

## "Filling God's World with His Glory"

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all  
In the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the father through Him." Col. 3:17]*

Paul exhorts us to do everything in the name of Jesus giving thanks to God. That's a tall task! That requires thinking about everything we do as an opportunity to glorify God and His Son Jesus. To do things "in Jesus' name" is the same thing as glorifying Him and God. 'Glory' means heavy, weighty. To glorify means to make God weighty, heavy; to make people know how magnificent and glorious He is. How can we do this?

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### **"Understand God's Vision for His World"**

*God made the world with purpose and He has an ultimate plan He wants to fulfil. What is that plan?*

**Hab. 2:14** "For the \_\_\_\_\_ will be filled with the knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."

Read Isaiah 11 and note especially v.9

**Is. 11:9** "... for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea

*Isaiah 11 describes a great time of peace because someone specific will be ruling the world then. How is He described?*

**11:1** "A \_\_\_\_\_ will come up from the stump of \_\_\_\_\_; from his roots a \_\_\_\_\_ will bear fruit."

*What will happen in that day?*

**Ps. 86:9** "\_\_\_\_\_ the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring \_\_\_\_\_ to your name."

**Ps. 102:15** "The nations will fear the name of the LORD, \_\_\_\_\_ the kings of the earth will revere your \_\_\_\_\_."

**v. 16** For the LORD will rebuild Zion and \_\_\_\_\_ in his glory."

*What has God promised? Read Is. 40:1-5 and note v.5.*

**Is. 40:5** "And the glory of the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has \_\_\_\_\_."

**\*What assurance from this passage do we have that this will happen?**

### **"God's Glory Now"**

*There are a number of passages that seem to indicate the world is already filled with God's glory. Look these up:*

**Num. 14:21** "Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ the whole earth . . . "

**Is. 6:3** “And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is \_\_\_\_\_ of his glory.”

**Ps. 113:4** “The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.”

*And yet . . . look at these verses.*

**Ps. 72:19** “Praise be to his glorious name forever; \_\_\_\_\_ the whole earth \_\_\_\_ filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.”

**Rom. 3:23** “for all have sinned and fall \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God.”

So in one sense we’re waiting for God’s glory to fill the world completely – when Jesus returns and rules (see Phil. 2:10-11) but on the other hand we have glimpses of God’s glory here.

**Ps. 19:1** “The \_\_\_\_\_ declare the glory of God; the \_\_\_\_\_ proclaim the work of his hands.

**v.2** Day after day they pour forth \_\_\_\_\_; night after night they display \_\_\_\_\_.

**v.3** There is no speech or language there their voice is \_\_\_\_\_ heard.

**v.4** Their voice goes out into \_\_\_\_\_ the earth, their words to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.”

*Even though it is obvious to all what do some choose to do?*

**Rom.1:18** “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who \_\_\_\_\_ the truth by their wickedness,

**v.19** “since what may be known about God is \_\_\_\_\_ to them, because God has \_\_\_\_\_ it plain to them.

**v.20** For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been \_\_\_\_\_ seen, being understood from what has been \_\_\_\_\_, so that people are without excuse.

**v.21** For although they knew God, they neither \_\_\_\_\_ him as God nor gave \_\_\_\_\_ to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

*How else is God’s glory seen?*

**Ps. 98:1** “Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done \_\_\_\_\_ things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked \_\_\_\_\_ for him.

**v.2** The LORD has made his \_\_\_\_\_ known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

**Ps. 98:3** He has remembered his love and His faithfulness to \_\_\_\_\_; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.”

*Israel’s existence and rescue from Egypt (and many other places!) is evidence of God’s glory. What else?*

**2 Cor. 4:6** “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our \_\_\_\_\_ to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ displayed in the face of Christ.

**4:7** “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to \_\_\_\_\_ that this all-surpassing power is from \_\_\_\_\_ and not from us.”

*Where did David say he saw God’s glory? Read Ps. 63:1-5*

### **“Spreading God’s Glory”**

So how then do we help God fill the world with His glory?

**Ps. 96:1-3**

**Matt. 5:14-16**

**1 Peter 2:11-12**

**1 Peter 4:10-11**

**2 Cor. 10:4-6**

**John 15:5-17**

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