

IT IS A MATTER of THE GLORY of GOD

A Study by Franklin

Some years ago, Paul Cain, a noted prophet, told a friend of mine: "*tell Franklin it is a matter of the glory of God.*" Throughout the years I am reminded of his statement and it is the motivation of this study.

We were created for THE GLORY OF GOD.

Bring **My** sons from afar and **My** daughters from the ends of the earth, **everyone who is called by My name**, and whom **I have CREATED for My GLORY**, whom I have formed, even whom I have made. Isaiah 43:6-7

- We were **called** and responded to The Name of JESUS (James 2:7) and we were **CREATED FOR HIS GLORY**. However, **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God** (Romans 3:23) And it was because of this that JESUS came to this earth to **restore us to His Glory**. **Being made righteous, justified, as a gift by His grace through the redemption which in Christ Jesus**. (Romans 3:24)

JESUS paid a GREAT PRICE to RESTORE US TO HIS GLORY and therefore it should also be the MAIN FOCUS AND GOAL OF OUR LIFE.

Moses would be a good **example** for us as THE GLORY OF GOD was certainly the main focus and goal of his life.

Moses cried out to the LORD, **show me Your glory!** (Exodus 33:18) And the LORD answered his cry because **Moses was faithful** to the calling and mission given him by the LORD. And, Moses was seeking to know the LORD more intimately.

Moses reasons with the LORD;

You have said, I have **known you by name**, and you have also **found favor in My sight**. Exodus 33:12

- The LORD also knows your name:
to them I will give . . . an everlasting name (Isaiah 56:5)
. . . rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven. (Luke 10:20)
- But to ask and expect Him to reveal more of His Glory to us also **requires finding FAVOR in His sight**.

Exodus 33:13 **Now, I pray, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, SO THAT I may find favor in Your sight.**

- The above verse is a key to seeing more and more of His Glory.

It begins with: **let me know Your ways** which we learn by **studying the scriptures**. The motivation and purpose for “knowing His ways” is not just for knowledge, but **our goal** must be **that I may know the LORD** more perfectly. The goal is an ever growing, intimate, relationship of love and devotion.

The natural outcome of such a relationship is a life lived according to **His ways** and not the world's, to **please Him** and find ever increasing **favor** in His sight.

Then, we are in a position to cry out as Moses: **show me Your glory!**

And it is the pleasure of the LORD to do so because:

2 Corinthians 3:18 **Whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away** (2Cor 3:16). and **we all, with unveiled face, seeing as in a mirror** (His Word and His Creation) **the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**

The whole earth is filled with His glory.
And every common bush ablaze with God.
But only he who has eyes to see takes off his shoes.
The rest sit around and eat blackberries.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

This **transformation** is the LORD's **plan and desire in our life** and is brought about by living in His presence – learning “His ways,” “seeing Him.”

John 1:14 **And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

As we continue prayerfully in His Word we discover more and more of His abounding **Grace and Truth – His Ways** – we **know Him** more perfectly - we **see His Glory** more clearly – and we are **changed from Glory to Glory more into His image**, with more and more **grace and truth** in our life also.

People were attracted to Jesus because **He was full of grace and truth** and reflected the Glory of God.

Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan. Matthew 4:25

And Finishing His Mission, JESUS said:

John 13:31 **Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him**

- **Why?** Because JESUS was **faithful** to the mission He was given. And in doing so, He made known and brought Glory and Honor to His Father.
- **We should do the same** – faithfully committed to JESUS and His mission – this brings glory to JESUS and to our Father.

John 13:32 **if God is glorified in Him (JESUS), God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately.**

- As an **obedient** Son, JESUS glorifies The Father – reveals the Heart of compassion and love of The Father - by **saying and doing** what the Father tells Him.
- JESUS is the manifestation of the Father on earth, bringing The Father glory and in turn The Father glorifies and honors His Son.
- And the same is true for YOU:
"If God is glorified in YOU, God will also glorify YOU in Himself."

John 17:4-5 **I GLORIFIED YOU** on the earth, having **finished the work** which You have given Me to do. ⁵ Now, Father, glorify Me together **with Yourself**, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

- Jesus Glorified the Father by being dedicated to His mission.

Matthew 9:35-38 Jesus was **going** through **all the cities** and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues and **proclaiming the gospel** of the kingdom, and **healing** every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. ³⁶ **Seeing the people**, He felt **compassion** for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ **Then He said to His disciples**, **The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.** ³⁸ **Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.**

- He was one man – the harvest was worldwide – so He called you & me.
- Jesus has now given us the **same mission** – to **Glorify our Father** by completing the work given to us.

John 20:21 . . . as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Matthew 10:1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and **gave** them **authority** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and **to heal** every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. . . . ⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

- This type of ministry reveals the Heart, the Honor, the Glory of our FATHER and Lord JESUS CHRIST.
- And when we have finished our Mission – we will be glorified, with and in our LORD JESUS CHRIST and the FATHER.

John 14:10-14 Do you not **believe** that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, (see: John 5:19-22, 30; 8:28) **but the Father abiding in Me does His works**

- And now, **Jesus is abiding in us to do His work** - the work of The Father.
- When we **abide in Jesus**, we will do “His works” which reveal and GLORIFIES our LORD JESUS CHRIST and also reveals and GLORIFIES Our FATHER.

¹¹ **Believe Me** that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise **believe because of the works** themselves.

- Strong Faith believes without seeing, just because JESUS said it, we obey and thereby honor and serve Him. (*blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.* John 20:29) But if one’s faith is small – the goal is to reveal the heart of our Father and His Love for His people – so signs and wonders help the person to believe, honor and glorify the LORD.

¹² Truly, truly, I say to you, he who **believes in Me**, the **works** that I do, **he will do also**; and greater than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

- As The Father sent the Son, now the Son sends those who believe in Him to GLORIFY THE SON and our FATHER, by the same **signs, wonders** and **miracles** which declare HIS Love and show forth HIS GLORY.

John 17:22-24 The **glory** which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be **one**, just as We are one; ²³ **I in them and You in Me**, that they may be perfected in unity, **so that** the world may know that **You sent Me**, and **loved them**, even as You have loved Me.

- As Moses said:
For how then can it be known that I have found **favor** in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by **Your going with us, so that** we, I and Your people, may be **distinguished from all the people** who are upon the face of the earth? Exodus 33:16

The "presence of the LORD" in our life, His Glory upon us, is what distinguishes us "from all the people." His Glory is absolutely essential.

It is essential that: **we all, with unveiled face, seeing as in a mirror** (His Word and His Creation) **the glory** of the Lord, (beholding Him) **are being transformed** into the same image **from glory to glory** 2 Cor.3:18
And then . . .

¹³ Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be GLORIFIED in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

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We were created for this Purpose

Do not fear, for **I am with you**; I will **bring** your offspring from the east, and **gather** you from the west. ⁶ I will say to the north, Give them up! And to the south, do not hold them back. **Bring** My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth, ⁷ **Everyone who is called by My name**, and whom **I HAVE CREATED FOR MY GLORY**, whom I have formed, even whom I have made. Isaiah 43:5-7

He is "with us" to "bring HIS sons and daughters," "called by His name," those "He has created for His Glory." THIS IS OUR PURPOSE ON EARTH.

Psalm 67:1-2 **May God be gracious** to us and **bless us** and make **His face shine upon us** - giving us His Glory. For what purpose? ² **that your ways may be known** on earth, **your salvation** among all nations. . ⁷ **God will bless us**, and all the ends of the earth will fear him

- **Our purpose** on this earth is to make the LORD JESUS and our FATHER **known**. Making their **Love, Mercy** and **Grace** known **by** allowing JESUS to abide in us and His Glory seen (1) upon us and (2) by what we do.

The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving ²so that they might not see **the light of the gospel of the Glory of Christ**, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4

- The gospel – what JESUS CHRIST has done for us – is indeed **the light of the Glory of Christ**

Mark 16:15-18 And He said to them, **Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.** ¹⁶ He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. ¹⁷ These **signs will accompany** those who have believed: in My Name they will **cast out** demons, they will **speak** with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will **pick up** serpents, and if they **drink** any deadly poison it will not hurt them; they will **lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.**

This will come about and happen as explained in John 15.

John 15:1-2 I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not **bear fruit**, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, **He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.**

- This is our mission – bearing fruit – and many of the difficulties in our life are the “pruning” work of our FATHER so that “we may bear more fruit.”

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so **neither can you** unless **you abide in Me.** ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who **abides in Me and I in him**, he bears **much fruit, for apart from Me YOU CAN DO NOTHING.**

- Abiding in JESUS can be a challenge. We originally, before we were “born again” were abiding in a totally different tree with “poisonous” fruit.

Romans 11:17 But . . . you, being a wild olive, were **grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree**

We MUST FORSAKE our old roots. Our words and actions MUST NOT come from our old poisonous root but now from “the rich root of The Olive Tree.”

7 IF you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and **it will be done for you.**

- As a branch receives life flowing into it from the vine, so when we **abide** in HIM, His Words which are life (John 6:63) flow into us forming and creating our desires, which are His desires, then “whatever you ask for will be done.”

8 My Father is Glorified by this, THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT, and so prove to be My disciples. ⁹Just **as** the Father has loved Me, **I have loved you; abide in My love.**

- How do we “abide in His love?”

10 If you keep My commandments (see John 13:34 & 15:12) **you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.**

- As in the vine, life flows into the branch. So when we “abide in Him” His Word flows into us and we - say it - do it - obey it.

11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

- Glorifying The FATHER, and The SON, is what we were designed and created for, bringing us fulfilling satisfaction and great JOY.

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John 2:11 **This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.**

- Signs, wonders and miracles manifest the Glory of our LORD JESUS Christ to others and creates faith so that they may **believe in Him**.

Raising Lazarus from the dead:

John 11:40 **Jesus said to her, Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?** ⁴¹ **So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.** ⁴² **I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.**

- Signs and Wonders create faith and bring Glory to The LORD JESUS CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 10:31 **Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**

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2 Corinthians 3:18 **But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**

- The more we **abide in His presence**, beholding His glory, **the more His glory** (seen as love, joy, peace) **radiates from us** and is demonstrated in our actions. In a crowd you stand out, people look at you and are drawn to you.

- As the moon reflects the “glorious light of the sun” when the sun itself is not seen, so we are to reflect the Light of “THE SON,” into the darkness of this world. He is depending on us to manifest His Glory.
- And as the light – the glory – is not the moon’s, our deeds **are not** our glory but the LORD’s alone.

A good example:

Matthew 13:45-47 **The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, ⁴⁶ and upon finding **one pearl of GREAT VALUE**, he went and **sold all that he had and bought it.****

- The One who “sold all that He had” is JESUS, who purchased or redeemed us. Because VALUE is determined by the PRICE one is willing to pay to purchase, makes “His people” the “Pearl of Great Price.”
- A pearl is formed by a grain of sand – an irritant – inside the oyster. The oyster begins to coat or cover the irritant with the same beautiful shiny material that the inside of the oyster’s shell is made of.
- We were an “irritant” to Him and others, but when placed “in Jesus” He begins to coat us with the same substance – “His Glory” – one coating after another and we **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**

Matthew 5:16 **Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your **good works**, and **glorify your Father** who is in heaven.**

1 Corinthians 6:20 **For you have been bought with a price: therefore **glorify God** in your body.**

- Treat your body as the Lord’s and not your own, keep it healthy, keep it Holy. And use your body - the way you live your life - to “glorify our LORD JESUS CHRIST and our FATHER.”

1 Peter 2:12 **Keep your **behavior excellent** among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may, because of **your good deeds**, as they observe them, **glorify God** in the day of visitation.**

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 **To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every **desire for goodness** and **the work of faith with power**, ¹² **so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him**, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ**

Psalm 29:2 **Give** unto the LORD **the glory due to His name**; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. NKJV

Psalm 96:1-3 Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD , all the earth.
² Sing to the LORD, praise his name; **proclaim his salvation** day after day.
³ **Declare his glory among the nations**, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. NIV

Habakkuk 2:14 For the earth **will be filled** with the knowledge **of the glory of the LORD**, as the waters cover the sea. NIV

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 5:11-14 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying 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! 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!

¹⁴Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!"