

10-22-2025 – The Glory of God

Autumn. Beautiful. Leaves.

The beauty of Autumn renews our minds . . . reminds us that God exists!

Autumn highlights a truth - that all creation glorifies and praises God.

Psalm 19 - ¹“**The heavens declare the glory of God**; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. ³They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. ⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.”

“The heavens declare the glory of God.” **Glory.** What is it?

1. definition: high praise or honor through notable achievements.

We see glory in sports. Michael Jordan. Serena Williams. Brady.

2. definition: magnificence or great beauty.

"the mansion was restored to its former glory"

God's glory gives Him glory!

What do the heavens declare? That God exists. And He has a plan.

Sunrise. Sunset. On time . . . & beautiful. **Glorious! Worthy of Admiration!**

God created sun, moon... put them in place. They shine at appointed times.

The **stars** move in orbit, bound to the galaxy, shining brightly.

Tide rises & falls at God's command. **Seasons change at appointed time.**

- God is more than we see. Bigger than we know. **God is still there.**
You may be walking in a place right now that seems dark. Look up.
Let the stars of night & leaves of day remind you – **God is still here.**
His Glory reminds us that He is **Worthy of Glory.**

Psalm 96 - ¹ 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. **(better thing to talk about!)**

⁴ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength & glory are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
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 his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. **(trees doing their job!)**

¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

What God is working on is of far more importance than the issue of the day.

Prince of this World has a plan to distract us... refocus us... forget God.

Enemy might have you questioning, "Where is God?" **Look around!**

And don't forget – judgment is coming.

Luke 19 – ³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” He replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

If we don't praise God – **all of creation will praise Him.**

In Autumn, trees are praising God. . . saying: God is worthy of our praise.

The leaves remind us that the end of life can be very beautiful!

Isaian 43:7 tells us that **we were created for the glory of God.**

Colossians 1:16 – “All things were created through Him and for Him.”

You & I were created on purpose . . . intentionally.

Revelation 4:11 - “Worthy are You, our Lord & God, to receive glory & honor & power, for You created all things; by Your will they exist & were created.”

Our very existence is to give God glory! Let's talk about God more, life less.

Psalms 105:1 – “Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.”

Too many people spend time talking about how bad things are.

Better to talk about how good God is . . . how beautiful is His creation!

- When you do – you will feel better. Your day will be better.

We fulfill our purpose when we praise God. It's why we were created.

1 Cor. 10:31 – “whatever you do, do all things for the glory of God.”

Giving God glory today matters b/c life here will end... spend eternity?