

Life Sunday Series #4

Glorify God

This series for observing consecutive Life Sundays is designed to call Christians to action. The past few themes have called our attention to our thoughts, attitudes, and actions with those around us. Today the focus shifts to the joy of *giving God glory* in every activity, idea, and word. All too often Christians think in terms of “could, would, should, ought to, have to...” This is plain law talk. In the New Testament, the idea is much different. There is no have to. We see in today’s readings the joy of glorifying God because of his surpassing love for us in Christ. In the first lesson, David reminds his own soldiers of this principle by his actions. David by doing so glorified God. Paul, in Philippians, reminds us of the present joy we have in glorifying God, and the awesome hope awaiting us in eternity. Finally in the Gospel, Jesus is worthy of all our glory—for who He is, and for what He’s done.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Lord, through simple words You created the world. Then through Your Word, the Son of God, You redeemed the world. Now through the power of Your Holy Spirit in the Word, move us to glorify You with every aspect of our life, for all our lives; we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE WORD

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 30:18-31

David was a musician, a composer, a dancer, a warrior, a shepherd; most importantly David was a servant of God. Here is another classic example of David giving God glory for everything—from the victory to the spoils. His attitude was not based on a lust for more. It is no wonder that God called David a servant after His own heart.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 146

One of the five final Hallel Psalms, it gives full glory to God. It gives praises to God—King and Creator of all, and for what He has done—food to hungry, sight to blind, prisoners set free, etc.

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:18c-26

While in prison, Paul wrote regarding the possibilities of the outcome of his life. Regardless of the results for Paul, Christ would be glorified and exalted. When people come to faith, God does not often take them home immediately but allows them to continue living with the opportunity to glorify God with their lives.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth, I will make Your faithfulness known through all generations. Alleluia. [Psalm 89:1]

Gospel: John 17:1-5

Jesus is glorified as the gospel is preached and believed. He is true God from the Father before the creation of the world. He fulfilled the redemptive work for all people. He extends eternal life to all who believe in Him. Let us glorify His name by worshipping and proclaiming the name of Jesus to all.

HYMN OF THE DAY

[CW] 256—How Great Thou Art
250—From All that Dwell Below the Skies
243—Oh Worship the King
242—Oh, that I had a Thousand Voices
239—Glory Be to God the Father

SUGGESTED SERMON TEXTS

1 Corinthians 10:31
1 Peter 2:11-12
Romans 8:28
Romans 5:1-5
Isaiah 40:28-31
Matthew 11:25-30