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# Glory versus God's Glory

The theme of today's sharing is very mysterious. Nobody knows exactly what God's Glory is. It is why we will have less commentaries today. Instead of long talks, we prefer to propose a collection of texts from the bible which can help us to meditate and to share about the nature of this mysterious glory, which seems to be a very central theme in the relationship between God and mankind.

### **1) "Kabod" - honour, glory**

In Hebrew, "kabed" = 1) to be heavy. 2) to be weighty, honoured, respected, mighty. "kabod" = honour, glory. It is the word which is used to express the idea of "honour" in "honour your father and mother". To honour = to make heavy.

*Ex 20:12*

*12 Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.*

### **2) Manifestations of God's Glory**

Different apparitions of God's Glory:

***Ex 16:1-2+9-15 - Quails and bread***

*1 They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt.*

*2 And the whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness,*

3 and said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

(...)

9 And Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your murmurings.'"

10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

11 And the Lord said to Moses,

12 "I have heard the murmurings of the people of Israel; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning dew lay round about the camp.

14 And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as hoarfrost on the ground.

15 When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat."

#### **Ex 24:12-18 - Mount Sinai**

12 The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tables of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

13 So Moses rose with his servant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

14 And he said to the elders, "Tarry here for us, until we come to you again; and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a cause, let him go to them."

15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

16 The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

17 Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.

18 And Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

#### **Ex 33:18-23 - Show me your Glory**

18 Moses said, "I pray thee, show me thy glory."

19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."

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 upon 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."

**Ex 34:29-38 - Moses' radiance**

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tables of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

30 And when Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them.

32 And afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;

34 but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the people of Israel what he was commanded,

35 the people of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone; and Moses would put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**Ez 1:26-28 - River Chebar**

26 And above the firmament over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness as it were of a human form.

27 And upward from what had the appearance of his loins I saw as it were gleaming bronze, like the appearance of fire enclosed round about; and downward from what had the appearance of his loins I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about him.

28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

**1) 1 K 8:1-13 - God's Glory in the Temple**

1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' houses of the people of Israel, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up.

5 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered.

6 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.

7 For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles.

8 And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; and they are there to this day.

9 *There was nothing in the ark except the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.*

10 *And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord,*  
11 *so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.*

12 *Then Solomon said, "The Lord has set the sun in the heavens, but has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.*

13 *I have built thee an exalted house, a place for thee to dwell in for ever."*

### **2) Compare Lk 1:34-35 - Annunciation**

34 *And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?"*

35 *And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.*

### **3) Ez 11:14-12:7 - Leaving into exile**

14 *And the word of the Lord came to me:*

15 *"Son of man, your brethren, even your brethren, your fellow exiles, the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'They have gone far from the Lord; to us this land is given for a possession.'*

16 *Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God: Though I removed them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a while in the countries where they have gone.'*

17 *Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.'*

18 *And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations.*

19 *And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will take the stony heart out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,*

20 *that they may walk in my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.*

21 *But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will requite their deeds upon their own heads, says the Lord God."*

22 *Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them.*

23 *And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.*

24 *And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in the vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to the exiles. Then the vision that I had seen went up from me.*

25 *And I told the exiles all the things that the Lord had showed me.*

1 *The word of the Lord came to me:*

2 *"Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but see not, who have ears to hear, but hear not;*

3 *for they are a rebellious house. Therefore, son of man, prepare for yourself an exile's baggage, and go into exile by day in their sight; you shall go like an exile from your place to another place in their sight. Perhaps they will understand, though they are a rebellious house.*

4 You shall bring out your baggage by day in their sight, as baggage for exile; and you shall go forth yourself at evening in their sight, as men do who must go into exile.

5 Dig through the wall in their sight, and go out through it.

6 In their sight you shall lift the baggage upon your shoulder, and carry it out in the dark; you shall cover your face, that you may not see the land; for I have made you a sign for the house of Israel."

7 And I did as I was commanded. I brought out my baggage by day, as baggage for exile, and in the evening I dug through the wall with my own hands; I went forth in the dark, carrying my outfit upon my shoulder in their sight.

#### **4) Ez 39:26-29 - Promise for return**

26 They shall forget their shame, and all the treachery they have practised against me, when they dwell securely in their land with none to make them afraid,

27 when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have vindicated my holiness in the sight of many nations.

28 Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God because I sent them into exile among the nations, and then gathered them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations any more;

29 and I will not hide my face any more from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord God."

#### **5) Ez 43:1-7 - Return from exile**

1 Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate facing east.

2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the east; and the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with his glory.

3 And the vision I saw was like the vision which I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and like the vision which I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

4 As the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east,

5 the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

6 While the man was standing beside me, I heard one speaking to me out of the temple;

7 and he said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the people of Israel for ever.

#### **Lk 2:8-11 - Shepherds**

8 And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

10 And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;

11 for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

#### **Ac 7:51-60 - Stephan**

51 (Stephan said;) "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.

52 Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered,

53 *you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."*  
 54 *Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth against him.*  
 55 *But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;*  
 56 *and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God."*  
 57 *But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together upon him.*  
 58 *Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.*  
 59 *And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."*  
 60 *And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

### **3) Christ's ministry**

#### ***Is 49:1-9 - The Redeemer, the Holy One, despised***

1 *Listen to me, O coastlands, and hearken, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.*  
 2 *He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.*  
 3 *And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."*  
 4 *But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."*  
 5 *And now the Lord says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—*  
 6 *he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."*  
 7 *Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."*  
 8 *Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favour I have answered you, in a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages;*  
 9 *saying to the prisoners, 'Come forth,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways, on all bare heights shall be their pasture.*

#### ***Mk 1:9-11 - Baptism***

9 *In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan.*  
 10 *And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove;*  
 11 *and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."*

**Mt 17:1-8 - Transfiguration**

1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart.

2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.

3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

5 He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe.

7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."

8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

**Jn 8:53-55a - Authority of the ministry of JC**

53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you claim to be?"

54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is your God.

55 But you have not known him; I know him.

**Mt 16:27-28 - Return in Glory**

27 For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done.

28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

**Mt 19:27-30 - The glorious Throne**

27 Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?"

28 Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

30 But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

**Mt 24:29-35 - The Son of man coming on the clouds**

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 the sign of the Son of man in heaven, 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.

32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

- 34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place.  
35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

## **4) The Church**

### ***Jn 14:8-14 - greater works***

- 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied."  
9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"  
10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.  
11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves.  
12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father.  
13 Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son;  
14 if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

### ***Jn 17:6-15 - My joy fulfilled in themselves***

- 6 "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word.  
7 Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee;  
8 for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me.  
9 I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine;  
10 all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them.  
11 And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.  
12 While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled.  
13 But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.  
14 I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.  
15 I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one.

### ***1 Jn 5:5-11 - Testimony and eternal life***

- 5 Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?  
6 This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood.  
7 And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth.  
8 There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree.

9 *If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son.*

10 *He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son.*

11 *And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*

#### **Rev 7:9-17 - People in white robes**

9 *After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,*

10 *and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!"*

11 *And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,*

12 *saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen."*

13 *Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?"*

14 *I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

15 *Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.*

16 *They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.*

17 *For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

#### **Rev 19:5-9 - The marriage of the Lamb**

5 *And from the throne came a voice crying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."*

6 *Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.*

7 *Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;*

8 *it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure" —for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.*

9 *And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God."*

## **5) Jesus Christ Wisdom**

Christ is often understood as God's Wisdom.

#### **Wis 7:22-8:1 - In praise of Wisdom**

22 *For within (Wisdom) is a spirit intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, active, incisive, unsullied, lucid, invulnerable, benevolent, sharp,*

23 *irresistible, beneficent, loving to man, steadfast, dependable, unperturbed, almighty, all-surveying, penetrating all intelligent, pure, and most subtle spirits;*  
 24 *for Wisdom is quicker to move than any motion; she is so pure, she pervades and permeates all things.*  
 25 *She is a breath of the power of God, pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; hence nothing impure can find a way into her.*  
 26 *She is the reflection of the eternal light, untarnished mirror of God's active power, image of his goodness.*  
 27 *Although alone, she can do all; herself unchanging, she makes all things new. In each generation she passes into holy souls, she makes them friends of God and prophets;*  
 28 *for God loves only the man who lives with wisdom.*  
 29 *She is indeed more splendid than the sun, she outshines all the constellations; compared with light, she takes first place,*  
 30 *for light must yield to night, but over Wisdom evil can never triumph.*  
 1 *She deploys her strength from one end of the earth to the other, ordering all things for good.*

***Jn 1:1-5+14+16-18 - John's prologue***

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;*  
 3 *all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.*  
 4 *In him was life, and the life was the light of men.*  
 5 *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*  
 (...)
 14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.*  
 (...)
 16 *And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace.*  
 17 *For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*  
 18 *No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.*

***1 Cor 1:17-25 - Wisdom - Foolishness***

17 *For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.*  
 18 *For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*  
 19 *For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart."*  
 20 *Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?*  
 21 *For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.*  
 22 *For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,*  
 23 *but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,*  
 24 *but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

## **6) Name - Grace - Glory**

In Ezekiel and in John, the words *name* and *glory* have the same meaning. The name is the identity, the deep being of the person.

### ***Ex 3:13-15 - I am who I am***

13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

### ***Ps 103 - Bless the Lord, my soul. A Psalm of David.***

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

13 As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear him.

14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;

16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

19 The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word!

21 Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will!

22 Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

***Jn 1:9-13 - To know him***

*9 The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.*

*10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not.*

*11 He came to his own home, and his own people received him not.*

*12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God;*

*13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

***Jn 17:4-6 - I have manifested your name to them***

*4 I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do;*

*5 and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.*

*6 "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word.*

## **7) See**

Glory in Greek is “doxa” = appearance, imagination, opinion, reputation, honour, glory, dignity, majesty, splendour.

***Jn 20:3-9 - See and believe***

*3 Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb.*

*4 They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first;*

*5 and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.*

*6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying,*

*7 and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.*

*8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;*

*9 for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.*

***Jn 14:16-20 - See and know***

*16 And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever,*

*17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.*

*18 "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you.*

*19 Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also.*

*20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.*