

## The Praise and Glory of God

### Introduction

- A. One of the most profound and important questions ever asked has to do with the meaning and purpose of life. The Bible reminds us that life is short (James 4:13-15), that it is not measured by possessions (Luke 12:13-21), and that its meaning and purpose is living for the glory of God (I Peter 2:9).
- B. One of the reasons why sin is so serious is that it deprives one of the ability to glorify God. This is particularly true of the non-Christian.

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

### I. The Importance of Living for God's Glory.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. I Cor. 6:19,20

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. I Cor. 10:31

Observation: These verses emphasize the necessity of evaluating our daily life. We are clearly instructed to seek to glorify God in whatever we do. The implication is also clear —• we must refuse all actions and attitudes of life which would not glorify God.

### II. The Provision for Living for God's Glory.

#### A. The provision of salvation, Ephesians 1:5,6; I Peter 2:9.

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Observation: The Christian, due to his salvation, is exhibit #1 of the glory of God. We are living proof of the sufficiency and power of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because we are now Christians we can live for God's glory.

#### B. The provision of divine providence, Ephesians 1:11,12.

In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will, that we should be to the praise of His glory....

Observation: God has given us an inheritance (His grace and plan) and has promised to providentially control our life and circumstances so that His purpose may be fulfilled and so that He would be glorified. Our part is to choose to glorify God.

C. The provision of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 1:13,14.

In Whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, In Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which Is the earnest of our Inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.

Observation: Here the presence work of the Holy Spirit is shown to be God's provision within us so that we may live for God's glory  
This should encourage and instruct us in our daily life.

III. His Explanation of How to Live for God's Glory.

A. Good works glorify God, Matthew 5:16; I Peter 2:12.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Having your conversation (daily life) honest among the Gentiles, that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

B. Righteousness will glorify God, Philippians 1:11.

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

C. Worship and praise will glorify God, Hebrews 13:15.

By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name.

D. Trials may glorify God, I Peter 1:7.

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

E. All ministry for God will glorify Him, I Peter 4:10,11.

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God. If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to Whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Observation: These verses all emphasize the importance of our daily actions and attitudes. We must learn how to refuse everything that does not glorify God. God has pledged to help us. Honesty, trusting God, and diligence will enable us to live for His glory.

Conclusion: Even the future judgment will glorify God, I Corinthians 4:5.

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, Who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts, and then shall every man have praise of God.

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