**God Deserves To Be Glorified**

Some glorify athletes or musicians or others who are accomplished in their fields. There is nothing wrong with admiring someone who excels in their area of expertise. But there is a level of respect that belongs to none other than Jehovah God Himself. “Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven” (Psalm 148:13).

The Scriptures are clear on the subject; the very purpose of our lives is to glorify the name of God. Jesus said the reason for being shining lights in our communities is so others will glorify our heavenly Father (Matthew 5:16). Paul wrote “You have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19). If a mere man demanded that we glorify him, we would be incensed. So what is it about God that devoting our lives to exalting His name is not only reasonable, but perfectly logical?

**He created us.** Any being powerful enough to envision this universe, then speak it into existence dwells on a plane that is infinitely beyond our comprehension. God once said, “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:9). I don’t know about you, but that seems to me to be an understatement.

**We are wholly dependent on Him.** Paul told Athenian philosophers, “He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things” (Acts 17:25). Verse 28 says “In Him we live and move and exist”. Anyone who considers themselves a self-made person is willfully ignorant of the facts.

**He extended His grace to us at great personal cost.** Jesus the Christ is one of three personalities of the Godhead and the Scriptures describe Him as the beloved Son of the Father. Paul wrote that all things were created through Him and for Him (Colossians 1:16). This special relationship makes John 3:16 all the more powerful: “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” God loved a world of sinners enough to watch wicked men torture His beloved Son to death for our redemption.

When there is an opportunity to worship such a wonderful being, how can we not? Why would we not live the kind of lives that would cause others to glorify the name of the one who loves us so much? God is uniquely deserving of all of our honor and praise and devotion simply because of who He is, and that devotion should characterize every aspect of our lives.

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