

“REFLECTIONS” ON “GLORY”

- The Bible word for “glory” is used to describe that aura which emanates from the sun, moon, and stars. **“There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory” (1 Cor. 15:41.)**
- At the same time the heavens radiate their own glory, they also exude the glory of the One who created them. **“The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork” (Ps. 19:1.)**
- Jesus has the same glory that God does. He is described as the **“brightness”** of God’s **“glory”** and the **“express image of His person (Heb. 1:3.)**
- Jesus prayed: **“Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was” (John 17:5.)**
- Man, however, has **“sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23.)**
- Fallen man, or those **“that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,”** will be **“punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power” (II Thess. 1:9.)**
- Jesus, however, said of His disciples: **“I am glorified in them” (John 17:10.)**
- When Jesus returns He is going **“to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe” (II Thess. 1:10.)**
- There is obviously a great difference between those who “obey not the gospel,” and the “saints” who bring glory to Christ.
- The explanation is that **“the Father of glory” (Eph. 1:17,** has produced a “new creation.”
- Believers radiate the “glory” of God in the same what that the heavens do.

Paul wrote of believers: **“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works” (Eph. 2:10.)** The Bible word translated as “workmanship” is “poiema.” It is the basis of our English word “poem.” As a verb this word is found hundreds of times in the Bible. As a noun, however, it is only found twice.

The first time the word “poiema” is found in Scripture it refers to the creation of the physical world, or “cosmos.” It is translated in the K.J.V. as “made.” Paul wrote: **“The invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made” (Rom. 1:20.)** The cosmos in which we live is orderly. It reflects rhyme and metre like a poem. It also “declares the glory of God.”

The only other time the noun “poiema” is found in Scripture is in Ephesians 2:10 which is quoted above. We are His “workmanship.” We are new creations in Christ Jesus. We are a “poem” written by the hand of God.

When God laid the foundations of the earth He did not do so in a haphazard and irresponsible way. He measured it carefully and stretched out a line upon it (Job 38:5.) The harmony of His creative power is beautifully expressed by the fact that the **“morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy” (Job 38:7.)**

The same creative power that laid the cornerstone of the earth also made Christ the Cornerstone of that Spiritual House which is His Church (Is. 28:16; Eph. 2:20, 1 Pet. 2:6.) When we repent the angels rejoice with the same enthusiasm they manifested when the morning stars sang together. We are “new creations.” Old things have passed away and everything is new (II Cor. 5:17.)

The “Good News” is that you can be “born again.” God creates things “visible” and things “invisible” (Col. 1:16.) By receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour you can become part of that Eternal Kingdom which will never pass away. HE can be glorified in YOU!