Introduction: Our title comes from the song “To God Be the Glory” with the words, “Great things He has done.” I got to thinking of the connection between God and glory or glor9died, in the Bible.

**I) Definitions**

**A) Glory – 1) high renown or honor won by notable achievement, 2. magnificence or beauty.**

1. We might think of those who are honored during time of war, or willing to give their lives for others.

2. We might also think of a glorious sunset, or a quality one possesses.

**Proverbs 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.**

**B) Glorify – 1) Praise and worship of God, 2) Describe or represent as admirable**

1. Various Psalms tell us to Praise God and describes His admirable traits.

2. His creative power, Psalm 8, 19, 139.

3. His knowledge and wisdom, Psalm 14, 37, 73

**II) God Possesses Glory**

**A) Glory of the Lord**

1. When it is exhibited and for man to see.

2. The Israelites were told to watch and see the glory of the Lord, in His work.

a. They were complaining about being in the wilderness.

**Exodus 16:7 "And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?" 8 Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD."**

b. When see his handiwork in creation, in His provisions, we are seeing His glory.

**B) Glory which Lord possesses**

1. In the cloud which would lead them in the wilderness.

**Exodus 16:10 Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud**.

2. On Mount Sinai.

**Exodus 24:16 Now the glory of the LORD rested 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.**

**Exodus 24:17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel**.

2. In the tabernacle.

**Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Exodus 40:34-35**

3. In judgement, we don’t often think of God’s glory being exhibited in judgement but it is.

a. Numbers 16 deals with the rebellion of Korah. He starts complaining about Moses’ leadership and others chimed along.

**Numbers 16:9 "Is it a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the work of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to serve them; 10 "and that He has brought you near to Himself, you and all your brethren, the sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking the priesthood also?**

b. God deals with these complainers.

**Numbers 16:19 And Korah gathered all the congregation against them at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation. 20 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 21 "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment."**

c. Then others started complaining about the complainers being killed, and God is ready to kill them. We see His wrath.

**Numbers 16:41 On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the LORD." 42 Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.**

3. In the temple.

**1 Kings 8:10 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.**

**III) Glory to God**

**A) Glory aimed at God**

1. The angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus.

a. A plan which they did not fully understand.

**1 Peter 1:12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things which angels desire to look into.**

b. The angel’s initial reaction to the birth of our Savior.

**Luke 2:11 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"**

2. Jesus with His disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. In speaking of what would happen and what they would do, He ends with these words.

**John 21:18 "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." 19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."**

**B) We glorify God**

1. In our faith. Much like Abraham in his faith toward God.

**Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed--God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,**

2. In our helping one another.

**2 Corinthians 9:12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, 13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men,**

3. In our good works,

**1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.**

4. In our willingness to suffer for Christ.

**1 Peter 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.**

5. In our body and spirit as Christians. **1 Corinthians 6.**

a. Call to flee sexual immorality, **v.18**

b. Our body is the temple of God, **v. 19**

c. In our body and spirit. **1 Corinthians 6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.**

Conclusion: In our study we learn God has exhibited His glory in various ways, by nature possesses glory, deserves glory, and various ways we glorify Him. It is through our obedience to His Son; we glorify Him today.