

Ipswich International Church

Daily Devotion



Monday 5th May – Sunday 11th May 2025

May 2025

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Introduction

As we come into a new month and new season of leadership in IIC, we are seeking to continue to use our daily devotional to be a focal point for everyone in IIC as we seek to live as disciples and followers of Christ in all areas of our lives. With this at the forefront the devotional is set to enable everyone the opportunity to delve deeper into the word and to be able to study in greater depth the word that would be previously shared on a Sunday.

For this week and the next we will be looking at the glory of God and will be following on from the message that was preached on Sunday. So please feel free to catch up or refresh yourself on Pastor Simons message on the glory of God. Which you will find on our YouTube page- [Watch here](#) or website.

The "Glory of God (Heb "Kabod") simply refers to the radiance, glory or the presence of God dwelling in the midst of His people."

This is our starting point that His glory, Gods glory is His presence amongst us. Our heart and desire should be to see the presence and in dwelling of God throughout all of our lives and within the body of IIC. It is not something that we can practice or try to manipulate to happen within our lives but someone we seek. We have to seek God Himself. Surrendering areas of our lives that may seek to distract us from Him, allowing the presence of God to be real to each one of us whether it be in a gathered meeting on a Sunday or in our homes on a Tuesday or in places of work on a Friday.

This week we will look at the purpose of the Glory of God. Seeing how the glory reveals elements of God and His characteristics to us and others who are touched by the glory. We will also see how the glory of God affects our lives and others lives, bringing an understanding that the biggest purpose of the glory is to point man to God and to be changed in moments of entering into His presence.

As you delve into the scriptures this week be open to the spirits leading and for the glory to be revealed in parts of your life you haven't expected. Be ready for the spirit to be creating an even greater hunger for the glory over the next few weeks as we continue to seek the glory of God together.

....if we are prepared to stretch and enlarge, push back the limits and broaden (Isaiah 54:2-3) to accommodate God in all His fullness, we, too will know His blessing in our lives and beyond measure." (Ken Gott, Sunderland Refreshing)

God Bless

Pastor David Howe

A New Rhythm of Fasting: Mark your Calendar

The Monthly Fast ends with a corporate prayer meeting in the Church Building in Barrack Corner, Ipswich IP1 2NB, at 7:30pm

Wed, 4 – Fri, 6 June 2025

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Kairos Moment: A time to Pause & Reflect

A **Kairos moment** is a significant event (positive or negative, never neutral) that leaves an impact on you, signalling an opportunity to grow spiritually and emotionally.

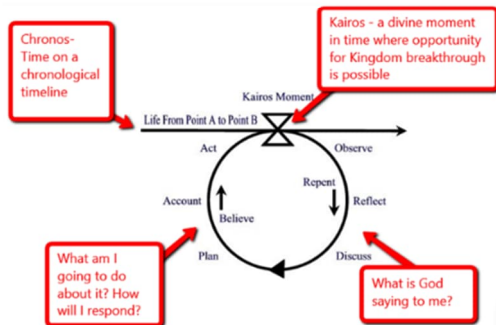
The key is to recognise such a moment and then prayerfully enter the circle of learning of

- **3 steps of repentance** (changing your mind) and
- **3 steps of faith** (doing something about it).

In other words, in a Kairos moment, we are encouraged to take a step for the Kingdom:

>What is God saying to me? (repent, change my mind, change my thinking)

>What am I going to do about it? (think faith, act in faith, step out in faith)



Proclaim His Majesty & Power



Psalm 96:3-8 (ESV)

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!



Within Psalm 96 we read a song of exaltation to the Lord, it is to worship who He is and glorify Him above the nations. The Psalm itself is written by King David and can be linked very closely to 1 Chronicles 16, where the Ark of the Lord is brought back to

Jerusalem and put in the tent of worship that David pitched.

They can be so closely linked that Psalm 96:2-9 and 1 Chronicles 16:23-30 are nearly word for word in their repetition.

This then shows us that Davids worship and desire is to see the world know the presence and glory of God. That when we come to the presence of God, we will see the splendour of His majesty. That when His glory is revealed in and through us his people, the world should see the majesty of who He is in our lives. They should come into a place of knowing his presence because of the glory.

The glory of God points to Him and lifts Him higher than anything else in this world.



Lord, may your glory be exuberant in our lives, glorifying who you are and glorifying you before the world around us.

Exalt Him



Isaiah 42:7–9 (ESV)

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”



The prophecy within Isaiah speaks of ‘The Lord’s chosen servant’, Jesus Christ the Messiah. This text is one of the messianic prophecies and the specific verses we are looking at today is God Himself declaring to Isaiah who is speaking of this servant.

He is also speaking to the people of Israel in His declaration of who He is. In His declaration that He gives his glory ‘to no other’. It is a reminder that His glory cannot be shared or taken away from. It reminds us of the moments in which Israel would try to give glory to other Gods when the very presence and glory of God was near for example Exodus 32. So we see that the glory of God is not to be mistaken or interpreted to be shared with other worship but that in the glory of God there is an exaltation towards Him and Him alone.

When living in His glory and being captivated by it the idols in our lives are easily laid down and the things of this world become less and less. Often when the glory is tangible in our lives we can lose interest in other things that seek to not glorify God. This should be our posture in our own lives, that we would seek to glorify the Lord constantly.



Lord, reveal in my life the things that would seek to not glorify you.

I chose to lay down idols, mindsets and attitudes that would not glorify you. May my whole life exalt you.

Show His Otherness



Exodus 33:20–23 (ESV)

²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” ²¹ And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”



This moment in which the glory of God passes by Moses, highlights an aspect of the glory of God that we can take for granted at times. The instruction that Moses and man cannot see the very face of God, shows the very reverence of God. That his holiness and righteousness and glory is so powerful that we in our current bodies, cannot stand the very fullness of God.

Colossians 1:19-20 reminds us that the fullness of God dwells in Christ and that through Christ reconciliation has been made for all on earth and heaven. So Christ has enabled us to be able to come into the glory of God. However it is within the glory that we also see the reverence and righteousness of God. This is where we have to recognise that there is an otherness to God. That no matter how transformed we are in this life, the glory of God will remind us constantly of the reverence and glory of who He is.

This is why people will speak of the weight of His glory. It is not that there is a physical weight but the sheer weight of His righteousness and reverence is a reminder to us of His holiness in the presence of His glory.



Lord, we thank you that we can know and experience your glory. May we continue to be reminded of the righteousness of who you are and seek to see that righteousness to grow in our lives more.

Change People's Lives



John 2:6–11 (ESV)

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.



As stated in today's text, this is John's account of Jesus first sign or miracle. It is one that we can be very familiar with as it is often referred to and known within day-to-day society as the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine. The key for us to draw out of it on this occasion is that it enabled the manifestation of His glory.

As we look throughout the gospels at Jesus physical life on this earth, we see a multitude of miracles in which the Glory of God is revealed. At each miracle people's lives are changed either through healing or a display of the impossible happening such as the storm being calmed. The key take away from this is that within the Glory of God lives are changed, miracles happen and the reality of who God is made known in peoples lives.

When coming into the glory of God, when it becomes manifest in our lives and others lives, we should be changed by it in some way. So often that manifestation can lead to salvation and a witnessing of the reality of God.



Lord, manifest your glory in my life. May I not take your presence for granted but be expectant to be changed, to be transformed. May others who do not yet know you be changed by the manifestation of your Glory.

Gives A Foretaste Of What Is To Come



Matthew 24:29–31 (ESV)

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.



Jesus here is speaking to his Disciples about what will take place at the end of this current age, when He comes again. We can read this passage through two different lenses. The first is to focus on the negative of what will come or with a

lens of looking to the glory of when He will return.

His declaration that the son of man will come again with power and great glory. Shows us that Gods desire is to prepare us and gives us knowledge of what will come. With this in mind we can also see that when we experience the glory of God it is to give us a foretaste of what we will see in eternity.

That is the most amazing truth that God does not wait for our lives in this world to be over, for us to experience the glory of heaven. But He wants me and you to know the glory of His presence NOW!! As a loving father He wants His children to receive good gifts and makes them available to us today. He has made the glory that is yet to come to be a reality for us now. We can engage and encounter the heavenly here on earth and His desire is that we will not be held back from it but to know it in our everyday lives.



Lord, I thank You that you have made the Glory of your heavenly throne room accessible to your children now. Lord may I continue to remember that your glory is a foretaste of what is to come, no matter what happens in this world.

Enables A Reality Of The Unseen



2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (ESV)

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.



As highlighted yesterday, the Glory of God is a foretaste of what is to come and enables us to connect into the heavenly realm. In this passage Paul speaks of how we are being renewed each day. That what we are experiencing in this life is

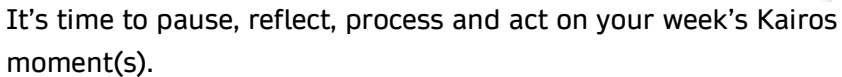
nothing compared to the glory that we will see.

This leads to an even greater truth that the glory of God that we experience now in this world, enables us to be connecting to the heavenly places. It causes us to then see that the spiritual realm is open to us. The glory of God brings a connection to the Spirit that means we can see the things of the eternal. It also causes the unseen to become a reality. As we reflect on what the manifest glory of God does, we that it brings the spiritual unseen in the physical become physical.

The glory of God connects us to the heavenly realms and brings it to reality in the natural.



Lord, we thank you that your glory causes the heavenly to become a reality, that you enable us to see the unseen. As we seek your glory may the things of the spirit become an even greater reality.



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October 2024 Vision

For months, God has been revealing things to me during worship, though I didn't fully understand them until Sunday morning when everything came together with clarity for Ipswich International Church.

I often sense a mighty Angel of the Lord over the platform, leading an army of smaller angels who move among the congregation, delivering God's instructions. The angel's tasks include comforting broken hearts and grief, and grounding people to the Holy Spirit's healing. Next, releasing provision, where those in need receive from God's abundance, often through others in the congregation. Then, sharing Truth and securing us firmly in Jesus to ensure we remain steady and secure. Lastly, I saw a covering of protection, like the angel's garments stretched over the people, symbolising peace and sanctification.

God is preparing Ipswich International Church for what is to come—not just superficially but in deep wholeness. This preparation is corporate, requiring unity. **“What you have now is one tenth of what I have planned for you to take hold of,”** he says. He is expanding His people's influence in Ipswich and beyond, calling them to replant stakes in new ground. The church is being established as an epicentre of provision, both physical and spiritual, to release life. God's people must be whole to display His glory in the places He is calling them to.

A member of the Church submitted this vision via email, and it has been condensed for clarity and brevity. We have prayed about it and looked at how God has been leading us over the past few years. We believe it is truly from Him. Now, we share it clearly for everyone. Each of us has a place in what God is saying. Let's seek Him together, trust His plan, and walk forward with faith and unity.

St Wale
4 Feb 2025



Our Priorities

