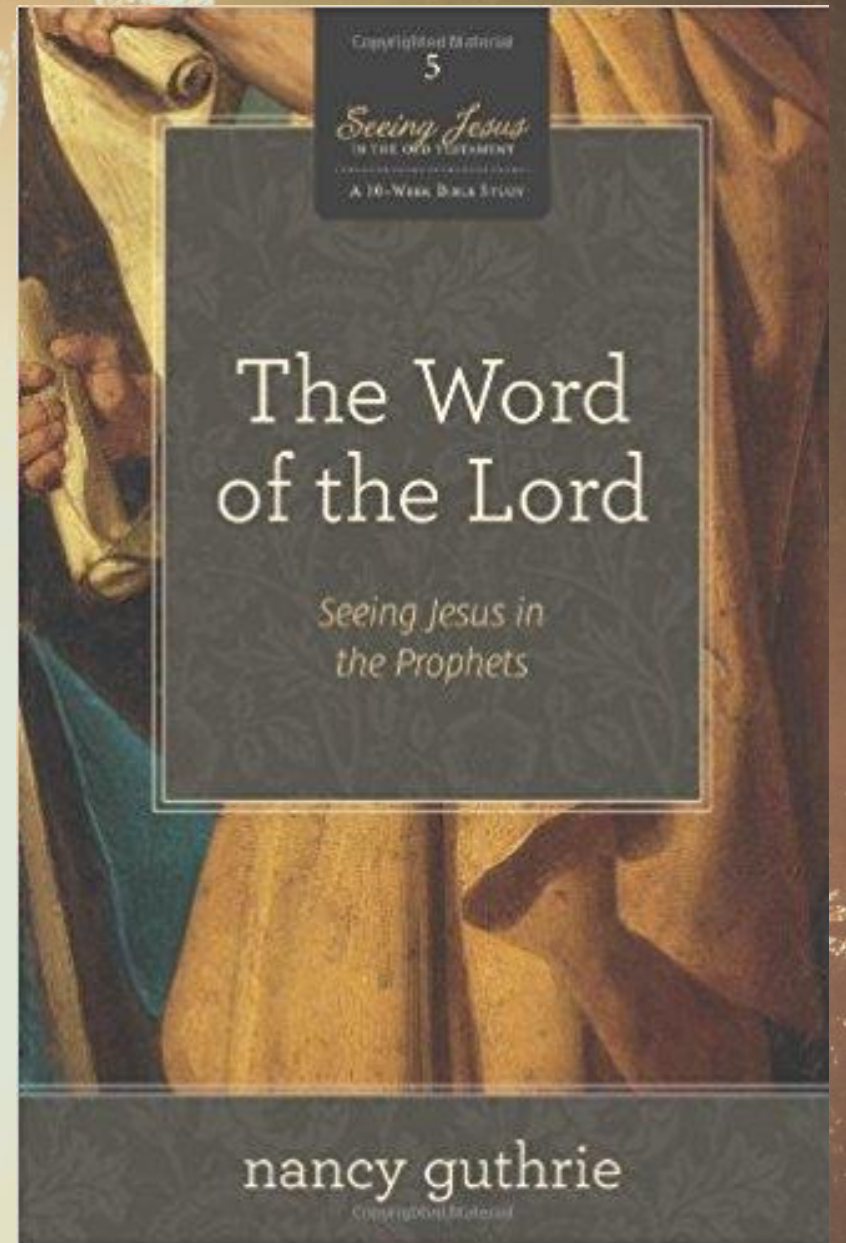



Fall Study 2017



The background of the slide is a photograph of a forest path. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. A bright, circular light flare is centered in the upper half of the image, behind the text. The path leads into the distance, flanked by dense foliage and tree trunks.

The Glory of the LORD

Ezekiel

A background image of a sunlit forest with a bright light flare in the center. The text is overlaid on this image.

The glory of God is the infinite beauty & greatness of his manifold perfection.”

John Piper

Shekinah Glory

- ***The visible manifestation of the presence of God. It is the majestic presence or manifestation of God in which He descended to dwell among men. Whenever the invisible God becomes visible, & whenever the omnipresence of God is localized, this is the Shechinah Glory.***
- *Arnold Fruchtenbaum*

Background

- Ezekiel – “ God strengthens” or “May God strengthen”
- Priest
- Exile from 2nd wave
- Prophetic ministry living in community of exiled Judeans by Chebar canal in Babylon
- Prophet to exiles & to the Judeans still in Jerusalem
- Speaks out against 7 foreign nations

3 Parts & Purpose

- Prophecies against the “rebellious house” of Israel for their idolatry
- Oracles against foreign nations
- Prophecies of restoration
- Oracles defend the character of God’s holiness
- Primary purpose: restore God’s glory before his people who rejected it in full view of the watching nations.
 - Chapter 36:22-32

Ezekiel's Visions

1st Vision: Glory of the LORD descends "*Ezekiel has seen that God's presence among his people is not confined to an architectural structure in Jerusalem.*"

- 2nd Vision: Glory of the LORD departs
- 3rd Vision: Glory of the LORD returns

Glory of God Returns

- John 1:1,14
- 2 Corinthians 4:6
- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- Hebrews 1:3
- *How can we comprehend such a mystery & majesty? Yet it is our privilege to show forth the Shekinah glory for all the world to see?*

How?

- Our good works – Matt. 5:16
- As abide in Christ – John 15:5
- As filled with the Spirit – Ephesians 5:18
- As we walk in the Spirit – Gal. 5:16
- Who is transforming us – 2 Cor. 3:18
- As God has put a new heart with in us – Ezekiel 36: 26-27