

# GIVING HONOR TO GOD

“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise **God**, be **honour** and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

I Timothy 1:17

We often say things without really appreciating the meaning of our words. For as long as I can remember, Christians have begun speaking to congregations by saying, “Giving honor to God”.

The bible verse above is in the initial chapter of Paul’s letter to Timothy. In verses 12-16, Paul gives a testimony of his life’s condition when he was walking in ignorance of who Jesus Christ really was. He not only calls himself a blasphemer and a persecutor, but says that what he did was done with a proud, haughty, and insolent spirit.

He tells how the Lord came into the world to deliver sinners and even calls himself the chief of sinners. He tells about the mercy and longsuffering of Christ and how He endured Paul while he abused the sacred things and people of God.

Still the apostle goes on magnifying God and telling how this great mercy of God had great effects in him of faith and love, both towards God and His saints. But in verse 17, something happened to Paul. The testimony that Paul gave in verses 12-16 led him to a place of worship in verse 17 when he declared “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

Paul could not reflect on God's grace in his life and the promise of eternal life without being moved to worship. Verse 17 imparts a powerful vision of the majesty and mystery of God.

When we think of all that God has done in our lives, how he changed us from the despicable condition we were in and made us the righteousness of God in Him, we ought to be moved to declare to all that we give honor to God. Giving honor to God should be a term of worship to the true and living God who performed the greatest miracle of all when he cleaned us up and made us presentable to Himself.

The next time you stand to address the congregation and say, “Giving Honor to God”, think about what you are saying. When you make that statement you are saying, to God, “I worship you because you are my deliverer and my king.”

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