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The Glory/Beauty of God (02): Darkness & 3 Strands of God's Glory in John

Opening: James 1:1-11; Psalm 73:24-25.

1. Bible: Through the Bible, 2 Corinthians 6.
2. Hermeneutics (28): Secular hermeneutics: Hans Gadamer, Martin Heidegger. Biblical hermeneutics: the perspicuity of Scripture vs. the myriad of interpretative problems among Bible-believers.
3. Doctrine: Loving God and the glory of Christ.
 - a. Loving God, beholding His glory: Matt. 22:37-40; Gen 17:1; Psa. 27:4; 3:3; 5:3; 89:14-17; Heb. 1:1-3; 1 Cor 2:7-10; Eph. 1:18; 2 Cor 3:18; 2 Cor. 1:20; 4:4-6; 4:15-17; Philip 3:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:20; 10:31.
 - b. Beholding the glory of God in Jesus Christ: three strands in John.
 - (1) Beholding the glory: 6 signposts of Christ.
 - (2) Beholding the greatest revelation of God's glory: Love crucified.
 - (3) Beholding the glory of Christ's human body: God-man.

4. Consider the darkness that prevents man from seeing the glory of God in Christ. **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. *All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.* ⁴ *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.* ⁵ *And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*
- a. Darkness in the OT.
 - b. Darkness in the NT.
 - c. Absolute misotheism (Thomas Paine, Algernon Swinburne).
 - d. Agonistic misotheism (Rebecca West, Elie Wiesel, Mark Twain).

5. 1st strand of divine glory in John: Christ's six glory signposts to new creation.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- a. #1: John 2:11. *The Word became flesh, and turned water into wine in celebration of a wedding, and we beheld His glory, glory as one who takes the ordinary and transformed it into the extraordinary.*
- b. #2: John 4:46-54. *The Word became flesh, and healed the sick, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the sovereign giver of life.*
- c. #3: John 5:2-11. *The Word became flesh, and healed a paralytic, and we beheld His glory, glory as the healer of the lame.*

- d. #4: John 6:11-14. *The Word became flesh, and miraculously fed 5,000 people, and we beheld His glory as the sustainer of life.*
- e. #5: John 9:1-11. *The Word became flesh, and gave sight to the blind, and we beheld His glory as the giver of sight.*
- f. #6: John 11:43-48. *The Word became flesh, and restored life to the dead, and we beheld His glory as the giver of life.*

6. 2nd strand of divine glory, the apex of revelation of divine glory: Crucified love. This is Christ's 7th sign: the *moment* when the glory of God, His love, is supremely revealed (John 3:14-16; 12:23-32; Rom 5:6-8; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 Jn 4:10, 16; Rom. 8:38-39; 1 Jn 3:16). All other signs lead up to this "lifting up," the "exaltation" of the glory of God, namely the supreme revelation of God's love. *The Word became flesh, and was crucified and judged for man's sins, and we beheld His glory, glory as the God of sacrificial love.*

7. 3rd strand of divine glory revealed: Immanuel. The glory of Christ's Body/Tabernacle, John 1:14; 2:13-22. *The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as the God who comes to us in a human being.*