

To magnify means to increase size of – changes your perspective of something. As God ‘increases’ we must decrease. Need of biblical view of ‘God magnified’

Psalm 78:41.. possible to limit the Holy One of Israel (by not remembering His power or what He has done)

Mark 7:13.. possible to nullify the Word of God by traditions and other things we do

Mark 6:4-6.. possible to be in the presence of God and have His power at hand, and be oblivious to Him.

Romans 1:21: key thought in our lives: ‘although they *knew* God they did not glorify Him as God; neither were they thankful; their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened’ – *this process happens by degrees*. God decreases (with eyes off Him) and flesh increases.

- HE IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY; He desires relationship and this is why He sent Jesus.

Far beyond a lucky charm whom we grace with our attendance occasionally and pay our dues to – there is honour due; He is God. 1 Cor 3 speaks of a glory or an honour to people – who are they? Servants of the Most High God – no favourites – it is carnality and immaturity to put people above or before God. Psalm 51 – David’s Nathan moment: God can never refuse a broken/contrite (humble/teachable) spirit (attitude)).

James 4:5.. *underline: God opposes the proud*.. humble ourself before the Lord and He will lift us

Isaiah 57:14-15.. the High and lofty One lives with the contrite and lowly in spirit – lifts up the humble to be with Him (in that higher place) and thence the humble can *see* more in every way (than when in pride).

Isaiah 2:11: ‘glorify God only’ several times throughout Scripture (to put things in place of God is to glorify them) - How big God really is an to understand who we are and our destiny we must grab the concept of ‘magnifying God’ (on our death bed two things will matter: where we will spend eternity and who we loved).

Isaiah knew God intimately but had further revelation and subsequent yielding .. Isaiah 6:1-8. (Consider Uzziah’s story in 2 Chronicles 26 – he had a good man alongside him – a friend in every season, who taught him the fear of the Lord – taught him how to keep God first (to seek Him) – over time he began to listen less to the point of refusing – ended a broken, isolated man who did not complete his destiny – turned his back on the friend who corrected him and many others).

Isaiah **saw** Uzziah fall – shaken in his understanding (Psalm 118 – don’t trust in man; must keep our focus/trust in God to stay focussed). **HE SAW THE LORD – HIGH; HE SAW THE LORD – EXALTED!** He had revelation of the holiness of God – his own flaws were revealed in the perspective of a magnified God **THEN... I heard...**

When we glorify God as God, we see Him as God. He is worthy of all our praise & will take no second place. Not only will we **see** Him in that place, but we will also **hear Him in that place and respond to Him**. This is humility.

Must find this same place; (remember it is by degrees we can leave our first love – process). It is also a process – of humbling ourselves. Nothing can reduce His love for us nor change His choice to love us – but we must return. (Prodigal son – nothing else could satisfy – reason for his return to Father was not good – Father does not care – the return is what is critical – process in coming to glorify God).

John 12:24: unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies ..(picture of being born again; lives are changed (fall to the ground) – next process is ‘dying’ (positionally: Galatians 2:20 – need ‘revelation’ of this) – grain of wheat on its own produces nothing but when it dies, and then grows and feeds a nation!

There is a process of glorifying God as God.

(We don’t make doctrines out of parables but consider – God has us on a most amazing journey; we have great confidence in God and little confidence in the flesh)

Luke 9: He is a big, big God. We may have had glimpses of His glory at times, but continually we must magnify Him – He is bigger. A glimpse of His mercy – it never ends; a glimpse of His love for me – He love us more; how can we walk this walk? (It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God if we are not walking with Him).

Three areas that can take first place and become distractions or move you are away from glorifying God – being fit for the kingdom: God has told us to do all three of these things but not first:

- Security: be careful not to put it in wrong things:
- Finance: (let the dead bury the dead: possible if this man didn’t go to the funeral he would miss his inheritance –money issue)
- Friendship.. nothing wrong with friendship/finance/house or security: when they are first; when our friendship (or anything else) takes us away from glorifying God.. this is an evil thing..

A broken and contrite man can glorify God. God will not take second place to anything or anyone. Most remarkable when we place our eyes on our big, big, holy, holy God – desires relationship with us; has confidence in us; gave us the great commission – ‘take the world’ – if we keep our eyes on Him nothing is impossible.

Be magnified O Lord. Let God increase and humble yourself.

(YouTube clip: Be Magnified! mariaxy)

BE MAGNIFIED: lyrics.

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