

Sermon Text, Opening Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Sermon Title: Doxology: The Glory of God for the Joy of All People

The Aim of Romans 16:25-27: To Give Glory to God

God is glorified for:

1. His Nature (26, 1:18-22; 11:33)
2. His Commands (25, 26; Exodus 34:6-7; Romans 3:21-26; Genesis 15)
3. His purposes (25, 26, 1:5; Psalm 23)

Three concluding observations on why you need this Glorious God:

1. You can't bear the weight of your own suffering and sin
2. Your strength is found in the glory of the gospel preached
3. You need to glorify God for your own joy

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Bonus Notes & Quotes:

"I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am." (John Newton)

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust him for his grace. Behind a frowning providence, He hides a smiling face. God's purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour. The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flower. Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan his work in vain. God is his own interpreter, And he will make it plain." (William Cowper, God Moves in a Mysterious Way).

"God doesn't enter the story of the Bible. He is the story. In a world that constantly tells us to 'express ourselves' and 'find ourselves' and sometimes even to 'create ourselves' we must remember that only God has life in himself, only God exists of himself and only God owes his being to no one and nothing." (Kevin DeYoung)

Psalm 115:4, "“Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. 5 They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. 6 They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. 7 They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. 8 Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.