

Protestant reformer Philip

Melanchthon wrote:

“There is no voice which has ever been heard, either in heaven or in earth, more exalted, more holy, more fruitful, more sublime, than the prayer offered by the Son of God himself”.

The Scot Preacher Robert Murray
McCheyne wrote

- “If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me.”

1. After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.⁴ **I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.**

- ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.⁶ “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

The glory of God is seen in the revelation of who and what He came to do. Throughout history we have seen the glory of God in varying degrees.

Everyone sees something of God's glory in nature. **Psalm 19:1** "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork."

- **Peter, James and John on the Mount of transfiguration saw Jesus** "and as they watched, his appearance changed so that his face shone like the sun and his clothing became dazzling white." (Matthew 17:2, The Living Bible)
- **The most complete revelation of God's glory was in the person of Jesus Christ.**
- **The writer of Hebrews says that Jesus** "Is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:3, NASB95)
- **And Paul writes** "For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6, NASB95)

Doing His Fathers Business was a delight to Him

- "I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:8, NKJV)
- **Not only doing God's will but accomplishing it mattered to the Lord** "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work." (John 4:34, NKJV)
- **In His prayer He said** "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do." (John 17:4, NKJV)

He even finished the work at His last breath

- "So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit." (John 19:30, NKJV)
- Both God's glory and Jesus' glory are found in the completion of the great work of salvation demonstrated on the cross

Brad Bailey

- in an article called, “A life of calling and completion” said, “It’s hard to find rest in the vast sea of potential ‘should haves’ we’ve created.”
- Bailey said, “Completion is an unqualified sense of all encompassing completion” Such a sense of completion may be the most elusive key to experiencing peace in life..for how often do we enjoy that sense of fulfillment?”

- Charles E. Hummel in a article, Freedom From Tyranny of the Urgent said, “Jesus sense of completion isn’t in relationship to some endless list of needs..but in relationship to a more defined sense of calling, priority and focus.”

- Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.”
- John 15:8 “ When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of mine.”
- YOU MAY EXALT HIM IN PROFESSION, AND POLLUTE HIM IN CONVERSATION

2 questions for you today

- **1.) Who do people see when they see you?**
- **2.) Do people know who sent you and why?**

John 1:14,18 “ The word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

- “Made His dwelling” translates the greek word [skenuo], which means tabernacle or “spread ones tent”.
- When Jesus came in the flesh He “tabernacled” , or “pitched his tent” in our midst so that we could see Him and know Him as the “one and only”
- In other words, Jesus Exposed the full glory of the father by uncovering or revealing to us the character of God.

John 8:50,54

- I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and He is the judge. If I glorify Myself, My glory means means nothing. My Father , whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me..”

Hebrews 6:12

- “Be not **slothful**, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”
- It comes from a Greek word “nothros” and describes something that is dull, monotonous, or unexciting; something that is slow and sluggish; or something that has lost its speed or momentum.

- Because of the word NOTHROS, Hebrews 6:12 could be read this way,
- “Quit being slothful-quit acting like someone who has lost his enthusiasm and excitement and has now sunk into a state of being slow, boring, monotonous, sluggish, dull and uninterested in completing the task set before him”
- “I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work” John 9:4

- **The glory of a manufacturer is seen when its product performs as designed and advertised.**
- How does God expect us to live out our lives in way that reveals and reflects His Glory?



- **1.) Our calling as Men and Woman of God transcends life's circumstances.**
- **2.) Our calling is to be internalized**
- **3.) Our calling may require a redefining of focus**