

The Glory of God

What does that mean God is light? Bible expressed the glory of God in terms of light. This is foundational to the nature of God, that God appeared as light. In I Timothy, chapter 6, verses 15-16, "which God will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Who only has immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man has seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen."

ധന്യനായ ഏകാധിപതിയും രാജാധിരാജാവും കർത്താധികർത്താവും താൻ മാത്രം അമർത്യതയുള്ളവനും അടുത്തുകൂടാത്ത വെളിച്ചത്തിൽ വസിക്കുന്നവനും മനുഷ്യർ ആരും കാണാത്തവനും കാണാൻ കഴിയാത്തവനുമായവൻ തക്കസമയത്തു ആ പ്രത്യക്ഷതവരുത്തും. അവന്നു ബഹുമാനവും നിത്യബലവും ഉണ്ടാകട്ടെ. ആമേൻ. (1 തിമോഥെയോസ് 6:15,16)

God is glorious that if we were to think of Him in terms of light, He would be unapproachable. We could not even come into His presence if He didn't allow that. I John 1:5, says: This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

ദൈവം വെളിച്ചം ആകുന്നു; അവനിൽ ഇരുട്ടു ഒട്ടും ഇല്ല എന്നുള്ളതു ഞങ്ങൾ അവനോടു കേട്ടു നിങ്ങളോടു അറിയിക്കുന്ന ദൂതാകുന്നു. (1യോഹന്നാൻ1:5)

At the beginning of the creation, the earth was dark and in disarray (formless and void). At the end, it has light and is ordered. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. (Genesis 1:2-4).The progress is from darkness to light and for disorder to order. Light was created by God to separate darkness and light. This creation of light and relate it to godly living (2 Corinthians 4:3-6).In the Psalms, light and darkness are used symbolically. Light becomes the symbol for salvation (27:1), life (36:9; 49:19; 56:13), righteousness (37:6), truth (43:3), the Word of God (119:105, 130),108 and God's splendor and presence (104:2; 44:3; 89:15;90:8) Darkness symbolizes ignorance (82:5) And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.(John 1:5)

വെളിച്ചം ഇരുളിൽ പ്രകാശിക്കുന്നു; ഇരുളോ അതിനെ പിടിച്ചടക്കിയില്ല.(യോഹന്നാൻ1:5)

God manifested Himself as light, for example, when Moses went up into the mountain while they were wandering in the wilderness to receive from God the Law. He was told by God that he should go and lead the people. Moses was fearful about his ability to do that and he said, "I'm not going to do that unless You go with me, Your presence goes with me." To which God responded, "My presence will go with you," to which Moses responded, "How am I going to know that? Show me Your glory?" In Exodus 33 and 34, how God placed Moses in a cave or some cleft of the rock and then God allowed a portion of His glory to pass by. Not the full glory because God said no man can see Me and live". The light is too glorious, too all glorious for any creature to see it in its fullness." And the glory that Moses saw was some kind of light. In fact, the light that emanated from the presence of God, got on the face of Moses so that when he came down the mountain to speak to the children of Israel, his face was shining with the reflection of that light. In the third chapter of 2 Corinthians. So God manifest Himself to Moses as light. He manifested Himself to the children of Israel by leading them during the day, by a cloud, a cloud of light, as it were, in the sky, and at night, another form of light, a pillar of fire by which they were led.

In Ezekiel:1:28, Ezekiel saw a vision of God, and he said that it was like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day. There has to be sunshine there in the midst of the clouds to be able to see the rainbow; so was the appearance of the brightness all around the throne of God. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake. (Ezekial 1:28)

In Luke 2: 9, it says: And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. That beautiful light was a demonstration of the glory of God.

In Revelation 21:22-23, He is talking about Heaven as it will be when we are there and all of God's program has been completed, it says: But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God did lighten it. The Lamb is its light. ദൈവരേജസ്സു അതിനെ പ്രകാശിപ്പിച്ചു; കുഞ്ഞാടു അതിന്റെ വിളക്കു ആകുന്നു.

In Psalm 104:1,2 says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, You are very great, You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a cloak." As we cover ourselves with a garment, with clothing, so God covers Himself with light. Now not only is God light in Himself, essential light, but He is the source of our light. Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation" In fact, Jesus Christ is called the light of the world. Of particular importance, light is symbolic of the Christ who is yet to come gloriously, His second coming: "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ"(Titus 2:13)

So the glory of God is associated with light, and think of beauty that is created by great light, you can understand something about the glory of God.

Other biblical passages connect God's glory with his holiness and praise worthiness, that is, His significance. We see this with particular clarity in Leviticus 10:1-3 and the account of Nadab and Abihu, who offered strange fire who acted irreverently in their actions before the Lord. In other words, they did not approach God with proper reverence and awareness of His divine dignity. They did not glorify the Lord, and so they were consumed by fire from on high. Besides helping us see that glorifying God requires us to understand His significance, holiness, and praise worthiness. Scripture also informs us of the seriousness with which the Lord takes His worship. Coming together with God's people to praise His name is a privilege and not something we should take careles manner. Worship is a matter of life and death, Scripture tells us in 1 Corinthians 11:29-30 that partaking of the Lord's Supper without giving due attention to its significance can kill us/for judgment.

[Let All Things Praise the Lord] Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp! ...(Psalm 150)

യഹോവയെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ. യഹോവയെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ; ദൈവത്തെ അവന്റെ വിശുദ്ധ മന്ദിരത്തിൽ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ; അവന്റെ ബലമുള്ള ആകാശവിതാനത്തിൽ അവനെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ. അവന്റെ വീര്യപ്രവൃത്തികൾ നിമിത്തം അവനെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ; അവന്റെ മഹിമാധികൃത്തിന്നു തക്കവണ്ണം അവനെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ. കാഹളനാദത്തോടെ അവനെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ; വീണയോടും കിന്നരത്തോടും കൂടെ അവനെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ. തപ്പിനോടും നൃത്തത്തോടും കൂടെ അവനെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ; തന്ത്രിനാദത്തോടും കുഴലിനോടും കൂടെ അവനെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ. ഉച്ചനാദമുള്ള കൈത്താളങ്ങളോടെ അവനെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ; അത്യുച്ചനാദമുള്ള കൈത്താളങ്ങളോടെ അവനെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ. ജീവനുള്ള തൊക്കെയും യഹോവയെ സ്തുതിക്കട്ടെ; യഹോവയെ സ്തുതിപ്പിൻ. സങ്കീർത്തനങ്ങൾ 150)

Illustrations of Glory

In I Corinthians 11:15, the Scripture says, "A woman's hair is her glory." God says that a woman's hair is given unto her for her glory. I Peter 3:3, says, "The true beauty of a woman is not in the arranging of that hair or in her outer adorning, but on the inner person of the heart." So a truly beautiful woman is not just a woman who has her hair beautifully arranged. "rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a meek and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God"(v4)

നിങ്ങളുടെ അലങ്കാരം തലമുടി പിന്നുന്നതും പൊന്നണിയുന്നതും വസ്ത്രം ധരിക്കുന്നതും ഇങ്ങനെ പുറമേയുള്ളതല്ല, സൗമ്യതയും സാവധാനതയുമുള്ള മനസ്സു എന്ന അക്ഷയഭൃഷണമായ ഹൃദയത്തിന്റെ ഗൃഹമനുഷ്യൻ തന്നെ ആയിരിക്കേണം; അതു ദൈവസന്നിധിയിൽ വിലയേറിയതാകുന്നു. (1പത്രോസ് 3:3,4)

A truly beautiful woman has a right relationship with God; she has spent the kind of diligence on her inner person and in her relationship with God. The Scripture also says that the glory of the man is the woman, so men like to have their women look good, that women should be the glory of the man. True beauty is that inner beauty that comes from a right relationship with God and a right relationship with her husband and with those around her, even though her hair is her glory. True glory comes from within, not external and that is certainly true of the glory of God.

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Those are some things that have to do with the definition of glory. God has demonstrated His glory to human beings, and He speaks of that in the portion of Scripture in Psalm 19:1-6. It says there that “the heavens declare the glory of God.” when we look at the heavens, we can understand something about the glory of God. Think about a God so glorious, so powerful, that He could put that many lights (billion stars) in the sky. Think about the glory of God displayed in the light of Heaven.

God demonstrates His glory in nature around us. God demonstrates His glory in His creation. In Romans, chapter 1, states that from the creation of the earth God's invisible attributes are clearly seen. God himself says that there is no such thing as an atheist(non believer). Every human being is accountable to God, because every human being, just by looking at nature around us, can recognize that there is a Creator. Bible says, that are willfully holding down truth, deliberately holding down the truth that God has made available to them about His own glory. “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things”(Rom1:21-23)

അവർ ദൈവത്തെ അറിഞ്ഞിട്ടും അവനെ ദൈവമെന്നു ഓർത്തു മഹത്വീകരിക്കുകയോ നന്ദി കാണിക്കുകയോ ചെയ്യാതെ തങ്ങളുടെ നിരൂപണങ്ങളിൽ വ്യർത്ഥരായിത്തീർന്നു, അവരുടെ വിവേകമില്ലാത്ത ഹൃദയം ഇരുണ്ടുപോയി. ജ്ഞാനികൾ എന്നു പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടു അവർ മൂഢരായിപ്പോയി; അക്ഷയനായ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ തേജസ്സിനെ അവർ ക്ഷയമുള്ള മനുഷ്യൻ, പക്ഷി, നാൽക്കാലി, ഇഴജാതി എന്നിവയുടെ രൂപസാദൃശ്യമായി മാറ്റിക്കളഞ്ഞു. (റോമർ 1:21-23)

Specific Demonstrations In Scripture

In Exodus, chapter 40, God gave instructions about how to build the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was a movable place of worship. They built it in such a way that it could be taken apart and carried wherever they went in their wilderness wanderings. When the Tabernacle was completed and they had the dedication of the Tabernacle, the presence of God came down in a cloud of fire and a pillar of smoke; that cloud of fire which they had been following as they were led out of Egypt then became a part of the presence of the Tabernacle, and as they moved from place to place, they followed that cloud of fire and that pillar of smoke. God's presence was demonstrated in that fire and in that smoke.

Later permanent place of worship was built in the Temple in Jerusalem. In I Kings 8: 10-11, we read about the dedication of the Temple. It had the same basic design as the Tabernacle, but the place to worship God. It tells us that when the Temple was dedicated, the Shekinah glory of God came down and dwelt in the midst of the Temple to such an extent that the priests for a time were not even able to perform their duties of sacrifice, because the glory of God was present there in the Temple.

Glory Present In the Person of Jesus Christ

Several thousand years later, the glory of God appeared on the earth in a physical, demonstrable way, and that was in the person of Jesus Christ. In John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”.

So the glory of God was visible and was present on earth in the person of Jesus Christ. In that part of His appearance it was veiled; it was hidden. They knew that He was God, but they didn't see Him in that glorious way. They saw something of the glory of God as He did the various miracles; in Matthew, chapter 17, Jesus went up on the mountaintop with three of His closest disciples. There He revealed Himself in that glorious fashion; they saw Jesus transfigured before them. And it says that His countenance was glowing as they saw Him in His glorified body. There on the Mount of Transfiguration, God revealed glory of God to them in a much more visible way. It was a wonderful experience for those disciples. The glory of God was physically present in the Tabernacle in the Old Testament. The glory of God was physically present in the Temple in Jerusalem years later, was visible, in the person of Jesus Christ.

God's Glory In Church (assembly of believers)

The glory of God is present in a specific location on the earth today. In Ephesians 3:20-21, we read: Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen
എന്നാൽ നാം ചോദിക്കുന്നതിലും നിന്ദിക്കുന്നതിലും അത്യന്തം പരമായി ചെയ്യാൻ നമ്മിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കുന്ന ശക്തിയാൽ കഴിയുന്നവന്നു സഭയിലും ക്രിസ്തുയേശുവിലും എന്നേക്കും തലമുറ തലമുറയായും മഹത്വം ഉണ്ടാകട്ടെ ആമേൻ.(എഫെസ്യർ 3:20-21)

Do you know where the glory of God resides on the earth today? It resides in the Church. The Church is made up of individual Christians, and Scripture that tells us that God has chosen to display His glory in your life. God has chosen you to have that place of honor, that place of the Temple in Jerusalem had. You are the place of God's dwelling place on earth. God wants our life to be such that as others look at us, they can see His glory. "do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ദാനമായി നിങ്ങളിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്ന പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ മന്ദിരമാകുന്നു നിങ്ങളുടെ ശരീരം എന്നും നിങ്ങളെ വിലക്കു വാങ്ങിയിരിക്കയാൽ നിങ്ങൾ താന്താങ്ങൾക്കുള്ളവരല്ല എന്നും അറിയുന്നില്ലയോ? അകയാൽ നിങ്ങളുടെ ശരീരംകൊണ്ടു ദൈവത്തെ മഹത്വപ്പെടുത്തുവിൻ(1 കൊരിന്ത്യർ 6:19-20)

Declarations of God's Glory

Why should we declare God's glory? The first reason we should declare God's glory is that it is simply a proper response to God's revelation of His glory. Psalm 9:1 says: "I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works" The proper response that God expects from us is for us to tell others about it. One of the ways that we tell about that is singing hymns of praise and choruses of praise. Other ways are to speak of Him specifically to other people. We ought to be like the Psalmist, saying. A second reason for the declaration of God's glory is that it actually adds to His glory. Psalm 22:3, says this: But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest [enthroned in] the praises of Israel. As we praise God it exalts Him; it lets others see Him enthroned, and the more people that see Him enthroned in His glory, the more glory there is. For us to talk about His marvelous works, for us to tell others about the light of the glory of God in Jesus Christ actually adds to His glory.

The Basis for Blessing

And then there is a third reason we should declare God's glory, and that is that man's relationship to God's glory is the basis for either blessing or cursing. In II Corinthians 4:3,4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: "In whom the god of this world [Satan] hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" Those verses are saying that those who do not see the light of the glory of Christ are not going to be hearing the Gospel, and Satan is trying every way that he can to keep people from seeing the light of the glory that is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And if they don't see the light of the glory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they are going to face eternal separation from God—eternal damnation, the Scripture says. As they hear the Gospel of the glory of Christ, it becomes, instead, a basis for blessing. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us"(II Cor 4:6,7)

When we understand the knowledge of Jesus Christ, when we understand who Jesus Christ is and what He has done for us, that is the basis for God's blessing; Do you have the knowledge of the glory of God? Have you trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? Are you among those whom Satan has kept from seeing the light of the glory of God and the knowledge of Jesus Christ? It is a simple matter of believing the truth that God has demonstrated about Himself, that Christ died in your place. That's the glory of God and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Christ died to pay for your sins, and if you will accept that truth your sins are paid for, you become a part of the family of God, you have eternal life promised in the presence of God.

Results of Declaring God's Glory

First, if you are living life in the light of the glory of God, if you're living your life to let God show His glory through you, God's will will fall into place step by step. If your goal is to glorify God in whatever you do, God will lead you in such a way that as you glorify Him, you'll be doing what He wants you to do step by step. So what better reason could there be for declaring the glory of God? What greater result could there be? Look at II Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD" In other words, as we study the Word of God we see the glory of God. We see the gloriousness of Jesus Christ, the gloriousness of His wisdom, the gloriousness of His plan. As we spend time in His presence it says that we are changed into the same image, "from glory to glory." God transforms those who glorify Him. God transforms us and allows us to become a visible demonstration of His glory as we glorify Him.

Ways We Can Glorify God. Here are at least ten things that God says glorify Him.

First, we glorify God when we bear fruit. John 15: 8, says: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit..." Bearing fruit means bringing other people to Christ, but it also means being obedient to Him in the way that we live on a day to day basis, letting the fruit of the Spirit—joy, love, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith, temperance, all of those things—be produced in our lives. If we allow God to produce those things in our lives, that glorifies Him. You want to glorify God? Here is the first way: Bring forth fruit, we should allow Him to bring forth fruit in our lives by being obedient to Him. Matthew 5:16, says "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"

Second, In Eph 5:8-14a Once you were "darkness", but now as Christians you are "light". Live then as children of the light. The light produces in men all that is good and right and true. Let your lives be living proofs of the things which please God. Steer clear of the fruitless activities of darkness; let your lives expose their futility. (You know the sort of things; to detail their secret doings is too shameful to mention.) For light is capable of showing everything for what it really is. It is even possible for light to turn the thing it shines upon into light also. If you want to glorify God, the second way to do it is to live a good testimony in front of others. Live in such a way that people will see God in you. Let your good works be seen so that people will glorify God.

The third way to glorify God is in I Corinthians 6:18-20. Those verses say: Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? "know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost 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" A life of sexual purity, a life of the right kind of sexual relationship within marriage, treating our husband or our wife in the right way physically, glorifies God.

The fourth way to glorify God is in Joshua, chapter 7, which tells about how a person in Israel committed a great sin and was found in that sin. In verse 19 of Joshua, chapter 7, Joshua said this: And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me" God is glorified when we confess our sins. God is even able to take that sin that we commit and use our attitude toward that sin to glorify Himself? Confessing our sins glorifies God.

The fifth way we can glorify God is in Romans, chapter 4, which tells a story of Abraham and how he pleased God. in verse 19, we read: And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform" We bring glory to God when we keep on obeying Him even when we don't see how it could possibly work. The Bible refers to that as walking by faith and not by sight. When we claim some promise of God, or when we follow some instruction of God, and we keep on doing it even if we think it is impossible, that glorifies God. You want to glorify God? Believe Him even in the dark. Abraham brought glory to God as he walked by faith, not by sight. "if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" (John 11:40) വിശ്വസിച്ചാൽ നീ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ മഹത്വം കാണും(യോഹ11:40)

The sixth way: Paul was sharing God's Word. He said, "Pray that God will continue to glorify Himself by my sharing of the Word of God." In II Thessalonians 3:1, says that we glorify God by sharing His Word with other people. "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you"

The seventh way: In I Peter 4:14, says: If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. Suffering for righteousness' sake glorifies God, because you have chosen to live a life that pleases God. That glorifies God.

The eighth way: Doing God's will glorifies Him. Jesus was praying in John17:4, and He said: I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

The ninth way: In Philippians 2:10-11 say: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. It glorifies God when we are willing to say to other people, "Jesus Christ is my Lord." When we confess Jesus Christ as Lord, it brings glory to God.

Finally, that unity among Christians brings glory to God. Romans 15:5-6, says: Now the God of patience and consolation grant you [the Romans] to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ". How much effort do you make to get along with other believers? How much effort do you make to allow the grace of God to work in their lives? How much effort do we make to be unified in our testimony for Jesus Christ and our worship of Jesus Christ? When we work together as Christians, it glorifies God.

We have seen that God demonstrates His glory and that we should declare it. And there is one that is sort of a summary of all the others, and with this we will be through. We find this in I Corinthians 10:31: Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

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In the simplest, affairs of life, as we seek to glorify God, He is honored. Therefore whatever you do, if it's eating and drinking, do it for the glory of God. Do it to please God. Do it to praise God, and God will not only be glorified, but you will be blessed. Thank God for His glory as He has demonstrated it to us.

Let Your Light Shine

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you" - Isaiah 60:1-3

The light in us is His light, the indwelling Christ, the Holy Spirit within us. We have that light shining through our lives if our actions reflect the nature of Christ—His love, compassion, and forgiveness. His light shines through our attitudes, words, and deeds. When people see that our lives have been changed so that we have Jesus' values and see the power of God at work in us, they will agree that we do have a great Savior. When they see redeemed people, they are more inclined to believe that we have a Redeemer. The Christlike life is the display place on which individual testimony becomes convincing. Our responsibility as disciples is to have lives so transformed by the Word and the inward presence of Christ that everyone can see His light reflected in our acts of kindness. Our goal is to help more and more people enjoy God and glorify Him forever, to share God's work of gathering for Himself a people from every nation, tribe, and tongue, who will worship Him. The psalmist says that when I have a new song of praise in my mouth, many will see it and be overwhelmed by our great God and come to trust in Him.

After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Halleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! (Revelation 19:1)

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