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Glory to God for He is LORD Pt 2 Our glory reflects whom we glorify as God

This is our second study on the topic – “glory to God for He is Lord”. In our first study we established – (1) The Lord is God which brought Israel out of Egypt with a mighty hand to be their God, (2) we are to give glory to the Lord: the glory due His name, and (3) Aaron made a molten calf and said “these be thy gods” and proclaimed that they brought the people out of Egypt and so gave the glory due to God – to another. In this study we establish – (1) The ungodly can know God from creation but glorify Him not as God, and change His glory into an image, (2) when we worship an idol we change our glory to that which we worship, and (3) when we worship and glorify an image God will change our glory into shame!

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. The ungodly can know God from creation but glorify Him not as God, and change His glory into an image.

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness...Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen...so they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God...And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image...” (Rom.1: 18–21, 23).

2. When we worship an idol we change our glory to that which we worship

“They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image. Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass” (Ps.106:19, 20).

3. When we worship an idol **God changes** our glory into SHAME

“As they were increased, so they sinned against me: [therefore] will I change their glory into shame” (Hos.4: 7).

Illustration

There is a colleague at work that is high up in the Freemasons and speaks of – honour, integrity, honesty, compassion, trust, and knowledge as being important. They believe in a “supreme being” but do not call themselves Christians, and their glory is the man-made institution. The devilish activity of freemasonry that he is involved in comes down on his wife and family. And his wife in-particular looks down-trodden, overcome with burdens, and discouraged.

Question to think about.

How does what we worship and whom we glorify effect us and others?

Answer from the scriptures

Who we worship and give glory to affects us and others because –

* “God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven...” Acts 7:42, and

* God gives us over to our reprobate minds (Rom 1:28).

In a marriage the woman is the glory of the man – so who the husband worships as

God comes down on his wife – “the woman is the glory of the man” (1 Cor.11: 7).

Let us remember that unbelievers do **not** bring glory to God, but SHAME, and be mindful to never, give ourselves the glory, nor any other, but the Father, and His Son (Jn.11: 4), lest the Father change our glory (we have from Christ- Jn.17:22) to shame.