

“Glory Lost and Restored”
Judges 4:1-24
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I. Glory

- A. Glory includes concepts like honor, fame, renown, approval, and vindication.
- B. The opposites of glory are things like shame, embarrassment, and dismissal.
- C. Every person desires glory and fears its opposites.
- D. God alone has inherent glory in His essence, and only God is glorious in all that He does.
- E. The Lord will grant glory to believers on the last day.

1 Peter 5:4 - And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

- F. In this life, the Lord allows His people opportunities to receive the right kind of glory in the right way (see Proverbs).

II. Barak and Glory

- A. Barak lost his opportunity for full military glory due to his faithlessness.
- B. Yet Barak’s later faith is crowned with a glorious inclusion in Hebrews 11

Hebrews 11:32–34 - ³² And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

- C. In God’s mercy, weak-faithed Barak’s story of glory lost and restored will be ours too.

1 Peter 1:6–7 - ⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷ so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ