



Living Waters Ministries

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Give Jesus All The Glory!!!!

When Jesus does something... manifesting Himself in your life, *do you give Him all the glory and praise?* Or do you say to people around you, that it is because of all your wonderful efforts? The human creature has the tendency to desire self esteem. However, Christians are to have something very different working in their lives which is called Christ-esteem...and therefore give the Lord all the honor and glory.

Luke 17:18 There are *not found* that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

Romans 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God...

In Luke 17:18, there is *a real lack of giving glory to God* after Jesus has preformed the miraculous in the life of these men. Instead of honoring the Lord for his miraculous workings and his power, we are tempted to put the emphasis on us, on man, and our work/works or abilities, talking about how strong our faith is....telling everyone around us how we did it because our faith is so strong; but this is actually contrary to what the Scripture declares. Here we see, that *strong faith* is a dependency upon Jesus, not our efforts, but upon what has already been accomplished by the finished work of the Cross! It is not our SELF efforts that have brought about God's workings in our lives. The Cross alone opens the windows of heaven!

Gal. 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Gal. 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

If we stand before God according to our SELF efforts, sayings it is by our strong faith that accomplished these tasks, we have changed our focus from the one who actually performed these works and put it on ourselves. If we have placed our eyes on what we have done in ourselves then it is no longer Jesus who does it (what we now are claiming), but it is what our faith has accomplished for us, thus making the object of our faith no longer in the Cross and the person of Jesus, but in ourselves and our faith! The Galatians started, at first, to walk after the Spirit of God and give all the Glory and praise to the Lord for working in their lives, because they identified that their salvation came by the Cross. However, afterwards they changed the object of faith from the Cross to themselves!

Religion always starts and grows in the hearts of people when they begin to *change their focus* away from what the Lord has done and *turn it unto themselves*. This is why religion is so mean spirited! You see, if it is all about what I have done for myself, then when someone comes along that has receive something by the Spirit of God...having placed their faith properly in the Cross alone, and not in themselves, it destroys religion's central focus on the SELF!

1Corin. 4:7 For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

2Corin. 10:17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

When people take the emphasis off of Jesus and place it on themselves, as if they have really accomplished the performance of the task on their own, they then **GLORY IN THEMSELVES!** Paul tells us here, in the scripture, that *his example* is to acknowledge what the Lord has done at all times, giving the Lord all the glory, saying, "What have we that we have not received(that the Cross has not brought us)?"

The precursor of Mark 11:23 and 24's *statement of mountain moving faith* is the key verse Mark 11:22, which has been religiously misinterpreted and preached as, "Have the faith of God," but which is accurately and properly translated as, "Have faith in (as one's object of faith is in Jesus and the Cross alone) in God."

[The misinterpreted phrase that is taught "Have the faith of God" then is *applied* as "having faith in your faith" turning *one's object of faith* on themselves (they become their own object of faith – that leads back to fleshly works and self effort) and completely miss apply the Bible's view of what faith is. The Hebrew word BATAH (Baw-tah given in Ps.91:2; Prov.3:5-6) which reveals the true meaning of what Bible says faith is, (see our article entitled The Meaning of the Word - Faith) which indicates that faith must have an object to lean upon (the foundation of the Cross) in order to be true Biblical faith and operate as such. Once our faith is *properly in the Cross* the person ceases from their own works and enters into the rest of faith (Heb. 4) being fully persuaded that God will bring it to pass(Rom.4:21;Isa. 55:11). Does God have faith? Some would think so! Again, once we understand what the Bible says faith is and understand that faith must have an object we can properly answer that question. For God to have faith would mean that God would have to have faith in Himself as His own object of faith. Faith according to the Bible has its assigned *role* and *function* to men in the realm of time (here on earth), while in the realm of eternity God's *role* and *function* is by Sovereignty. It is the connection between Faith and Sovereignty that completes the circuit. For example, the act of the sacrifice of God's own Son Jesus at the Cross was the act on God's part of Sovereignty. The act of faith that men exercise from their heart *toward the finished work of the Cross* brings salvation and all the benefits of this covenant. While we are told to speak to *the mountain* (obstacles) in our lives, we are being told to speak to them through the finished work of the Cross, through the Cross. Due to the preached message of *error- misleading us in what faith is*, and that of "having faith in my faith" - *religious pride* set in, *was birthed*, and *grew forth* in people's hearts as the *exalted self-ego rose to self acknowledgement* – and that from the person's central ego as a creator speaking everything into existences (a very heady mindset –the same as Lucifer had in heaven). The use of this *so called faith* then became to all *who used it, a formula* - the proving ground of *how*

spiritual they are, which actually proves the opposite, that of *religion (a form without power) and a self-centered focus*. All such who operate in this way do so by *self effort*. Truthfully there isn't much difference in their *operation* than that of a *witch doctor* or *shaman* for they all have their base and roots in *selfish desires, self-centered focus, self efforts and man-centered religion*.]

Look back to Mark 11:22-24, which speaks of faith in the object of the Cross and which removes the *obstructions* that are contrary to the Cross. Again, *the mountain*, here in Scripture, is those *obstructions* which present themselves (in this life) and which are *opposite to or reciprocals of* that which has already been accomplished by the final work of the Cross.

Luke 17:6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say... (our speaking after the finished work of the Cross) unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

This passage indicates that even a small amount of our faith connected to the finished work of the Cross *is sufficient to manifests* itself in uprooting the tree and planting it in the sea. The point here is, if we can connect with what Jesus has *done already* for us at the Cross, that *that faith* is sufficient for God to channel His covenant benefits through to us. Yes, we desire all the faith we can get, and God is faithful to *grow* that faith in us (the mustard seed does grow into the largest of plants), but here His concern is delivering to His disciples this point on *their object of faith* and *His power to back their faith*. Therefore this statement should cause *faith to spring forth* in the hearer's heart toward God. The Lord is *behind* the object of our faith (by the work of the Cross) seeing it has been done; ***“the tree shall be plucked up (by the root), and be planted in the sea.”*** The power of God works *at the point of our faith* in His finished work.

It is the Cross that has uprooted everything contrary that seeks to *obstructs* or *hinder* what the *finished work* has accomplished in Jesus Christ. Therefore in obedience to the finished work it (the mountain or tree) is removed!

When the *religious* speak to these *mountains*, they think that they, in themselves, have the power to remove, again leading to religious pride.

Matt. 5:36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

Man doesn't have power without his maker.

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts (their fleshly desires).

God doesn't grant prayers that are amiss and not according to His Will.

Prov. 19:21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

God says His Will stands not our own desires apart from Him.

Lamen. 3:37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?

When we speak and it manifests...it is the Lord who already commanded it (where the power is) and we then are working by His Spirit *unction - speaking through the Cross!*

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Here God's presence accompanies the speaking.

Acts 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, (((took upon them))) to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

Notice here God's presence doesn't accompany these. Here their actions are based in *self will and self effort* and not backed by the Spirit unction – speaking through the Cross.

Gal. 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory(boast), save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...

The Lord should receive all the credit for making His will manifest in our lives.

With proper understanding, the one speaking, having their faith properly in the finished work of the Cross, speaks out of what has already been accomplished at the Cross and therefore *sees the removal according to THE POWER OF GOD* – by which then a person is given the opportunity to give ALL THE GLORY TO GOD WHICH IS DUE HIM!

Let us truly make our boast in the Cross and our Lord Jesus Christ!!!!...

People who *steal the glory*...away from God, they are in fact, CLOSING THE DOOR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FROM WORKING. Since the windows of heaven are only open to us by our faith being properly placed in the Cross, which is the finished work of Salvation, if we take our focus and place it on ourselves, operating according to a religious practice instead of operating according to faith in the Cross, then the doors close to us and we become engaged in our own futile self efforts which are FRUITLESS of the Holy Spirit. You see, we can engage willfully in our self efforts, which are by the flesh, and produce something *outside of the will of God*, but it always leads to *corruption*.

Gal. 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Gal. 4:28-29 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he (Ishmael) that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

But do we really *believe in the true workings that are the result of the Cross* and what are *manifested by His Spirit*? Where is *self efforts* here in this passage?

Zech. 4:6 ... This is the word of the LORD Not by might, nor by power, but BY MY SPIRIT (by-which comes the manifestation), saith the LORD of hosts.

Religious people always give birth to *the flesh* because *they're center is upon themselves* and not on the Cross, though they will profess that they are in faith. What I mean by "in faith" is having one's faith properly in the Cross. The religious tend to always *express* or *suggest* that self efforts are the meaning of what Bible faith is. The religious are those who are in pursuit of *vain glory!* The religious *want all the credit for what they have done for themselves*, they also *seek to flaunt their works before others*, or *desire that others envy them* by position in the church, etc.. All of *these traits* are *not the same* as those who desires in their hearts to see the Lord worshiped, adored, and glorified by their spiritual service.

Gal. 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

We can always detect those who have *real faith* apart from those who have a false or *counterfeit* faith by knowing those who are *constantly* declaring that "ALL THE GLORY GOES TO GOD!"

The church needs to return its focus to the Cross, *giving all the glory and praise to the Lord.* Throughout the New Testament, we see the Apostles who are so used of the Lord...always writing their letters to us "GIVING THE LORD ALL THE GLORY."

1Peter 5:11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

When one is truly humble, they *magnify* what the Lord is *has done, is doing* or *will do* constantly. This is because it is *not about them*; it is about the Lord, it is about giving Him all the glory. In their heart they have no desire to have people look at themselves *as do the religious*, but rather they want the Bible Jesus to be seen in everything they are doing in serving the Lord.

Our prayers toward the Lord are *one of the most humble and selfless acts of service to God*, yet *the religious* find a way here to (((glorify themselves))) before men...*putting on a religious show seeking to be acknowledged* (((before men))) *for their reward is to be known for their super spirituality!*

Matt. 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are (Jesus want us to be true genuine): **for they love** (the desires of religious) **to pray standing** (making a great show before them) **in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men** (religious pride wants to be *acknowledged by men*, where as the humble heart exercises themselves unto the Lord and *gives Him all the Glory*). **Verily I say unto you, They have their reward** (reward of men instead of the Lord's).

John 3:21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Matt. 5:16 Let your light (which comes from the Lord) so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and (((GLORIFY))) your Father which is in heaven.

Rom. 7:4bthat we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Again we see that the Scriptures tell us that *our fruit and works are to give the glory to God*. It isn't strange that the religious don't give glory to God; for in having their person as the center of their faith...it leads them to boast in themselves! This is none other than the religious pride which enters into a person causing them to place their trust in themselves, causing boasting before God and self-righteousness.

Rom. 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

True Bible faith always boasts itself in the Lord giving Him all the Glory.

Pslams 34:2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: (((the humble))) shall hear thereof, and be glad. (the heart of the humble want to set faith and confidence into those around them...they know *by glorifying God* they promote faith in the ears of the hearers).

There is something truly edifying about hearing how God works in a person's life. Those who give testimony and make their BOAST not in themselves but in the Lord, bring the hearers to a place of not only HOPE, but also FAITH. I am speaking here of the true faith which is born in one's heart – the complete dependency of placing one's faith or trust in God's Word and Spirit. Truly the one who trusts the Lord in this way receives from the Lord.

Luke 18:8b... Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

When Jesus comes, will he find those who are giving Him all the Glory?...showing true faith on the earth?

Luke 17:18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

Jesus, of course, would know those who would return to give Him glory, acknowledging Him for all He has done in them....and when He returns again He will also know, though the world is so far away from Him.

The world teaches SELF WORSHIP, which is *the very root of religion*...and the future religion of the Antichrist (2 Thess.2:4). 666 is the trinity of man - the Glorification of Man as God...the religion of the Antichrist saying man is God...of which he declares himself to be God and to be worshipped by the world. *Religion* is the trend that takes people to *the Trib!*

We are already seeing *this trend* in the church because *the religious* are already there...

2Tim. 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy...

2Tim. 3:5 Having a form of godliness...

Self-love which promotes *religion*....and promotes *self-worship*... pride which is *self-righteousness*.... will be *giving glory to the creature...which is THEMSELVES!*

Romans 1:20 -25 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature MORE than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Much of the preaching and teaching today *magnifies the self*...and what is accomplished by the *self will* and *self efforts* of a person. When this is done, it starts the process of getting on the road to religion and SELF-GLORIFICATION of the human person, instead of giving the glory to the creator...*they magnify the creature*. If we are truly the church of the last days, which I believe we are, then we need to place the emphasis back on the finished work of the Cross and upon the Bible Jesus!

May we hear you making your boast in the Lord and giving Him all the Glory due unto His precious NAME!

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