Glorify God - Pt 2 The heathen - Glorify God

This is our second teaching on the topic – glorify God. Last week we established 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. In this study we establish an additional four points – (1) the unbeliever knows not God and they glorify Him not as God, (2) when Judas betrayed Jesus the SOM and the Father were glorified, (3) sickness in the heathen can be an opportunity for them to glorify God, (4) God is glorified when He judges the heathen.

According to the scriptures - .

1. The unbeliever knows not God and they glorify Him not as God. "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful" (Rom.1: 21).

2. When Judas betrayed Jesus – the SOM & the Father were glorified. "Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him" (Jn.13: 31).

3. Sickness in the heathen is an opportunity for them to glorify God. "When Jesus heard [that], he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby" (Jn.11: 4). See also Lk.7: 16

4. God is glorified when He judges the heathen.

"And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I [am] against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I [am] the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her" (Eze.28: 22). See also Ez.39: 13.

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

"And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. But the word of God grew and multiplied" (Acts 12:21–24). And God was glorified!

Question to think about.

How is God glorified in the heathen?

Our answer from the scriptures.

The heathen, by virtue of being a heathen know not God, nor glorify Him as God. But whether in this life-time or the next God **will** be glorified in them.

In this life-time they will receive opportunities to acknowledge Him as God – * if they are ever healed physically, that is an opportunity for them to glorify God, & * if they are offered the way of salvation, that is an opportunity for them to glorify Him (Acts 21:20), and

* if they continue in their sin – God is also glorified – when He punishes their sin. In every way therefore God is glorified and will be glorified in the heathen. So they may as well, while they have breath in their lungs, acknowledge Him as the One true creator God, & His Son Jesus and give thanks to Him, bow down, worship Him, and give Him ALL the glory that is due His wonderful and glorious name (Lk.17: 15–19)!