



ALL HONOR BE TO HIM

Revelation 5:13–14

13 And every creature which is in heaven
and on the earth
and under the earth
and such as are in the sea,
and all that are in them,
I heard saying:

**“Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”**

14 Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!”
and the twenty-four elders fell down
and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

Spoken of as His rightful gift

1. Blessing
2. Honor
3. Glory
4. Power

Our need to know:

Poythress: *“When God’s people are beset by temptation or persecution, a revelation of God’s character and glory is the best remedy. His power guarantees the final victory, His justice*

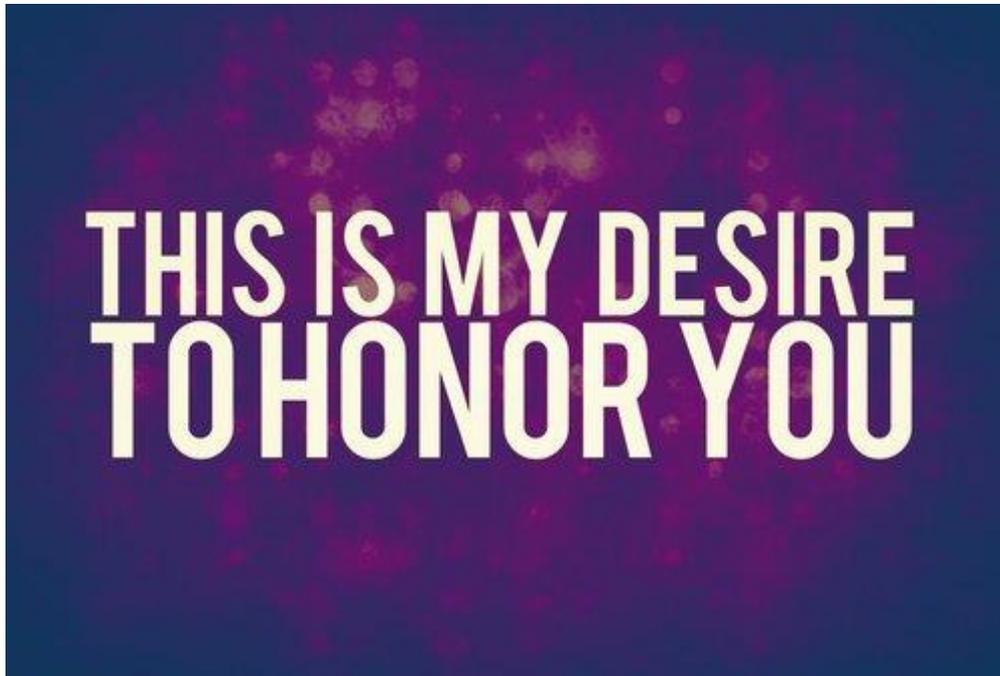
*guarantees vindication of the right, and His goodness and magnificence guarantee blessing and comfort. The Blood of the Lamb demonstrates that solid redemption has already been accomplished. Even in the midst of trials and persecutions, God is still the ruler. He controls everything!"*¹

The words translated “glory” and “honor” are closely related and often used interchangeably in the Bible.

- But there is a subtle difference between them.
- The word most often translated “**glory**” means “**something that has inherent, intrinsic worth.**”
- The word translated “**honor**” means “**perceived value; to render or esteem glorious.**”

Honor originates in our hearts and refers to the value we personally place on something or someone.

- WE ARE CHOOSING TO HONOR GOD
- WE ARE CHOOSING TO HONOR OTHERS ABOVE OURSELVES



¹ Poythress, Vern S., *The Returning King: a guide to the Book of Revelation*, ©2000 by Vern Poythress, p.97

13 And every creature which is in heaven
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and all that are in them,

Philippians 2:10–11

10 that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**,
of those in heaven,
and of those on earth,
and of those under the earth,

11 and that **every tongue should confess**
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **Every creature**

- **All Creatures in Heaven's realm**

- Diving beings created by Jesus

- **All Creatures on Earth surface**

- Imago Deo – imagers of God
- All non-human creatures that exist on the earth,
- All creatures that fly in the sky, that live above the waters.

- **All Creatures under the earth surface**

- All creatures in the seas

Psalms 148:7–14

7 Praise Yahweh from the earth—

great sea creatures and all deeps,

8 fire and hail, snow and cloud, stormy wind **doing his bidding,**

9 the mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

10 beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds,

11 kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,

12 young men and young women as well,
the old together with the young—

**13 let them praise the name of Yahweh,
because his name alone is exalted.**

His splendor is above earth and heavens.

14 And he has raised high a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful—

for the children of Israel, a people close to him.
Praise Yah.

- In this Psalm, the universe is called on to render praise; in the passage before us it is described as actually doing it. The hills, the streams, the floods; the fowls of the air, the dwellers in the deep, and the beasts that roam over the earth; the songsters in the grove, and the insects that play in the sunbeam, in fact, declare the glory of their Creator; and it requires no very strong effort of the fancy to imagine the universe as sending up a constant voice of thanksgiving. ²
- Every living thing in existence
 - under the earth may refer to those in Hades: both demons in the bottomless pit (Luke 8:31; Rev. 9:1-2; 9:11; 11:7; 17:8) and the unsaved dead who await final judgment (Rev. 20:13).
Isaiah 14:9 (regarding Lucifer's final downfall)
9 "Hell from beneath is excited about you, To meet you at your coming; It stirs up the dead for you, All the chief ones of the earth; It has raised up from their thrones All the kings of the nations.
 - **IMAGINE – even Lucifer will be forced to praise His Name.**

Every tongue confess:

- "As far as I'm aware, Arthropods, insects, arachnids, myriapods and crustaceans, lack tongues, they have proboscis sometimes, which we might anthropomorphically refer to as tongues, but which do not actually function in the same way as what we would describe as a true tongue." ³
 - Imagine your Golden Retriever on his knees next to you praising Jesus
 - Your goldfish!
 - Your bees in your hives!
 - ALL CREATION!

² Barnes, Albert. "Commentary on Revelation 5:13". "Barnes' Notes on the New Testament".

³ <https://www.quora.com/Why-all-animals-have-tongue-only-fish-family-dont-have-it-is-true>

Three ways to HONOR God:

1. Honor God with your fear and reverence

Psalm 33:8–15

8 Let the whole world fear the LORD, and let everyone stand in awe of him.

9 For when he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command.

10 The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes.

11 But the LORD's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken.

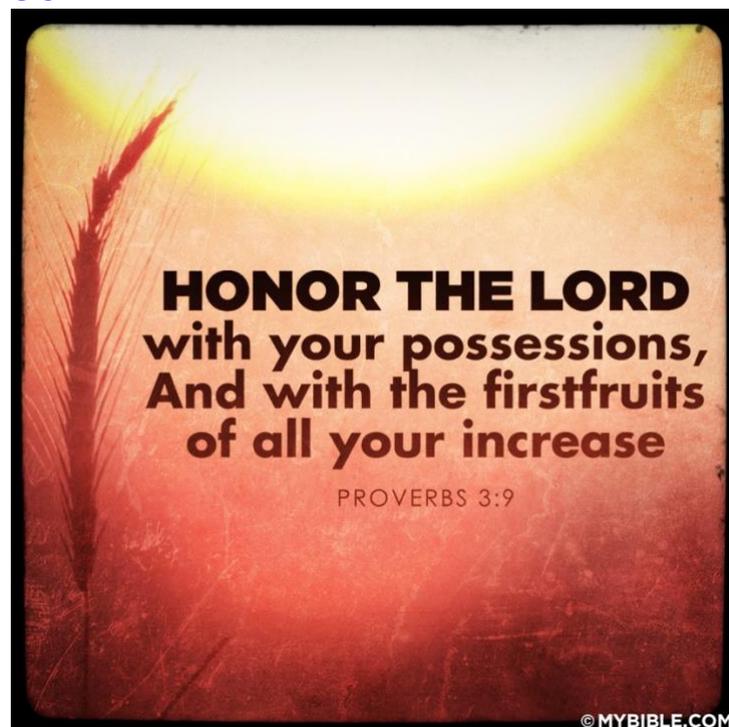
12 What joy for the nation whose God is the LORD, whose people he has chosen as his inheritance.

13 The LORD looks down from heaven and sees the whole human race.

14 From his throne he observes all who live on the earth.

15 He made their hearts, so he understands everything they do.

a. Honor God with what HE has provided you – in fear and reverence



b. Honor God, even when it may hurt!

Let your life honor God.
Even if you have to do it alone



2. Realize that "glory, praise, renown, distinction" are words that are synonymous with "honor"

Psalm 138:4–5

4 All the kings of the earth will praise you,
O Yahweh, when they have heard the words of your mouth,
5 and they will sing of the ways of Yahweh,
because Yahweh's glory is great.

3. Honor God through "love"

Matthew 25:31–36

31 Now when the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

32 And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them from one another like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

33 And he will place the sheep on his right and the goats on the left.

34 Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me as a guest,

36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you cared for me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

1 Timothy 6:13–16

13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,

15 which He will manifest in His own time,

He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

16 **who alone** has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, **to whom be honor and everlasting power.** Amen.

Let's pray this prayer this Advent Sunday:

