

Glorifying God

30 Things Every Believer Should know about Glorifying God

Introduction

Rev 5:12-13

¹² *In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"* ¹³ *Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"*

Glorify = Doxazo (Gk)

- to think, suppose, be of opinion
- to praise, extol, magnify, celebrate
- to honour, do honour to, hold in honour
- to make glorious, adorn with lustre, clothe with splendour
- to impart glory to something, render it excellent
- to make renowned, render illustrious
- to cause the dignity and worth of some person or thing to become manifest and acknowledged.

Doxa = Glory Doxazo = Glorify.

Exodus 33:17-19

¹⁷ *And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."* ¹⁸ *Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."* ¹⁹ *And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence."*

The Glory manifests to the degree to which we glorify Him. If we want to experience the glory (all His attributes) we need to glorify Him.

1. God is glorified when we manifest His attributes.

The Glory of God is the manifestation of the fullness of His nature and attributes. His glory is His goodness, strength, might, authority, dominion and everything that comes with His character and nature. When we glorify Him we are making all these attributes known. We are acknowledging all these attributes through what we say and how we reflect Him. We were created for this. This is our purpose.

2. We were created for His glory.

We function at our best when we are aligned to this

Isaiah 43:5-7

⁵ *Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.* ⁶ *I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—* ⁷ *everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*

We will always want to glorify someone or something. We were created for this; the question is who shall we worship?

3. God is glorified when we recognize Him as our source.

Romans 11:33-36

³³ *Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and^[a] knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!* ³⁴ *“Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?”^[b]* ³⁵ *“Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?”^[c]* ³⁶ *For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.*

We need to teach our children that all things are from Him and for him. When you live your life from this place everything changes.

God is glorified when we acknowledge Him as our source.

Rev 4:11

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

We glorify Him when we make Him our source of strength and service.

Phil 2:13

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.

4. We are called to glorify God in everything we say and do

Col 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Doing something in Jesus' name means you are representing Him. We are called to do all things in this manner. In this way we glorify Him.

Our behaviour and our words should reflect His glory. God is glorified when we do everything for Him

1 Peter 4:11

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen

We glorify God when we do everything for Him because it's from Him. When we don't, then we experience a sickness of the soul. The moment we distort this purpose and start doing it for self then the glory of God is hindered.

1 Cor 10:31

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

He must be glorified in all things we do, not just church things. So often when people do religious acts they are doing it in the flesh and God is not glorified.

Ps 96:1-9

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. ² Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples. ⁴ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ⁶ Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. ⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendour of his^[a] holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

5. God is glorified when we give Him the rightful place in our lives

It involves what we say about Him, distinguishing Him and acknowledging His attributes.

6. God is glorified when we give to Him

We see from the passage above that He is glorified in how we give to Him

7. God is glorified when we embrace the fear of the Lord

We are called to revere Him. His glory is linked to his fear.

Rev 14:7

He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Rev 11:13

At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Sadly we often fear man more than God. Jesus was able to die on the cross because He feared God more than the opinion of man.

8. God's glory increases in our midst to the degree to which we glorify Him

Glory and dominion belong to Him so when we take this for ourselves there is a misalignment. We were made to reflect His glory not to take his glory.

Ps 22:2-4

² I cry out by day, O my God, but You do not answer, and by night, but I have no rest. ³ Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴ In You our fathers trusted; they trusted and You delivered them....

9. God is glorified through His creation

God's creation glorifies Him. He is glorified when His works are shown off.

Ps 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Creation doesn't have a mouth but can proclaim and declare by manifesting its fulness. This is also seen in your physical beauty. Just remember to maintain it, like you would a garden. When you function according to how God intended you are proclaiming His glory. Don't distort His glory. We typically praise the creator of something than the thing itself but somehow with human beings we end up praising the created thing. If I show you a painting that is brilliant you will praise the artist. The things that God has created point to Him.

10. God's glory can be seen

Is 66:18-19

¹⁸ *"And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come^[a] and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory. ¹⁹ "I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans^[b] and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations.*

His glory can be seen. He wants people to see it and then proclaim it. Ask Him to show you His glory. He wants to, because seeing it results in worship.