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- ἀλλ' - contrastive (strong) conj. [W671-72].
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- ἡ...δόξα, - nom. subj. of an elliptical sentence implying a copula ("to be") in a convertible proposition where the articular noun is the subj. [W40-46].
- ...τῶν ἐπουρανίων... - subj. gen. [W113-16]. "*The celestial (bodies) radiate/shine.*"

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- ἡ - nom. subj. of an elliptical sentence implying a copula ("to be") in a convertible proposition where the articular noun is the subj., though in this case it is merely the article itself [W40-46]. Substantival use of the article with δόξα being the implied noun. As such, the article is a substantiver with a genitive word or phrase [W235-36].
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