

Glory to God

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****The problem:**** Feeling depressed discouraged. "What's my life for"

Ask: have you ever felt

- I loved the peanuts comic strip as a kid
- So much of it is wise philosophy and basic biblical truth - I see that as an adult!
- I want to show a couple of panels
- Have you ever felt like this?

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life image

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Secondary

- We seek things that will bring us meaning, satisfaction and purpose
- As we get older - we begin to wonder "Why we've taken this way?"
- Those things don't pan out - and we ask ourselves: have I wasted my life
- Or maybe we can no longer do what we used to do
- Etc.

****The solution:**** Do what you were created to do

- This morning I want to propose that we should get back to what we're supposed to be doing
- Which is: I was made to worship
- This question is posed and answered in the Westminster catechism. A catechism is a doctrinal teaching one memorizes. The name literally means to *teach orally*
- We're not much for catechisms. **Ask:** How many grew up in a church where memorizing one, but we should rethink that!
- Anyway - Westminster catechism asks and answers this question: "**Q** What is the chief end of man?" "**A** Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever"
- I want to examine that here - my job is to worship him! To glorify God

- God created everything to praise him
- He created us, endowed us with free will - so we can choose to worship!

Personal testimony

- When I came to the Lord, I realized I was created for worship
- There was something special that was only satisfied in His presence
- I found what I was seeking every place else: I was made to worship
- **Ask** How many can agree - you've experienced the joy that comes from doing what He made you to do!

Reminder:

- Let us worship the Lord
- Just a couple of reminders

He is worthy

- God is worthy of our praise!
- He alone deserves our worship
- **Rom 11:36** (ESV) (36) *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

We have reason to worship

- We were once far away
- We've been brought near

All will worship

- One day every human will worship
- **Isaiah 45:23** By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'
- **Romans 14:11** for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."
- **Philippians 2:10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Why don't we worship

- Take a moment and ask yourself: Do I worship him like I used to?

- If not, why not
- Let's consider a couple of things

Am I unobservant?

- We are so focused on the immediate, we don't recognize his gifts and provision and blessing
- We are blinded and deceived
- Remember: Every good and perfect
- **James 1:17** (ESV) (17) *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

Am I lazy?

- This is the biggest reason

Am I entitled

- Terrible to say - but we feel like we deserve God's blessing
- Worse - we feel like we deserve better
- **Illustrate:** Mephibseth. See **2 Sam 19:24-30** (ESV) (24) *And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. He had neither taken care of his feet nor trimmed his beard nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came back in safety. (25) And when he came to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?" (26) He answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me, for your servant said to him, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go with the king.' For your servant is lame. (27) He has slandered your servant to my lord the king. But my lord the king is like the angel of God; do therefore what seems good to you. (28) For all my father's house were but men doomed to death before my lord the king, but you set your servant among those who eat at your table. What further right have I, then, to cry to the king?" (29) And the king said to him, "Why speak any more of your affairs? I have decided: you and Ziba shall divide the land." (30) And Mephibosheth said to the king, "Oh, let him take it all, since my lord the king has come safely home."*
- He recognized he didn't deserve anything (but judgment) from the king

Day in which we live

- Plus it is near the end time
- Jesus says **Matt 24:12** (ESV) (12) *And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of*

many will grow cold.

Result

If I choose to worship then there will be..

Joy

- When I worship I enter his presence
- In his presence, there is joy **Psalm 16:11** (ESV) (11) *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Sense of meaning and purpose

- My life was made to worship
- When I worship - I re-discover my purpose
- **1 Cor 6:20** (ESV) (20) *for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*

God is glorified!

- God is glorified
- And that's the goal
- **Psalm 150:6** (ESV) (6) *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!*
- **Rev 4:11** (ESV) (11) *"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

How

Not the form per se

- We get hung up in the form
- Lots of teaching about the form
- Sing, shout, clap, dance, with instruments, hands up raised

Attitude: I am here to worship the Lord

Actions: Everything I do is a way to worship him

Closing challenge

I want us to worship - choose to praise
Get in the Word

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