

## **PULPIT MINISTRY**

December Pulpit Theme: "And we beheld His glory"  
Combined Worship

7 December 2008

Title: "And we beheld His glory, full of grace and truth"

Text: John 1

### **(I) MANY PERSPECTIVES OF THE GLORY OF GOD**

#### **1. Supernatural Manifestation**

- a) Protection
  - i) Pillar of cloud
  - ii) Pillar of fire
  
- b) Provision
  - i) Manna (**Exodus 16:35**)
  - ii) Water (**Exodus 17:6**)
  
- c) Deliverance
  - i) Deliverance from enemies (**Exodus 14**) (Egyptians)
  - ii) Deliverance in battle (**Exodus 17:8-16**) (Amalekites)

#### **2. Creation**

- a) The heavenly bodies

*"The heavens declare the glory of God;  
And the firmament shows His handiwork."* **Psalm 19:1**

- b) Daily blessings that are taken for granted

*"Day unto day utters speech  
And night unto night reveals knowledge."* **Psalm 19:2**

#### **3. Special Manifestation of the Messiah**

*"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."* **John 1:14**

- a) The glory of the Word of God becoming flesh
- b) The glory of the Incarnate Word dwelling among men
- c) The glory of the only begotten of the Father
- d) The glory associated with "grace and truth"

## **(II) PARTAKING OF THE GLORY OF CHRIST**

*“And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.*

*For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” **John 1:16-17***

### **1. Partaking of the fullness of the grace of Christ**

- a) In Salvation
- b) In Sanctification
- c) In Strength to cope with every trial and tribulation of life

### **2. Receiving the fullness of truth Jesus taught**

- a) In contra-distinction to the law of Moses
- b) In its own fullness of theology

## **(III) GIVING GLORY TO THE LORD**

### **1. Through discernment of the Scriptures**

### **2. Through enlightenment that comes from the Spirit of God**

### **3. Through expressions that are appropriate**