

The Beatific Vision

Grasping the Joy and Promise of Seeing God

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What Scripture says about the joy and promise of
_____ God in eternity.

Understanding the Beatific Vision:

1. The Basis: who God is and what God has decreed.

A. God's _____.

The _____ blessedness of God within himself as
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

John 17:20–26 “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You

sent Me. ²² The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; ²⁶ and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

God has perfect happiness in himself and invites us to _____ in divine happiness.

B. God's _____.

Psalm 27:4 One thing I have asked from Yahweh, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of Yahweh and to inquire in His temple.

Psalm 96:6 Splendor and majesty are before Him, Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Psalm 104:1–2 Bless Yahweh, O my soul! O Yahweh my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty, ² Wrapping Yourself with light as with a cloak, Stretching out the heavens like a *tent* curtain.

Scripture portrays God as incomparably beautiful in all he is, and thus _____ delightful.

C. God's _____.

- 1) God's will for himself to be mankind's greatest _____.
- 2) God's will to _____ sinners to savor his glory forever.

2. The Paradox: God's promise that we will see him and seemingly contradictory statements in Scripture.

Exodus 33:20 But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"

The fullness of God cannot be seen because of creature
_____.

John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Saul sees Samuel's spirit (1 Sam. 28:7-20); an angelic being reveals himself to Daniel (Dan. 10:4-9); spirits are visible in the story of Lazarus/the rich man (Luke 16:19-31); people think they are seeing a spirit (Matt. 14:25-27; Luke 24:36-39). Jacob saw God (Gen. 32:30); Moses and Israelite leaders saw a glimpse of God (Exo. 24:9-10); Manoah and his wife saw God appear to them (Jud. 13:20-22); Isaiah saw the Lord on his throne (Isa. 6:1,5); angels see God's face (Matt. 18:10).

God's spiritual substance does not prevent him from being seen at all, but he can make himself genuinely _____ in some capacity to creatures as Scripture affirms.

John 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

Jesus Christ is the _____ who has beheld the full essence of the Father and can represent him fully.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:15–16 He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal might! Amen.

God's invisibility is the incomprehensible _____ and _____ of the divine essence that man has not seen and cannot see because of creaturely weakness.

Summary:

- 1) The invisibility of God refers to the holy and glorious _____ of God, which exceeds creaturely capacities to comprehend and behold in full.
- 2) Scripture _____ Jesus Christ as the God-man who knows the full essence of God (John 6:46), has seen the full essence of God (John 1:18), in whom the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form (Colossians 2:9), and is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15).
- 3) God can and will reveal the glory of his essence to creatures in ways that he is _____ seen, and those who behold him are _____ transformed by their sight of him.

3. The Expectation: believers will see God in his glory forever in manifold ways.

A. The believer will see the glory of God in the _____ of God.

Revelation 21:22–23 And I saw no sanctuary in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its sanctuary. 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.

Revelation 22:3–4 And there will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His slaves will serve Him; and they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads.

The primary way the believer will see God and savor his beauty forever is through the eternal mediator, the Lamb, who _____ the goodness and glory of God.

B. The believer will see the glory of God on display in the _____.

Revelation 21:10–11 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God.

God's glory will be beheld and enjoyed by the saints through his redemptive _____ for his people.

C. The divine essence will _____ on the new earth with believers forever.

Revelation 21:3–4 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain. The first things passed away.”

What believers will behold of God forever is _____ us in many ways.

The Beatific Vision Should Stir in Us:

a) _____ in present suffering that our greatest joy is yet to come.

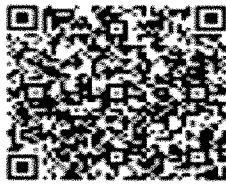
Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

b) _____ in our lives because we know the holiness we will see.

1 John 3:2–3 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not been manifested as yet what we will be. We know that when He is manifested, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

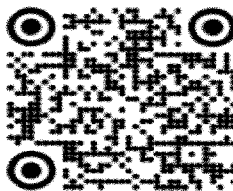
Discussion Questions:

1. What beliefs did you have about seeing God before the sermon? Was the promise to see God significant in your thinking or peripheral? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Do you view God as infinitely beautiful? How should your answer to that question shape your life? Why is God's beauty essential to the beatific vision?
3. Were there any questions from the four passages covered that seemed to contradict the promise that we will see God? If so, answer them as a group.
4. From Revelation 21-22 we explored three aspects of the beatific vision, how should each aspect excite you?
5. How does the beatific vision provide hope to the believer and empower holiness?

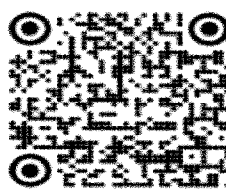


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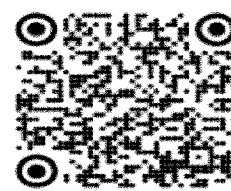
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