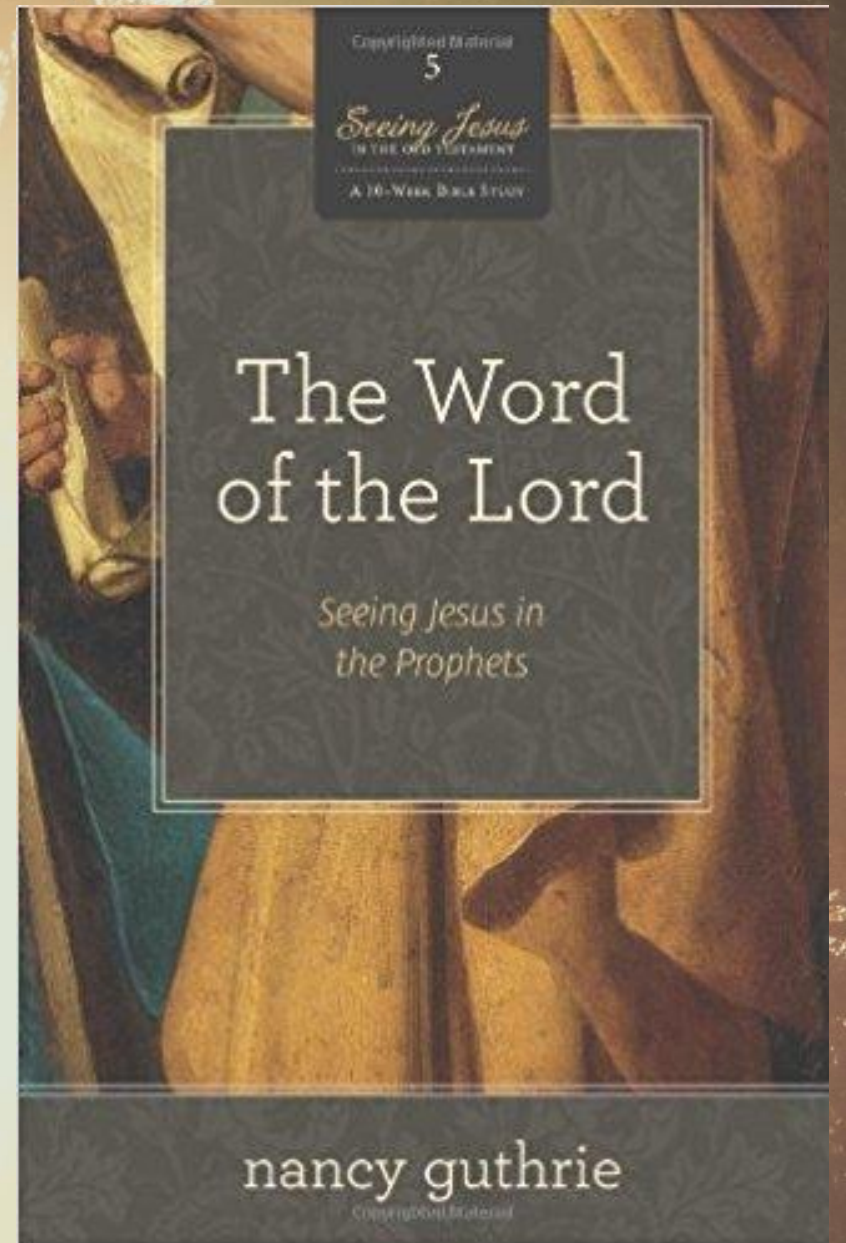



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The background is a photograph of a forest path, heavily filtered with a warm, golden-yellow light. A bright, circular light flare is centered in the upper half of the image, creating a strong glow that fades towards the edges. The trees and foliage are visible but mostly obscured by the light and a soft blur.

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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.*"

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vision: Glory of the LORD departs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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