

LET'S GLORIFY THE WORD OF GOD

Text: 2 Thess. 3:1

Introduction: Of the prayer requests in the Bible, that one mentioned in our text is often overlooked. The first part of the prayer request was "*that the word of the Lord may have free course.*" There are always many hindrances to the preaching of the word of God. Sometimes the national or local laws of the land are a hindrance.

The second part of the prayer request is that the word of the Lord may "*be glorified.*" This is a horrible thought to left-wingers and liberals, because it indicates that we should praise, lift up, and magnify the BIBLE! To them, that is BIBLIOLATRY! Let me point out some ways we can magnify the God's Word:

I. We Glorify God's Word By Our Reverence For It

Psalms 56:4 *In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.*

Why should we magnify and praise God's word so highly? Not only because the Psalmist did, but also because GOD does!

Psalms 138:2 *... for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.*

A. We show reverence by the way we stand for it

Literally, in respect. Some churches have a tradition of standing when the sermon text is announced.

B. We show reverence by the way we study it

Giving it preference. "*Ain't it amazing how much light dat de word of God do shine on da commentaries!*"

When we run into something that is hard to understand (2 Pet. 3:16), we don't think God's Word is the problem; we think WE are the problem.

"The Bible doesn't need to be re-written; it needs to be re-read!" (Lester Roloff)

C. We show reverence by the way we show it to others-Living it! - Luke 4:4

→ **Let me praise God's word a few minutes:**

- In Genesis He is the Seed of the Woman.
- In Exodus He is the Passover Lamb.
- In Leviticus He is Our High Priest.
- In Numbers He is the Cloud and the Fire.
- In Deuteronomy He is the Prophet like Moses.
- In Joshua He is the Captain of our Salvation.
- In Judges He is the Judge and Lawgiver.
- In Ruth He is the Kinsman Redeemer.
- In I and II Samuel He is the Prophet of the Lord.

- In I and II Kings and I and II Chronicles He is the Reigning King.
- In Ezra He is the Faithful Scribe.
- In Nehemiah He is the Rebuilder of the Broken Walls.
- In Esther He is the Preserver of His People.
- In Job He is the Dayspring from on High.
- In the Psalms He is the Lord Who is our Shepherd.
- In Proverbs and Ecclesiastes He is the Wisdom of God.
- In the Song of Solomon He is the Lover & Bridegroom.
- In Isaiah He is the Prince of Peace.
- In Jeremiah and Lamentations He is the Weeping Prophet.
- In Ezekiel He is the Wheel Turning.
- In Daniel He is the Fourth Man in the fiery furnace.
- In Hosea He is the Faithful Bridegroom.
- In Joel He is the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit.
- In Amos He is the Burden Bearer.
- In Obadiah He is the Mighty Savior.
- In Jonah He is the Forgiving God, Who Rose from the Dead on the Third Day.
- In Micah He is the Messenger with Beautiful Feet.
- In Nahum He is the Avenger of God's Elect.
- In Habakkuk He is the Great Evangelist, Crying for Revival.
- In Zephaniah He is the Restorer of God's Lost Heritage.
- In Haggai He is the Cleansing Fountain.
- In Zechariah He is the Pierced Son.
- In Malachi He is the Son of Righteousness.
- In Matthew He is the Messiah.
- In Mark He is the Wonder Worker.
- In Luke He is the Son of Man.
- In John He is the Son of God.
- In Acts He is the Ascended Lord.
- In Romans He is the Justifier.
- In I and II Corinthians He is the Gifts of the Spirit.
- In Galatians He is the One Who Sets Us Free.
- In Ephesians He is the Christ of Riches, Who Accepts Us in the Beloved.
- In Philippians He is the God Who Meets Our Every Need.
- In Colossians He is the Fullness of the Godhead, Who Is My Life.
- In I and II Thessalonians He is the Soon Coming King.
- In I and II Timothy He is the Mediator Between God and Man.
- In Titus He is the Faithful Pastor.
- In Philemon He is the Friend, Closer than a Brother.
- In Hebrews He is the Priest and the Lamb Whose Blood Washes Away My Sins.
- In James He is the Great Physician.
- In I and II Peter He is the Chief Shepherd.
- In I, II, and III John He is Everlasting Love.
- In Jude He is the Lord Coming with Ten Thousand of His Saints.
- In the Revelation He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!

II. We Glorify God's Word By Our Reliance Upon It

1 Thessalonians 2:13 *For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

Acts 13:48 *And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.*

Many Calvinists believe that the Gentiles were ordained to eternal life and then believed the gospel. That's foolishness. In the verse the Gentiles believed the gospel, were ordained to eternal life, and believed what God said about TURNING to the GENTILES. The way they glorified the Word of the Lord was that they BELIEVED it, whether or not the Jews did!

→ IT GLORIFIES THE WORD OF GOD AS

- A. We rely on its accuracy
- B. We rely on its admonitions and instructions
- C. We rely on its ability

God's Word is powerful! (Heb. 4:12) The Word of God can do the work of God!

Let's keep preaching it, practicing it, and passing it on!!!

III. We Glorify God's Word By Our Reception Of It

Acts 17:11 *These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*

- A. We should want to receive it (We should come prepared to listen)
- B. We should want to read it
- C. We should want to research it

IV. We Glorify God's Word By Our Response To It

James 1:22 *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

WE SHOULD ALWAYS RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD!

- A. It causes us to rejoice
- B. It causes us to have remorse
- C. It causes us to remember
- D. It causes us to repent (change our minds)
- E. It causes us to be revived!

GLORIFY GOD'S WORD WITH ME!