

The Glory is Not Ours

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Psalm 115:1 says, *"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness."*

When we glorify anything other than the Lord, we are putting it in the place of the Almighty and are putting an idol before Him. There are two things which always take the glory from God: pride and the concerns of this world.

Pride is one of the main tools used by the devil to cause us to take our eyes off the Lord and become deceived. Pride enters when we become impressed with ourselves; we are so intelligent and knowledgeable, we have accomplished much. We have acquired much and we are so attractive compared to everyone else around us. Being impressed with ourselves takes our eyes off of God and puts them on us. Therefore, our attributes, which God gave us, are no longer used to glorify the Lord. Instead they have now been reduced to vain works which fade with the passing of time.

We should not be impressed with fading attributes. Instead let's be impressed with the Lord Almighty who distributes all gifts and uses them for the betterment of mankind.

What also impedes our giving to the Lord His rightful glory are the concerns of this world. Many of us glorify our needs instead of glorifying God, making an idol of our circumstances. When we are constantly rehearsing our circumstances and issues, we are building our power above God. This is idolizing them and our faith becomes shaken and insecure. Yet, Isaiah 44:6-7 says, *"I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me. Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it; Yes, let him recount it to Me in order, From the time that I established the ancient nation. And let them declare to them the things that are coming And the events that are going to take place."*

When we glorify God and put the glory back where it belongs, we will no longer be controlled by the concerns of this world. We know that nothing is greater than the Lord our God. He is not only greater than the issues we idolize but He is able to deliver us from them! II Peter 2:9 says, *"So you see, the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials, even while punishing the wicked right up until the day of judgment."*

By giving the glory to God, God not only protects us from becoming deceived and misled by pride, but He protects us from being overtaken by the cares of this world.

It is only through Jesus Christ that all men receive salvation. No man can add or take away from the work of God in bringing us to Him. Jesus did it all. He paid for our reconciliation to God with His own blood. He finished the work—all by Himself.

