

GOD'S GOAL IN REDEMPTIVE HISTORY

God's goal in all things is
to display and uphold his glory
in the redemption of his kingdom
through the judgment of his enemies
in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

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God is passionate for his own glory and unwilling to share it with anyone or anything else:
Isaiah 48:11 My glory I will not give to another.

ETERNITY PAST

Before creation, God chose to redeem his people through Jesus Christ for his glory:

Ephesians 1:4-6 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, **according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

CREATION

God created us for his glory:

Genesis 1:27-28 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

FALL (cf Genesis 11:4)

All are under judgment for dishonoring God's glory, which is what sin is:

Romans 1:22-23 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God** for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Romans 3:23 ...for all have sinned and **fall short of the glory of God...**

CREATION OF ISRAEL

God called Israel for his glory (cf Isaiah 49:3):

Jeremiah 13:11 ...I made the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah cling to me, declares the LORD, **that they might be for me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory...**

EXODUS TO THE PROMISED LAND

God raised Pharaoh up to show his power and glorify his name:

Romans 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and **that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.**"

God defeated Pharaoh at the Red Sea to show his glory:

Exodus 14:4, 18 And **I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host**, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD....And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when **I have gotten glory over Pharaoh**, his chariots, and his horsemen.

God spared Israel in the wilderness for the glory of His name:

Psalm 106:7-8 Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the Sea, at the Red Sea. **Yet he saved them for his name's sake**, that he might make known his mighty power.

Ezekiel 20:9, 14, 22 But **I acted for the sake of my name**, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out.

God gave Israel victory in Canaan for the glory of his name:

2 Samuel 7:23 And what one nation on the earth is like Your people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people and **to make a name for Himself**, and to do a great thing for You and awesome things for Your land, before Your people whom You have redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, from nations and their gods?

God was faithful to his people for the glory of his name:

1 Samuel 12:20-22 And Samuel said to the people, "Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty. **For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake**, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself."

God saved Jerusalem from attack for the glory of his name:

2 Kings 19:34 For I will defend this city to save it, **for my own sake** and for the sake of my servant David.

EXILE

God restrained himself from destroying Israel for the glory of his name:

Isaiah 48:9-11 "**For my name's sake** I defer my anger, for the sake of my praise I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off. Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. **For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.**

God restored Israel from exile for the glory of his name:

Ezekiel 36:22-23 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: **It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name**, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And **I will vindicate the holiness of my great name**, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

THE PROPHETS

God's plan is to fill the earth with the knowledge of his glory:

Habakkuk 2:14 **For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD** as the waters cover the sea.

Malachi 1:11 For from the rising of the sun to its setting **my name will be great** among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. **For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.**

THE GLORY OF GOD REVEALED IN CHRIST

The appearance of Jesus Christ is the revelation of the glory of God:

Isaiah 40:3-5 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Jesus Christ is the full and final revelation of God's glory:

John 1:14-18 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Hebrews 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.

The Gospel is about the glory of God, which we see when we believe:

1 Timothy 1:11 ...the gospel of the glory of the blessed God...

2 Corinthians 4:4-6 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of **the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.** ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts **to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

JESUS' LIFE & TEACHING

Jesus sought the glory of his Father in all he did:

John 7:18 The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory, but **the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true**, and in him there is no falsehood.

Jesus revealed his glory in his signs and wonders:

John 2:11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and **manifested his glory.**

Jesus warned that not seeking God's glory makes faith impossible:

John 5:44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and **do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?**

Jesus told us to do good works so that God gets glory:

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and **give glory to your Father who is in heaven.** (See also 1 Peter 2:12)

Jesus told us to pray for the glory of God:

Matthew 6:9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Jesus promised to answer prayer that God would be glorified:

John 14:13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, **that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

JESUS' DEATH

Jesus' glory was revealed in his crucifixion:

John 12:23-24 And Jesus answered them, "**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**"²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Jesus endured his final hours of suffering for God's glory:

John 12:27-28 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? **But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.**" Then a voice came from heaven: "**I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.**"

John 13:31-32 When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "**Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.**"

John 17:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "**Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you...**"

God gave his Son to vindicate the glory of his righteousness:

Romans 3:25-26 God put Christ forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. **This was to show God's righteousness**, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

JESUS' RESURRECTION AND REIGN

Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and seating in power is his crowning glory and for God's glory:

Hebrews 2:9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, **crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death**, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Son of God:

John 16:14 **He will glorify me**, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

THE CHURCH & THE BELIEVER

God forgives our sins for his own sake (Psalm 25:11):

Isaiah 43:25 I, I am he who blots out your transgressions **for my own sake**, and I will not remember your sins.

The Christ-imitating unity of the church displays God's glory:

Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,⁶ **that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, **for the glory of God.**

The purpose of the church is the proclamation of God's glory:

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, **that you may proclaim the excellencies of him** who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The message of missions is the glory of God (cf Isa 12:4; Mt 19:29):

Psalm 96:3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

God instructs us to do everything for his glory (cf 1 Cor 6:20):

1 Corinthians 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do all to the glory of God.**

We are sanctified by seeing the glory of God:

2 Corinthians 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

God tells us to serve in a way that will glorify him (cf Philippians 1:9-11):

1 Peter 4:10-11 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ...**in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.** To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus' ultimate aim for us is that we see and enjoy his glory:

John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, **to see my glory** that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

JESUS' RETURN

Jesus is coming again for the glory of God:

2 Thessalonians 1:9-10 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, **when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints**, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

Every knee will bow to the glory of God:

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and **every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

THE NEW CREATION

In the New Jerusalem, the glory of God replaces the sun:

Revelation 21:23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, **for the glory of God gives it light**, and its lamp is the Lamb.

EVERYTHING, FORVER

Everything that happens will redound to God's glory:

Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are **all things. To him be glory forever.** Amen.