

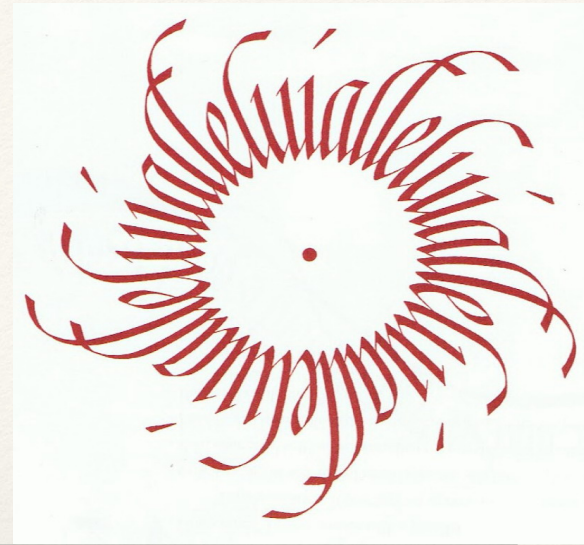
# Biblical Worship

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## Unit 1

# THE GOD WE WORSHIP

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The diagram features a dark blue background. In the center, the text "the biblical pattern of worship" is written in a yellow, sans-serif font. To the left of this text is a large, light blue arrow pointing downwards. To the right is a large, light blue arrow pointing upwards. At the bottom left, a light blue rectangular box contains the text "Revelation" in black and "THEOLOGY" in yellow below it. At the bottom right, a light blue rectangular box contains the text "Response" in black and "DOXOLOGY" in yellow below it.

the biblical pattern  
of worship

Revelation  
THEOLOGY

Response  
DOXOLOGY

A composite image showing a portion of the Earth from space. The Earth's surface is visible, showing continents and oceans. A bright sun is positioned on the right side, creating a lens flare effect. Two parallel blue laser beams originate from the sun and extend across the frame, one passing through the Earth's atmosphere and the other passing below it. The text "(photo)" is overlaid in the center of the image.

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# THE GLORY OF GOD

Not an attribute; but rather the sum  
total of ALL His attributes,  
all His perfections

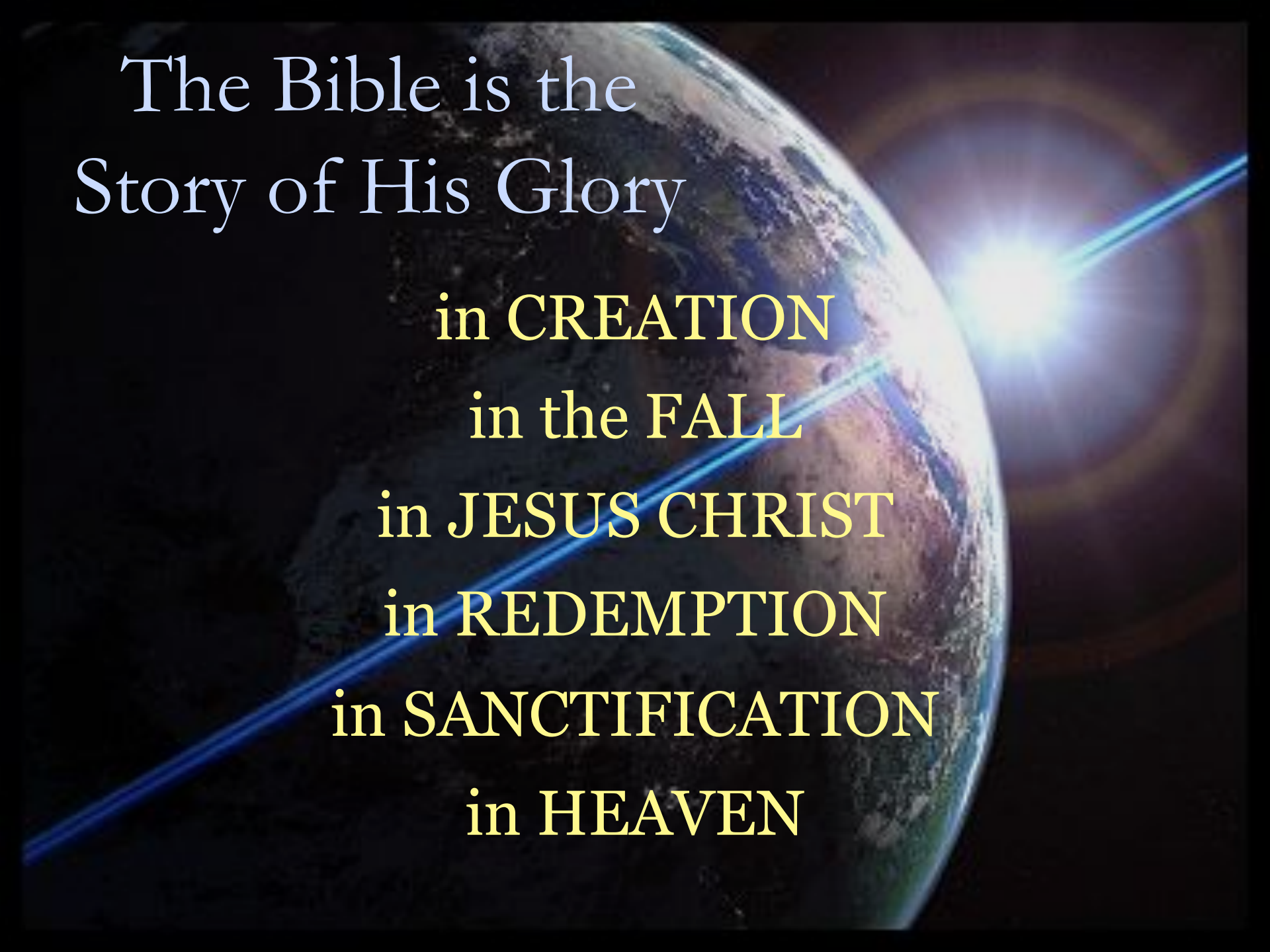
All that makes Him God

His complete and utter perfection  
in every way

The greatest subject of all!

“The beauty of God’s manifold perfections”

“The glory of God is His greatness, His beauty, and His  
worth on display.” (John Piper)



The Bible is the  
Story of His Glory

in CREATION  
in the FALL  
in JESUS CHRIST  
in REDEMPTION  
in SANCTIFICATION  
in HEAVEN

# *in Creation*

The heavens are telling of the glory of  
God.(Psalm 19:1)

Bring My sons from afar and My daughters  
from the ends of the earth, everyone who is  
called by My name, and whom I have created  
for My glory. (Isaiah 43:6-7)

# *in the Fall*

Even though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or give thanks . . .

Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for images . . .

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator.

(Romans 1:21,22-23,25)



*in the Fall*

**For all have sinned and fall short  
of the glory of God.**

**(Romans 3:23)**

**“The essence of sin is the belittling  
of God’s glory.”**

**(John Piper)**



A desert landscape with a long line of people and camels walking through a narrow canyon. The scene is set in a dry, arid environment with rocky cliffs on either side. The ground is sandy and the sky is a pale blue. The line of people and camels stretches from the foreground into the distance, following the path of the canyon. The overall tone is historical and evocative.

*in Israel*

**“You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
(Isaiah 49:3)**

# *in Jesus Christ*

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14)

God . . . has spoken to us in His Son . . .  
He is the radiance of His glory  
and the exact representation of His nature.

(Hebrews 1:1-3)

# *in Jesus Christ*

**John 17:5**

**John 12:41**

**John 1:14**

**John 2:11**

**Hebrews 2:9**

**1 Peter 1:21**

**1 Timothy 3:16**

**John 17:5**

**2 Thessalonians 1:9-10**

**Revelation 5:13**

# *in Jesus Christ*

His Preincarnate Glory  
His Incarnate Glory Foretold  
His Incarnation and Ministry  
His Suffering and Death  
His Resurrection  
His Ascension  
His Exaltation  
His Second Coming  
In Heaven



# *in Redemption*

He predestined us to adoption  
as sons through Jesus Christ  
to Himself, according to  
the kind intention of His will,  
*to the praise of the glory of His grace . . .*

to the end that we who were  
the first to hope in Christ would be  
*to the praise of His glory . . .*

with a view to the redemption of God's  
own possession, *to the praise of His glory.*

(Ephesians 1:5-6,12,14)



# *in Redemption*

For I tell you that Christ became  
a servant to the circumcised  
to show God's truthfulness,  
in order to confirm the promises  
given to the patriarchs,  
and in order that the Gentiles might  
*glorify God for His mercy.*

**(Romans 15:8-9)**



# *in Redemption*

*Christ redeemed us that we might:*

- **Glorify God as God and give thanks**
- **Exchange images for the glory of the incorruptible God**
- **Exchange the lie for the truth of God**
- **Worship and serve the Creator rather than the creature (Romans 1)**

## *in Sanctification*

- Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Cor. 10:31)
- “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.” (John 15:8)
- Whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 4:11)



A photograph of a church congregation. In the center, a man with a shaved head is praying with his eyes closed and hands clasped. To his left, a woman with grey hair is also praying. To his right, a woman with glasses and a purple headscarf is visible. The background is filled with other people, some blurred, suggesting a large gathering.

# *in the Church*

**To Him be glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**(Ephesians 3:21)**

# *in Heaven*

- And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. (Revel. 21:23)
- “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.” (Revel. 5:13)



# The Story of His Glory

For from Him  
and through Him  
and to Him  
are all things.

To Him be the glory forever.

Amen!

(Romans 11:36)



it's not about us  
it's about God and His glory



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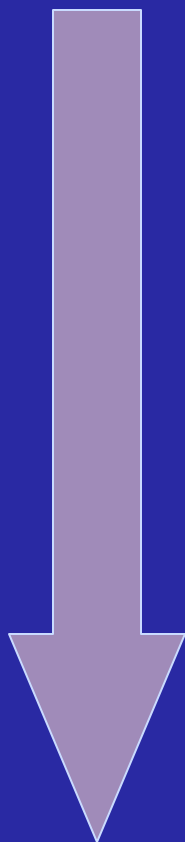
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to the Glory of God

*all that we are  
responding to all that He is*

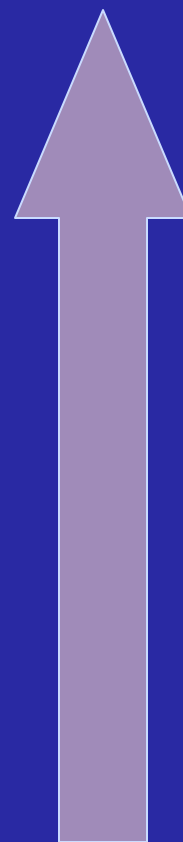
# WORSHIP

is our response  
to the Glory of God

- Recognizing the glory of God with our *minds*
  - Cherishing the glory of God with our *hearts*
- Proclaiming the glory of God with our *mouths*
  - Celebrating the glory of God in *all of life*



Revelation



Response



# Worship is *about* God

(about His Glory)

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness. (Psalm 29:1-2)

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness. (Psalm 150:2)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may *proclaim the excellencies* of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

(1 Peter 2:9)

# Worship is *for* God

(for His Glory)

I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And will glorify Your name forever. (Psalm 86:12)

Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5-6)

Fear God, and give Him glory . . . ; worship Him who made the heavens and the earth and sea and springs of waters. (Revelation 14:7)

There is only one end for which God created and formed the world and made us, and that is for His own exclusive glory and honor. There is only one end for which our Lord redeemed His people, and that was *to bring Him a revenue of glory*. And when you and I find the thirst that God implants within our souls, it is only going to be satisfied when our souls are set on the same longing that God Himself has:  
*for His glory and honor.*

(Eric Alexander)

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and through Him  
and to Him  
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