



SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 42:5 – 9

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UNBRANDABLE

SHROUDED GLORY DOESN'T BRAND

THE GOOD NEWS
THAT GOD IS OUT OF STEP WITH THIS WORLD

You're going to get sick



OF WINNING

HOW SHOULD
A GLORIOUS
GOD TREAT
HIMSELF, HIS
FRIENDS, AND
HIS ENEMIES?



GOD CLAIMS TO BE GLORIOUS



Examples:

- Isaiah 6:1, 42:5 – 9, 48:9 – 13
- Deuteronomy 32:39
- Psalms 103:19, 115:3, 135:6
- Nehemiah 9:6
- Proverbs 16:33
- Amos 3:6
- Daniel 2:21, 4:17
- Zechariah 14:9
- John 17:24

ETC.

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BRANDING:

Show your power and presence in a clear, consistent, commanding, obvious, self-interpreting and indisputable way.



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TAG LINES:

'God: come over to
the winning side'



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TAG LINES:

'Jesus is gonna make
your life great'



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TAG LINES:

'Victory and blessing as far as the eye can see'



THIS IS WHAT WE WANT
WHETHER WE
ADMIT IT OR NOT

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IRRELIGION:

'If God wanted people to believe in him, he'd make himself a lot more obvious.'



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DISCOURAGED FAITH:

'God could really reveal himself more, especially when pain and discouragement hit. I feel abandoned.'

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MISGUIDED BRANDING

God **does** reveal
himself generously to
those who believe.





"GLORY NOW" BRANDING

Dominionist – revealed rule

The Prosperity Gospel – revealed wealth

Faith Healing – revealed healing

(Half-truths can be the most destructive, because we can lose both by believing the lie, or by being tempted to reject the truth.)



SHROUDED GLORY DOESN'T BRAND

God defies reduction – he forces us to expand into maturity

God confounds worldly tastes – he heals and transforms our tastes.

THIS IS GOOD NEWS.

GOD'S SHROUDED GLORY
IS ITSELF A REVELATION.

GOD MAKES HIS
GOODNESS THE MEANS
OF HIS GLORY

FOLLOW THE LOGIC OF HIS REVELATION

His revelation strategy includes the nature and condition of human beings.

OVER-SIMPLIFIED TO 4 STEPS



STEP 1:
REVELATOR VS.
SUPPRESSORS

**Will the real glory shrouders
please stand up?**

STEP I: REVELATION VS. SUPPRESSION

God's glory is very revealed
(Psalm 19)



VS.

Humans are revelation suppressors
(Romans 1:16, John 3:19)



STEP 2:
HEALING GLORY

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Power has a bad transformation track record

God presses his goodness (Exodus 33:19)

VS.

Humans are addicted to and corrupted by power and glory (entire OT and history)

LUKE 16: RICH MAN AND LAZARUS



verse 30 "...they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

PROBLEMS WITH POWER

Those that come to God for power **come** for all the wrong reasons and are **transformed** in all the wrong ways. It will make us devils, not saints. This is not God's eternal purpose.



PROBLEMS WITH POWER

1. Motivates repulsive, lopsided faith
2. Power corrupts us in this condition
3. We need the school of humility

Power grows the cancer of indwelling sin in us rather than strengthening the immune system of human nature



STEP 3: GRACE

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God acts to fit us for glory freely

VS.

**Humans seek to trade
and sacrifice for power**



Idolatry and legalism
have the same roots
(Romans 1&2)

EXAMPLE: 'BREAD OF LIFE'



John 6:26 – 29

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. **Do not work for food that spoils**, but for **food that endures** to eternal life, which the Son of Man will **give** you.

DECEPTIVE OR REVEALING?

“There is enough light for those who only desire to see, and enough obscurity for those who have a contrary disposition”

- Blaise Pascal

STEP 4:
CONFRONTATION

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God offers a savior who presses God's purposes

VS.

**Humans angered by the promise of glory
through humility and suffering.**

John 14:22 – 29

Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, **why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?**" Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching..."



John 14:22 – 29

...These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives...



John 14:22 – 29

...Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe."



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