

The Glory of God

God's Passion for His Glory

1. **Humanism** "The chief end of man is the happiness of man."
2. **God's Chief End** "The chief end of God is to glorify God and enjoy himself forever. God's eternal, radical, ultimate commitment to his own self-exaltation permeates Scripture. His aim to be exalted glorified, admired, magnified, praised, and revered is seen to be the ultimate goal of all creation, all providence, and all saving acts." (John Piper)

"... whom I created for my glory" (Is 43:7)

"He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace" (Ephesians 1:5-6).

God created the natural world to display his glory: "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalms 19:1).

"You are my servant Israel in whom I will be glorified" (Isaiah 49:3); "... that they might be for me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory (Jeremiah 13:11).

"He saved them [at the Red Sea] for his name's sake that he might make known his mighty power" (Psalm 106:7-8); "I have raised you up for this very purpose of showing my power in you, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth" (Romans 9:17).

"I acted [in the wilderness] for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations in whose sight I had brought them out (Ezekiel 20:14).

[After asking for a king] "Fear not . . . For the Lord will not cast away his people for his great name's sake (I Samuel 12:20-22).

"I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake." (1 John 2:12)

"Thus says the Lord God, It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act [in bringing you back from the exile], but for the sake of my holy name . . . And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name . . . and the nations will know that I am the Lord" (Ezekiel 36:22-23, 32). "For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act; For how can *My name* be profaned? And My glory I will not give to another" (Isaiah 48:11).

"Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy" (Romans 15:8-9).

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again" (John 12:27, 28).

"He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Corinthians 5:15).

"God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

"I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins" (Isaiah 43:25).

"Whoever serves [let him serve], as one who serves by the strength that God supplies-in order that in everything God may be glorified" (1 Peter 4:11).

"Immediately an angel of the Lord smote [Herod] because he did not give glory to God" (Acts 12:23).

". . . when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints and to be marveled at in all who have believed (2 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

"Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory, which thou hast given me in Thy love for me before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24).

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14).

"And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the lamb" (Revelation 21:23).

3. **Man's Real Chief End** "The chief end of man is to glorify God."