



The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Psalms 19:1

A study of the contrast between modern-day “Christianity” and the biblical necessity of glorifying God

Glory To God!

Introduction

- Victoria Osteen:

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Introduction

- Amazingly, there has been a lot of backlash from the religious public!
- Very little is done in religion today because God demands it!
- Self and its happiness is the ever-present god of modern America's "Christianity."
- It is a "come as you are and STAY as you are" religion!
- **Issue: Is Christianity about us or about God?**

God is the “God of glory”



The Glory of God

- His glory is intrinsic:

God of glory
– Acts 7:2

Father of glory
– Eph. 1:17

**Glory not
relinquished**
– Isa. 42:8

The Glory of God

- His glory is intrinsic:
- His glory is woven throughout creation
 - The earth is full of His glory – Isa. 6:1-3
 - Creation declares God's glory – Psa. 19:1-3
 - Creation was made for God – Col. 1:16
- We have lost much in not seeing God's glory in creation – Rom. 1:20

Glory and Worship Will Be God's!

- This is no ego trip, but what is **DUE** Him.
- God's **name** is glorious – Psa. 72:19; 29:1-2
- God's **power** is glorious – Col. 1:10-11
- God's **holiness** is glorious – Ex. 15:11
- God's **work** is glorious – Psa. 111:2-4

Glorifying God:

**The Intended Purpose of All
Who are in Christ**



We Must Glorify God Because...

- Everything belongs to God – Psa. 24:1-2
- The plan of redemption is for God's glory.
 - Jesus lived to glorify the Father – Jn. 7:18
 - Our salvation is for God's glory – Eph. 1:11-12
 - We have been chosen in Christ to bring glory to God in our lives – 1 Pet. 2:9; Matt. 5:16

All We Do is to Bring God Glory!

- We must live righteously to bring God glory – Phil. 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 6:18-20
- Our talents must be used to bring God glory – 1 Pet. 4:10-11
- Our suffering for Christ is endured to bring God glory – 1 Pet. 4:14
- Everything we do is to bring God glory – 1 Cor. 10:31

Popular vs. Biblical:

How Do They Compare?

- Is it truly about self and self-interest or God?
- To see the foolhardy nature of the self-centered approach, consider again Mrs. Osteen's statement.
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- How amazing it is that "worship" and "service" to God have been reduced to serving the **idol of self!**

Conclusion

- We should never be complacent about the differences between biblical Christianity and popular religion.
- There is a flaw at modern religion's heart, which is glorifying self instead of God!
- And, God will be glorified whether one chooses to now or later – Phil. 2:9-11
- So, will you humble yourself **now** and glorify God, submitting to Him for glory? – Rom. 8:18; 2 Thess. 1:8-9
- If you come to Christ in faith, repentance, confession, and baptism, you can be raised with Christ “by the glory of the Father” – Rom. 6:4