

Glorify God – Pt 1 Israel – Glorify God not man

This is our first teaching on the topic glorify God. Last week we concluded our teaching on “fruit” and established what happens when we bring forth good fruit – (1) the Father is glorified, (2) we receive rewards in heaven and (3) desire fruit to your brethren’s account that they may glorify the Father and receive rewards. In this study we establish three points – (1) Israel were to glorify God and fear Him, (2) Israel were to glorify the name of the Lord, and (3) When God delivers His children out of trouble they will glorify Him.

The Englishman’s Greek Concordance of the NT indicates that the word “glory” stems from the Greek word – “doxazo” (Strong’s number 1392) which is also translated – “make glorious, full of glory, have glory, honour, and magnify”. When we turn to the Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance and Dictionary we see that “doxazo” means – “to render or esteem glorious, make glorious, full of glory, honour, magnify”.

According to the scriptures – .

1. Israel were to glorify God and fear Him

“Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel” (Ps.22: 23). See also Is.25: 3 and Rev.15: 4.

2. Israel were to glorify the name of the Lord

“If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart” (Mal.2: 2).

The nations shall glorify the name of the Lord – Ps.86: 9

God will put the dread of thee and fear of thee upon the nations” (Deut.2: 25).

3. When God delivers His people out of trouble they will glorify Him

“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me” (Ps.50: 15).

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life.

“And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him” (Ex.32:1)

Question to think about.

When you establish the “idea” in a person’s heart that motivates their behaviour then you can offer exhortation. With that in mind – what was the idea in the children of Israel’s heart that was contrary to the word of God?

Our answer from the scriptures.

They glorified Moses & his name for what God did in bringing them out of bondage (“for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt”).

Therefore when Moses delayed to come down the people made a golden calf and said “These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt” (Ex.32: 4). There are many that glorify the pastor or teacher more than God, and that will be a snare unto them, as it was for Israel. God brought Israel out of trouble, and He does so for us today, so let us glorify our Father through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. “Therefore let no man glory in man” (1 Cor.3: 21) but in God.