

11.23.20 - Glorifying God

Glorifying is one of those terms that we all use and think we understand what it means, but when asked for a definition we typically let someone else give a definition. Here is a definition that we found, and we think that it fits well. *To praise; to magnify and honor in worship; to ascribe honor to, in thought or words.* We are going to look at how we praise, magnify and honor people today and how it relates to God and the work of His hands.

When we praise someone, we point out what they did that was good, kind, correct or something they did that was far above average. In the sports world it is often a play that won the game or caused the team to see some hope of winning the game that prompts praise. It may be for winning the World Series, the Super Bowl, the Stanley Cup or the Masters. In the academic world it is often due to a good grade, winning the spelling or math bee or graduating from high school, college or trade school. In the art or fabrication world it is outstanding workmanship that is recognized with praise, whether that is creating a masterpiece of music or a painting that rivals a Monet or it could be a beautiful home or vehicle that has been constructed. In any of the above-mentioned areas anyone who excels in these areas are typically the subject of praise and recognition.

Since there is no greater being than God, we will never run out of things to praise him for. Whether it is watching the sun rise over the ocean or viewing a majestic waterfall, we recognize God as the penultimate artist and fabricator. He has created so many beautiful creatures both great and small that we know that there is none above Him in any arena. Something that few may ever think of praising God for, is our bodies. They are the house in which our spirit lives while on this earth. They are the temple of God and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit if we are saved. They are a magnificent example of excellence in art, science, medicine and math. They are also God's greatest creation on Earth, the one thing here on Earth that was made in His very image. God spoke the words of creation to make everything that we see and enjoy here on Earth and that spoken word was so powerful, so effective and so beautiful. But when God made man, He stopped speaking...He got down into the clay and with His very own hands He lovingly sculpted our fearfully and wonderfully made bodies. Covering the Creator's masterpiece does not seem to be a very effective way to praise Him or to bring Him honor.

Imagine for a moment that someone creates a beautiful piece of art. That art is then sold at auction for a fortune to a collector who then covers it with a cloth, puts

it in his safe at home and never displays it, never allows his family or the world to enjoy its beauty. That is exactly what happened to God, He created His masterpiece, the finest and final work of creation. He then put it on display for all the world to see His image in His creation. God's enemy has now convinced even God's own children to hide His masterpiece in shame. How sad it must make God to have His prized possession, His work of art, His sculpture...literally fashioned by His own hands, covered and hidden as if it were some evil thing. How effective Satan has been!