

Subject: *Thine Is the Glory*

Scripture: *Matthew 6:13*

The Lord's Prayer is a model prayer given to believers. It is for believers. An unbeliever cannot pray it and sincerely mean it. An unbeliever cannot truly say, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." An unbeliever cannot honestly pray, "Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever."

A person who does not know the Lord really lives like this, "Mine is the kingdom, and mine is the power, and mine is the glory."

Every person should be interested in the glory of God. Every person should be aware of the glory of God. Every person should want to promote the glory of God.

1. Defining God's Glory

If you search the many places in Scripture that refer to God's glory, you will find these ideas:

- A. His visible presence
- B. His majestic nature
- C. The sum total of His attributes
- D. His unique value and worth

One of the words for glory in the OT is *kabod*, which has the idea of weight, importance, and honor. The glory of God is the sum total of all He is. The Bible says that He will not share His glory with anyone else.

2. Declaring God's Glory

His glory is declared on many occasions and in many ways.

- A. In the heavens – *Psalms 19:1* *The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*
- B. On the earth - When Isaiah saw the heavenly vision of God, he heard the seraphim saying this in *Isaiah 6:3* *And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*
- C. In a cloud – *Exodus 16:10* *And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.*
- D. On Mt. Sinai – *Exodus 24:16* *And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.*
- E. In the tabernacle – *Exodus 40:34* *Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*
- F. In the temple – *1 Kings 8:11* *So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.*
- G. In Jesus Christ – *John 1:14* *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,)*

full of grace and truth. **Heb. 1:3**...the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person...

H. In the New Jerusalem – **Revelation 21:23** *And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

3. Disregarding God's Glory

The history of mankind has shown a general disregard and denial of God's glory. Instead of recognizing the glory of God and giving Him the praise He deserves, man has devised other gods of his own making and put them in the place of the one true God. **Romans 1:18-21** ¹⁸ *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;* ¹⁹ *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.* ²⁰ *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:* ²¹ *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

Lest we think this Scripture applies only to the heathen people who worship images, we should remember what the Bible says in **Romans 3:23** *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;* Man should live to honor God and glorify Him, but He doesn't. We were made in the image of God, and we were made for God's pleasure. But we disregard God's glory and often think about our own ways.

4. Desiring God's Glory

We should desire to experience more of God's glory and express more of God's glory. Like Moses prayed in **Exodus 33:18** *And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.* Moses understood that God must reveal Himself. Moses wanted to know God as fully as possible. Spurgeon said this was the greatest request anyone ever made of God. Moses got just a glimpse of His glory. That's all he could stand.

We should not only want to experience more of His glory, but we should want to express more of His glory. We recently sang the song, "In my life, Lord, be glorified. In my home, Lord, be glorified. In our church, Lord, be glorified." That should be our deep desire.

The greatest purpose of our life is to bring God glory. **Matthew 5:16** *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.* **1 Corinthians 10:31** *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

The purpose of Liberty Baptist Church is to bring glory to God. **Ephesians 3:21** *Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.* The church exists to bring glory to God.

The glory of a believer's life and the glory of the church is a reflected glory. Just like the sun and the moon. The moon reflects the light of the sun. It has no light of its own. Are we a faithful, clear reflection of God's glory?

God has left us here to glorify Him. If God had wanted, every Christian would have entered Heaven the moment he was saved. Why would God leave us here? Why would the Commander leave His soldiers on the battlefield? The answer is to live for Him and show others the way to Him. We are here "by His grace and for His glory."