

THE ACTS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
CHAPTER 12:20-25
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TITLE:

“WHAT GLORIFIES GOD” - PART 1

THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth**.”

*Did You Know That There's No Greater Subject
in All the Universe...*

Psalm 19:1-3

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. :2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. :3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

**Have You Ever Wondered,
‘Why There’s a ‘Smiley Face on the Moon’ ?**

Psalm 148:3

Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
(Heb) halal. to shine, to shout, to celebrate!

**THAT’S WHY THE MOON ALWAYS LOOKS LIKE
He’s Smiling - The Very Reason You’re Alive Right Now
is for you to be giving glory to God**

Psalm 8:3

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 **What is man ?**

What is Man in Comparison?

He's Much, Much More...

*In Fact,
The Chief End of All Things
"is Giving God Glory"*

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, :21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. *Amen.*

*But What Does It Mean
"To Give God Glory"*

* *GRK* *Glory doxa (dox'-ah)* to give absolute dignity, honor, praise.

The New Testament Declaration

Luke 2:14

"Glory (*to give absolute dignity, honor, praise*) to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

A.) Robbing God of His Glory *vv. 19a-23*

THE PEOPLE OF TYRE & SIDON

The Peoples of Tyre & Sidon coming in a spirit of manipulation, seeking peace, were very much dependent upon the fertile Galilean fields for their food, Herod Agrippa, gloating over his position of power, came to exploit the situation.

Verse 21

'On A Set Day'

Herod, Taking Full Advantage of the Crowds

(Roman Historians) tell us that it was **the second day** of the athletic games during a festival of celebration honoring Claudius Caesar (like a mini Olympics)

The Amphitheater at Caesarea

it faces west, looking into the Mediterranean, a beautiful resort town (the only golf course in Israel)

(Flavius Josephus) writes that “the opportunity to exalt himself could not have been more favorable, present were the crowds, the Caesar, the surroundings, even the setting sun reflected off **Herods metallic robe woven of silver thread**, as if he had descended from the gods”

A Bit Over Dressed

By Not Denying The Glory, He Was Receiving It
HEROD WAS ACTING OUT A DREAM OF MEGALOMANIA

“MAN MAKING HIMSELF GOD”
AN IMPOSTOR
THE BIBLE WARNS US THAT,
TO DO SO ASSIGN A ‘POSITION’ TO YOURSELF

Revelation 13:18

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

...the **man of sin** is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, **so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.**

The Anti-Christ (Impostor-Messiah)

Satan will Live out his fantasy through a man

Revelation 13:8

And All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in **the Lamb’s Book of Life,**

Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD..... My **glory** I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven (created) images.

A/C's final destination is hell

(Rev.20:11 fine print says all who have not received Christ)

I find it interesting that Hell has in it worms,

Mark 9:48

"In Hell where Their worm does not die, and their fire is not quenched."

Verse 23

* *Immediately* *GRK 3916 para - rema (par-akh-ray'-mah)*
at that instant, suddenly.

* *Struck* *GRK 3960 patasso (pat-as'-so)*
to shove, or to knock, gently or fatally. with precision

Same Word Found

----- Acts 12:7 -----

"While He Was Speaking"

Multiple - Tens' of Thousands Present

Josephus said it took five days for him to die... "The stench which emitted from his body was so putrefying that those closest to him fled, his own family and physicians could no longer contain the temptation to choke (barf, hurl or blast) in his presence.
(Rom, Hist. 44 AD.)

**We're Not Talking Tape Worms Here.
Godzilla Type Worms**

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before “the Worms”- - a fall.

God Has A Way of Glorifying Himself

A SIMILAR INCIDENT

Eye Witness Account

Antiochus Epiphanies (164 BC.) The Commander & Chief of Assyrians Forces.... He was guilty of claiming to be a God in Human flesh!

THE APOCRYPHA

~ 2 MACCABEES 9 ~

**All Because
He Did Not Glorify God**

“What Glorifies God”

>>>>>>> At Least 10 things <<<<<<<

#1.) ‘What Glorifies God’ Repentance

The Success at Jericho,

Achan’s Sin Was Exposed

Joshua 7:19

Now Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I beg you, give glory *(to give absolute dignity, honor, praise)* to the LORD God of Israel, and make “confession” to Him, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me."

The Tragedy at Ai

During the Terrible Tribulation Judgments

Revelation 16:9

And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.
(to give absolute dignity, honor, praise)

The Plague of the Human Nature, Is Admitting Guilt, anything But
Confessing Wrong

I Appreciate What Billy Graham
has said Concerning... being a Christian Leader.

“Beware of the 3 ‘G’s’ 1.) Gain, 2.) Girls, 3.) Glory”
Bucks, Babes, Boasting

Isaiah 48:11
I will not give My glory to another.

**Can You be Forgiven,
Without Repentance**

Repent is the very first word of the Gospel

Repentance:
is necessary for Salvation

Mark 1:15
Jesus came to Galilee, **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is now, and the kingdom of God is at hand. **Repent**, and **believe** in the gospel."

Repentance:
is necessary for Maintaining Fellowship

1 John 1:9
If we **confess** our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We cannot leave this place today
and go out and easily sin and expect God to hear us or bless us without repentance

Psalm 66:18
If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.

Psalm 51:4

Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight-- that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

A Continuous Revival

We need to Walk in the Spirit, in a constant state of
Repenting & Confessing, **rejoicing** being at Peace,

Un-confessed Sin Hinders our (Private) prayer Life

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered (aborted).

Proverbs 28:13

He who covers his sins will not prosper, [**Blessing will be withheld**] but whoever confesses and forsakes (repentance) them will have mercy.

We Vacillate

We are so concerned about feelings & thoughts

Acts 2:36-38

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." :37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" :38 Then Peter said to them, "**Repent.**

It's Not O.K. to Sin

What Glorifies God... 'Repentance'

Psalm 51:8-12

Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. :9 Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. :10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. :11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. :12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. :13 **Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.**

#2 'What Glorifies God' Confessing Jesus as Lord

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Confessing is 'Honoring Jesus'

John 8:54

"If I honor myself my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me"

* *honor* **GRK 5091 timao (tim-ah'-o)**
to prize, to highly value. (to affix the PROPER worth)

John 5:22-23

"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, :23 "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

In Heaven,
Glory & Honor is being Given to God

Revelation 4

The Father is being Honored

Revelation 4:11

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

Revelation 5

The Son is being Honored

Revelation 5:12

saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Check This Out:

Revelation 5:13

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

The Creation Speaks of His Glory...*It is to lead us to Honor Him*

The Storms..... His Dominion

The Mountains..... His Majesty

The Sea..... His Power

The Valleys..... His Care

The Flowers..... His Gentleness

His People..... His Love

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"is Giving God Glory"**

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do all to the **glory** of God.

(Last Night, Was It glorifying to God - Was It ???)

God Wants You to be Forgiven

Ephesians 1:6

to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

Psalm 50:15

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall **glorify** Me."