God?)
 - a. God is not His description
 - b. God is not the attributes
4. Four things the human mind must have to comprehend existence.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
5. Jewish concept or understanding of God. Exodus 3:10-14

EXODUS 3:10-14 Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.” 11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?” 12 And He said, “Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain.” 13 Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’ What shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “[b]I AM WHO [c]I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

- a. Israel and _____
 - b. God does not have a _____.
 - c. God is unknowable.
6. Jewish methodology of understanding God.
- a. The Primary force of understanding God was the office of _____
 - i. Scripture (Foundational Documents) was the highest _____
 - ii. If you can't know God then you can know his will.
 - b. Submission to a higher _____
 - c. Wrestling with the Scripture
 - d. Never question the Scripture or your Rabbi. But you can question how we shall then live.
 - e. _____ – “Why did you do that?”
 - f. Believe was only a verb associated with the RABBI and his interpretation.
7. Disciples of Jesus wanted to know *about* God not to know God.
- a. It was all about How should I then live (scripture)
 - b. Not knowing the God of who voiced the scripture.
 - c. The concept of KNOWING God was not a part of their historical mindset
8. High Priestly Prayer of Jesus
- a. Jesus was making that bridge from the Old Testament to the New Testament
 - b. Jesus was making a bridge of conformity to Scripture to KNOWING a living God