

**THE GLORY OF GOD – 3**  
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**REVIEW:**

- “Ichabod” – The glory is departed.
- Ark – God’s presence in Israel.
- Glory – God’s manifested presence.
- Israel was distinguished and invincible.
- Samson became ordinary when the glory departed.
- The church without the glory is ordinary.
- Faded glory – Good luck charm, trophy, lightly esteeming.
- Promotes Glory – Spiritual hunger, submit, sensitivity, sanctify.

**CONTINUE:**

1. The glory in Solomon’s Temple. **2 CHRONICLES 5:13-15; 7:1-3**
  - A. Sacrifice: To surrender something of value for something else.
    - The Jewish sacrifice was the best of its kind.
  - B. Fire: Consumes the sacrifice.
    - Our God is a consuming fire.
  - C. Glory: The tangible, manifested presence of God.
2. The glory in the temple today. **ACTS 2:1-4**
  - A. Sacrifice: We surrender our lower life for the higher life.
    - **ACTS 1:14** – They surrendered religion for reality.
    - **ROMANS 12:1-2** – We all have something to sacrifice.
      - Mercies of God – Other worshipers are motivated by fear. Christians are motivated by mercy, goodness and love.
      - Our bodies – An Olympian sacrifices to win a medal. We sacrifice praise, our time, resources to gain eternal glory.
      - Our minds – Our way of thinking and our will for God’s.
  - B. Fire: Cloven tongues of fire sat on each of them. A holy flame.
    - Refines – purifies, purges, makes holy.
    - Energizes – Excites to activity.
    - Spreads, transforms, influences.
  - C. Glory: “They were all filled.”
    - **MATTHEW 17:1-3** – Moses represents the glory of the law; Elijah, the glory of the prophets; Jesus, the brightness of God’s glory personified.
    - **ACTS 1:8** – Glory that empowers.
    - **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** – Glory that transforms.
    - **ISAIAH 10:27** – Glory that destroys the yoke of bondage.
    - **JOHN 7:37-39** – Glory that flows out from us.
    - **EPHESIANS 5:17-18** – Glory to be constantly filled with.

**CONCLUSION:** Each of us is a temple of God. Each of us is our own sacrifice to be offered. As we sacrifice, the fire will fall and the glory will fill the house. So let the sacrifices be made, let the fire fall and let the glory manifest and the work of God be done.