

MAGNIFYING THE LORD

CENTRAL TEXT

Psalm 34:1-3

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."

3-FOLD LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. Understand what it means to "magnify the Lord."
2. Identify ways believers can magnify God in daily life.
3. Recognize the blessings and impact of magnifying the Lord.

MEANING OF "MAGNIFY THE LORD"

- **Not making GOD BIGGER** – God is already infinite.
- **Seeing Him bigger in our own eyes** – adjusting our perspective so His greatness is clearer and closer.
- **Focusing attention on His character** – praise highlights His power, goodness, and mercy.

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Luke 1:46-47 – Mary's song: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Psalm 69:30 – "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving."

II. WHY WE MAGNIFY THE LORD

- **He is worthy of all praise**

Psalm 145:3 NLT – Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness.

- **It builds our faith** — as we declare His greatness, our trust grows.

Psalm 40:16 NLT – But may all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness in you. May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, "The LORD is great!"

- **It shifts our focus from problems to God's power.**

2 Corinthians 4:18 NLT – So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

- **It testifies to others** — our worship draws people to Christ.

Matthew 5:16 ERV – You should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.

III. THE RESULTS OF MAGNIFYING THE LORD

A. It Elevates Our Minds About God

Psalms 145:3 – “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.”

B. It Builds Our Faith

Romans 10:17 NLT – So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

Abraham Magnified the Lord

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

C. It Draws Others to Christ

Acts 16:25–26 – “And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.”

Their praise led to the jailer's conversion.

IV. A FEW KEYS TO MAGNIFYING THE LORD

1. Through Praise and Worship

Singing, praying, and declaring His works.

Psalms 100:4 KJVS – Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

2. Through a Life of Love & Obedience

John 13:34–35 NLT – So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. [35] Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

Our actions reflect His greatness.

3. Through Thanksgiving

Expressing gratitude in all circumstances.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

4. Through Sharing the Gospel

Speaking of His goodness and salvation.

Matthew 5:16 GNT – In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.

John 15:8 – “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”

Mark 16:15 – “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between magnifying God and talking about your challenges?
2. How can magnifying the Lord change your perspective in difficult situations?
3. How do you magnify the Lord most often in your life?