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Psalms 96:8

“Give unto the LORD, the glory due to His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts.” Psalm 96:8

How can I give glory to the God of all glory? How can I give glory to the One to Whom all glory is due? “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for You have created all things, and for Your pleasure they are and were created.” (Revelation 4:11) How can I, a fallen creature, give glory to One who is so resplendent with glory? What “glory” do I possess that can be offered or valued by Him? “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23).

Let’s examine the usage of the word for glory to see if there are any clues that may help us “give unto the Lord, the glory due to His name.” The word glory in the Hebrew means a “weight.” Now when the glory of God is in open manifestation it can be an extremely heavy thing – especially for natural flesh. The glory of God means splendor or copiousness, glorious, glory or honour.¹ This glory or weight is why often when the Lord is manifesting His presence in a particular circumstance people are literally “pushed” or “knocked” to the ground. “As soon as Jesus said to them, “I am”, they fell backward to the ground.” (John 18:6 NLT)

When an expert witness is called upon to testify at a trial their witness is said to be “weighted.” Their position and expertise lends weight to their testimony. Similarly then when a sinner agrees with God’s judgment (Romans 3:23), repents of his sin and receives God’s remedy for that sin – faith in the work of Jesus upon the cross – he is giving God the glory due His name. When the sick person says, “I am healed” in spite of the symptoms that are raging in his body because God’s Word says, “by His stripes you were healed”, he is offering the Lord Jesus the glory due His name. When we agree that God’s Word is surer than our body’s symptoms, or more trustworthy than a man’s vow, we are giving God the glory due His name! “He Himself bore my sickness and carried my pain... by His stripes I am healed!” (Isaiah 54:4-5) “My God shall meet all of my needs according to His riches in glory.” (Philippians 4:19)

Today, make the conscious decision to give the Lord the glory due to His name!

¹Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance #3519

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