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## How We Glorify God In Worship

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*“Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 29:1-2)*

**INTRO**—To be obsessed with the glory of God is the consuming passion of the true worshipper who lives to exalt God. The chief end of man is to glorify God, and enjoy Him forever—magnifying His glory now, and relishing in it throughout eternity (Jude 24-25; Revelation 5:13; 7:9-12). Therefore, we view all of life through eyes that are filled with the wonder and glory of God’s attributes.

### I. HOW WE GLORIFY GOD IN WORSHIP

**A. Glory To God.** “Praise, honor, exaltation”—all define the word “glory,” but there is an obvious struggle in trying to adequately define it.

The word “glory” is found 379 times and “glorify” is found 27 times in the Bible. One thing is certain about “glory” though—that it must be expressed by those who stand in awe of the glorious one (1 Chronicles 16:23-29; 1 Corinthians 10:31)!

- Living For God’s Glory Eliminates Hypocrisy (Matthew 6:1-2,5,16). What is the hypocrite trying to steal for himself?
- Living For God’s Glory Means Sacrificing Self (1 Peter 4:14). How would Peter himself glorify God in self-sacrifice (John 21:18-19)?
- Living For God’s Glory Gives Hope That We Will Share In It (Philippians 3:20-21). What does that give us the ability to do (Romans 8:18)?

**B. How To Glorify God In Worship.** Glorifying God is nothing if it is not active and dynamic. One of the greatest tragedies of contemporary Christianity is that we have allowed the concept of worship to degenerate to nothing more than sitting quietly, piously, and dreamily in a worship assembly.

- Verbal Praise (Psalm 50:23; Hebrews 13:15). When we give God thanks for what He has done, how does that thanksgiving glorify Him (cf. Psalm 107:8,15,21,31)?
- Confession Of Sin (Nehemiah 1:5-6; Daniel 9:3-19). How can we possibly glorify God in our confession of sins? What are we saying about Him when we confess our sins?
- Prayer (John 14:13). What does the prayer that is asked in faith, and answered by the Lord, say about God?

**CONCLUSION**—We cannot bring glory and honor to God by merely following the prescribed acts of worship. We give life to worship and glorify God by other things too—the manner in which we perform worship, the heart which we pour out in devotion, and the majesty of God which we uphold in those acts. To be wholly obsessed with the glory of God is the consuming passion of the true worshipper who lives to exalt God.