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Thoughts from our Pastor:

Give God Glory, it is due Him

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

Psalms 29:2

Let us all please understand one absolute truth, God cannot get His due glory if you do not believe in His Sovereignty. Too often Christians wants to mix humanism with God's Sovereignty, however, that does not mix at all. God said one will overpower the other and you will hate the other. *"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."* Romans 8:5 – 7 People that loves humanism hates the Sovereignty of God. Therefore, failing to give God His due glory and praise. People that call themselves Christians and assemblies that call themselves churches have no desire to give God His due glory! John Gill had this quote, please read it carefully, *"the glory of his name" which is suitable to his nature, agreeable to his perfections, and which belongs unto him on account of his works...*" People, most calling themselves "Christian" and many calling themselves "churches" simply fail to recognize God as Sovereign because they *"are often too much swollen with their own glory to spare time to give God his rightful praise"* as C. H. Spurgeon stated. It is the humanistic mind of man to be the planner and accomplisher of their life, they say their destiny is in their own hands, therefore eliminating God in the details of their life. It is their humanistic thinking that, God reacts to our will and that if we are not willing then God will lose us. This mindset totally ignores the glory due God, it makes God subject to our will and not us subject to God's will. Where is the Omnipotence of God in that? How is God Omnipotent if He depends on man for anything, if He doesn't even self-contain the power to save a lost sinner? Think about this, these same people pray for God to save people and then give Him zero glory for *saving* a lost sinner. If God "cannot change a persons will" then why do they pray to God for salvation? Why did Jesus tell Nicodemus he must be "born again" or (born from above) if the One above has no power to save them? A. W. Pink once wrote, *"The god which the vast majority of professing Christians love is looked upon very much like an indulgent old man, who himself has no relish for folly, but leniently winks at the indiscretions of youth...For one sin God banished our first parents from Eden; for one sin all the posterity of Canaan fell*

under a curse which remains over them to this day; for one sin Moses was excluded from the promised land; Elisha's servant smitten with leprosy; Ananias and Sapphira were cut off from the land of the living." God is not "an old indulgent old man", the truth is all Power and Glory is within Himself, nothing is dependent on OUR will or power. Paul wrote, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Philippians 2:13 God is not waiting on our will to change, because the will to come to Christ is God's will given to us. Our will to serve the Lord is God's gift will to us. All of this is God's blessed gift to us, and **what an honor it is to serve the Lord**. Innumerable scriptures teach us to praise God for what we have, not because we gave to Him, but that He gave to us. If you read Psalms 29 in its entirety you will see the reason, we are to give God His due glory. Reasons like, "*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters*", "*The voice of the LORD is powerful*", "*The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars*", "*The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire*", "*The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness*", "*The LORD sitteth upon the flood*", and the Lord finished the chapter with these words, "*The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.*" Psalms 29:11 It is easy to see there is absolutely not one ounce of humanism, because God does everything by His Sovereign Will and Omniscient Power. If God is depending on us for anything then He is not the Sovereign God of the bible, He is not the eternal, self-existent, all powerful, all knowledgeable, God of the bible. Therefore, we are commanded to, "...*worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*" That is, in the beauty of His Holiness, and not allowing humanism robs God of His due glory and honor. If God did not do something then no glory and honor is due Him, why honor God for what we accomplish. Charles Spurgeon once said, "*the spiritual beauty of inward purity and outward holiness being far more precious in the eyes of our thrice holy God.*" Not because of what we have accomplished, but because of what we accomplished by God through Christ and His holiness in us. It is the work we present to God on this earth because of His Grace and Mercy. It is God's workings in us, that's the reason He gets any glory from us at all, otherwise He gets no glory from us. "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*" Ephesians 2:10 We see also this verse, "*For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*" Acts 17:28 We, who are saved, are God's offspring, fleshly we (rebels in the flesh) and can never outstep our heritage or fleshly nature. When Jesus told Nicodemus "...*Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*" John 3:3 He told him he must be born of God from above, because his birth heritage was totally depraved. "...*There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*" Romans 3:11 Stop praising man for what God has done! All glory and praise belong to our Sovereign God. If God did not do it, then it is not done right.

Things to think about!

"Here is a fundamental difference between the man of faith and the man of unbelief. The unbeliever is 'of the world', judges everything by worldly standards, views life from the standpoint of time and sense, and weighs everything in the balances of his own carnal making. But the man of faith brings in God, looks at everything from His standpoint, estimates values by spiritual standards, and views life in the light of eternity. Doing this, he receives whatever comes as from the hand of God. Doing this, his heart is calm in the midst of the storm. Doing this, he rejoices in hope of the glory of God." -A.W. Pink

"There are times when solitude is better than society, and silence is wiser than speech. We should be better Christians if we were more alone, waiting upon God, and gathering through meditation on His Word spiritual strength for labour in his service. We ought to muse upon the things of God, because we thus get the real nutriment out of them. . . . Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in the divine life? Because they neglect their closets, and do not thoughtfully meditate on God's Word. They love the wheat, but they do not grind it; they would have the corn, but they will not go forth into the fields to gather it; the fruit hangs upon the tree, but they will not pluck it; the water flows at their feet, but they will not stoop to drink it. From such folly deliver us, O Lord. . ." - Charles Spurgeon

"Christ is the Comfort—and the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, by whom the sympathy, and grace, and consolation of Christ is conveyed into our sad and disconsolate hearts." - Octavius Winslow