

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

12-24-17 Ken Carlton

Title: CONCEPTION EVE

Main Text: John 12:36-41

Sermon Description: Perhaps we often reference the 'glory of God' without paying much heed to the content of the phrase. Let us consider a definition to reinforce our understanding of this concept. The glory of God is: *The infinite perfections of God in His worth, works, attributes, majesty, splendor, honor, and dignity.* The popular ideas of Jesus associated with Christmas will be misguided at best without the attending understanding and appreciation of His forever glory. Our realizing the weight of the incarnation (Emmanuel, God with us, God in flesh, Jesus' conception and birth) hinges on answers to the following questions: *Where was Jesus on conception eve?* (and) *To where did Jesus ascend?* It may seem more natural to imagine Jesus among us, teaching the message of the Kingdom, perhaps even doing amazing miracles – nevertheless -- the Word of God is clear... Knowledge of our Lord limited to this capacity is insufficient to truly appreciate Jesus Christ. We must **BEHOLD OUR GOD** (Is 40) in His forever glory!

Heading: JESUS' ETERNAL GLORY IS FOUNDATIONAL TO REVELATION OF HIM AS...

1. SON OF MAN (John 12:16,23,28,41,43)

- a. Resurrection/ascension glory (12:12-19) b. Glory pre-incarnate (12:27-30) c. Glory proclaimed (12:23-36)

2. SUFFERING SERVANT (John 12:36-38, Isaiah 53:1)

- a. Resurrection/ascension glory (Is 52:13-15, 53:10-12) b. Glory proclaimed (Is 53:1-2)

3. SOVEREIGN OF SOVEREIGNS (John 12:39-41, Isaiah 6:10)

- a. Glory pre-incarnate (Is 56:1-7) b. Glory Proclaimed (6:10, Luke 5:8, Ezek 1:28, Rev 1:7, Phil 2:5-11)

AIM: TO RESCUE THE IMAGE OF CHRIST FROM POPULAR NOTIONS OF CHRISTMAS.

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Glory in John	Resurrection/ascension	Pre-incarnate	Servant	Sovereign	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Jn 12:16,23,28,41-43	Jn 12:12-19	Jn 12:27-30, 17:5	Is 53:1-5	Is 6:1-7	Jonah overview

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: ...*Jonah overview*...