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GLORIFYING GOD Jeremiah 9:23-24

Last week we looked at the Corruption of the age that Jeremiah was working in and how it compares to our time. Today we will look at and deal with the word Glorifying. What and who do we glorify in this day and time? Let's compare it with Jeremiah's time.

Three times in this chapter is the word "Me" emphasized, we find the "ME" in verses 3, 6, and 24.

3. And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.

6. Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

24. But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

God is the source and center of all good, and ought to be the undivided object of all our glorying. Let's look at two ways that man glorifies God.

I. What Some Glory In. There are three phases of worldly glory; wisdom, might, and wealth. Each has its followers.

1. **THE WISE:** The wise are tempted to glory in their wisdom. Worldly wisdom is the main thing sought for by the worldly man, and he may glory in it just as another man may glory in his shame, as something that belongs to himself, as the fruit of his work. Isa 5:20-21: **²⁰Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! ²¹Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!**

2. **THE MIGHTY:** The mighty are tempted to glory in their might. It is all the same, whether that might be physical, intellectual, or social.

Whatever distinguishes one man from his fellows is apt to become a cause for selfish glorying. King David is a prime example of someone that believed he was above everyone else and committed the sins with Bathsheba. Through this concept he did in part commit adultery, covet, lie, steal, kill and the list goes on.

3. THE RICH: The rich are tempted to glory in their riches. To them there is a sort of divinity in their wealth, and they glory in their golden god or calf. In Jeremiah 9:23 it says: **Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:**

All this glorying is in vain, I Cor. 1:27-29: **²⁷But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; ²⁸And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: ²⁹That no flesh should glory in his presence.**

The things that are foolish to the world are the "things that are freely given us of God" through Jesus Christ.

II. What We Should Glory In: Jeremiah 9:24. **²⁴But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.**

III. This knowledge of knowing Christ is the only thing worth glorying in. In I Cor. 1:31 it says: **³¹That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.**

We find three reasons in Jeremiah 9:24 to glorify in Him: **²⁴ But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.**

1. I am the LORD which exercises loving- kindness. Because of the value of His lovingkindness the children of men put their trust in

Him: Psalm 36:7 **⁷How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.**

I John 4:8 **He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love.**

2. **Because of His Judgment:** (Jeremiah 9:24) **I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment.**

Psalm 97:2 says: **²Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.**

Just think of some of the judgments: The Flood, Sodom, Him dealing with Israel, and the list goes on. We glory in God's judgment of sin, and of the sinner, By his judgment and love Jesus paved the way with his blood.

3. Because of His Righteousness. Jeremiah 9:24: **I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness.**

II Timothy 4:8 says: **⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

Let us then show our glorying by seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Jeremiah 9:24 the last part sums it up this way: **²⁴ But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.**

God has been so good to us; do we thank and glorify Him as we should?

What about us today, are we not in the same shape as the people in Jeremiah's day? Who or what do we glorify? This decision is up to each one of us. Whatever is number one in our life is what we glorify or what is our God.

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