

Declaring God's Glory **- Ron Stullenbarger -**

To declare the glory of God is to put all things in their proper place. Chaos and struggle are always the result of humanity trying to gain glory for ourselves. God alone is worthy. God alone was made to be above all else. And God alone can handle the weight of receiving glory.

1 Corinthians 10:31 says, *"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."* We were made to declare the glory of God. Our purpose is to glorify God. We were made to proclaim through word and deed the majesty, splendor, and worthiness of the God of heaven and earth.

Proclaiming God's glory to the world always begins by taking a look at our own hearts. We can't declare that God is above every other name if we are still on the throne of our hearts. We can't proclaim His excellencies and then seek to gain success, approval, and affirmation from others. Declaring God's glory starts with our own humility. It begins with living a life of sacrifice to the one who's given up everything for us.

When we remove ourselves from the throne of our own hearts we are set free to magnify Jesus. It's when we set our eyes on our Savior King that we are freed from the weights and pressures that come from living selfishly. And in this freedom we find the life we were always meant for — a life of continual, incredibly satisfying worship.

In Revelation 19:6-8 we see a great multitude saying: *"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure."*

One day all of creation will see Jesus for who He is and give Him the glory He is due (Philippians 2:5-11). One day everything will be set right, and we will discover the abundant life that comes from living for God's glory alone. But we have an opportunity to give God glory today and lead others to do the same. We have an opportunity to live with our eyes set on heaven and experience the abundant life that's already available to us. Choose today to place God on the throne of your heart and live a lifestyle of worshipping your worthy King. May your time of prayer be filled with a revelation of Jesus' worthiness and an empowering to declare His glory in all you say and do.