## Victoria Fellowship Church International & Interdenominational Bible Study Worksheet – March 28, 2021

## Theme: The Attributes of GodTopic: The Attributes of God – Glory

## Main Texts: Psalm 19:1-14; Matthew 21:1-11

**Key verse: Matthew 21:9** – 'The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (NKJV)

**INTRODUCTION:** The Hebrew word which is used for **glory** in the Old Testament has the simple meaning of "heaviness" or "weight". It was used in everyday speech to express the worth of a person in the material sense, and then to express the ideas of importance, greatness, honor, splendor, power, and so on. When applied to God, it refers to all these qualities, in the highest degree. The degree of the brightness of God's glory is such that when His glory appeared in any place, it is impossible for any other thing to occupy the same space (Exodus 40:34; 2 Chronicles 5:14). The Scripture often describes the glory of God in terms of a light that shines brighter than anything that we experience on earth. His radiance and beauty emanate from all that He is and all that He does.

## 1. Psalm 19 uses creation and God's word to help readers understand God's glory. (a) How does nature and the things around you help you understand who God is? How do the adjectives used to describe God's word in Psalm 19:7-11 help you appreciate God's glory?

Psalm 19 reflects on two of the ways God has revealed His glory to man – through His creation (v. 1-6) and through His word (v. 7-14). Psalm 19: 1 tells us that the whole heavens declare the glory of God. But Job 26:14 tells us that even those visible and known creations and power of God are just the fringes of it. No wonder when Moses asked to see God's glory, God told him "*I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."* (Exodus 33:18-19) The full extent of God's glory cannot be seen, even by a man like Moses, because "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." (Exodus 33:20). No person can comprehend the full extent of the glory of God. And yet, God's desire, as He told Moses, is that "… all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord" (Numbers 14:21). God wants His glory to be known, and like Moses, we need to behold God's glory.

2. (a) Why do you think it is important for us to behold God's glory in the various ways He has revealed it? (b) Why do some people find it hard to appreciate and acknowledge God's glory? (c) In what ways can we enhance a consciousness of God's glory in our lives and in the world today?

In Matthew 5:17, Jesus told the people that He came to fulfil the Law and the Prophets. An examination of Jesus' words and actions while on earth reveals a perfect fit with all that was written in the Law and the Prophets. An example is when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. According to the Holy Spirit, through Apostle Matthew, this event also fulfilled some of what had been prophesied in Zechariah 9:9. Concerning God's glory, the New Testament clearly declares that Jesus, '*The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God…*' (Hebrews 1:3 NLT). John 1:14 also affirms the same. Talking about Jesus, Isaiah 60:1 urges us to "arise" and "shine" because our light has come, and the glory of the God has risen upon us.

3. (a) Since Jesus is the complete expression of God's glory, how is salvation in Christ an expression of God's glory? (b) According to Isaiah 60:1 and Matthew 21:9, how are we to respond to the truth of Jesus Christ as the full manifestation of God's glory? (c) The whole city of Jerusalem felt the triumphant entry of Jesus in our text. Is the city of Lagos feeling a commensurate impact of Christians in it today? If yes, how? If no, why not and what should be done?

**Prayer**: Father God may we see your glory in our lives and we manifest this glory in our world, in Jesus Name, Amen.