

Our Passion: God’s Glory

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Psalm 96:1-3 Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! ² Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. ³ Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

1. God reveals His _____ to all nations in order to receive glory from _____.

Psalm 96:4-6 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

2. Passion for God’s glory fuels our _____.

Psalm 96:7-10 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! ⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth! Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.”

3. Passion for God’s glory motivates our _____.

Supporting Verses: Rev. 4:9-11, Is. 6:3, Psalm 69:6, 1 Cor. 10:31, Romans 12:1, John 12:27-30, John 17:4-5, 1 Chron. 16:8-24

Quotes:

Passion is the heart set free to pursue that which is truly worthy. Those who set their hearts on what is most worthy — the glory of God — live with joy-filled abandon. Their hearts are both seized and satisfied with the ambition for Jesus to be ardently worshipped. That love comes to dominate and integrate all other desires so that they live in the freedom of single-minded purpose. — Steven C. Hawthorne

God is most glorified in me, when I am most satisfied in Him. — John Piper

The glory of God shines, indeed, in all creatures on high and below, but never more brightly than in the cross. — John Calvin

Additional Messages on God’s Glory:

- Christian Hedonism* by John Piper
- Foundations of Grace, Part 1: The Glory of God* by John MacArthur
- Seeing God’s Glory* by Tony Evans
- Glory – The Language of Faith* by Tim Mackie

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the understanding that the Bible is a story about God, change how you approach it?
2. In what ways can you join in God’s passion to “declare His glory among the nations and all peoples”?
3. Does the phrase “do everything to the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:3) change the way you plan each day?
4. If someone looked at your life, what would they say is your greatest passion?
5. The Apostles’ lives and plans were radically changed by a passion to see Jesus glorified. What does that mean for you?