

A PASSION FOR GOD'S GLORY: The Offering that Glorifies God



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Seahawks' Seattle victory parade draws close to 1 million

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victory...

Here are the sights from the Seahawks' victory parade

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We will make the deepest sacrifices & pay exorbitant costs to be in the presence of greatness

We are moved, excited, and energized by the incredible feats of these people such that we gladly, wholeheartedly, and joyfully give of ourselves to be with them and to glorify them

**These are all aspects of what it means to glorify
someone or something**

SMART NEWS

Iconic Andy Warhol Portrait of Marilyn Monroe Could Sell for Record-Breaking \$200 Million

One of the artist's "Shot Marilyns," the sage blue silkscreen could become one of the most expensive 20th-century paintings ever sold at auction

Emily Williams

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Set to an asking price of \$200 million, Pop artist Andy Warhol's *Shot Sage Blue Marilyn* is poised to become the most expensive 20th-century painting sold at auction. *Christie's*



Andy Warhol's iconic 1964 Pop Art portrait of Marilyn Monroe is headed to the auction



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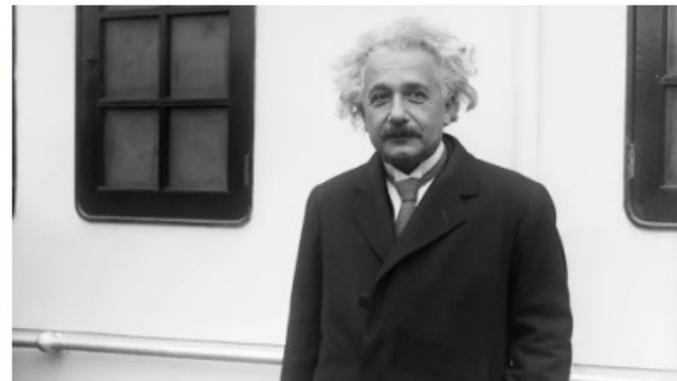
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Albert Einstein profoundly changed physics and ideas about space and time. (Image credit: Bettmann / Contributor via Getty Images)

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31. A section of the huge crowd which gathered outside the Town Hall in Melbourne, Australia, on June 16, 1964, to greet the Beatles, during their tour of Australia and New Zealand. #

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14. The Beatles perform on the Ed Sullivan Show in New York on February 9, 1964. An estimated 73 million viewers -- more than a third of the U.S. -- saw the performance, a record audience at the time. #

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As humans we naturally gravitate toward the exceptional

**It is natural for us as humans to glorify
someone or something...**

**and to generously sacrifice & give of our time, energy,
money, and resources as we glorify, exalt, and revel in
that which is exceptional**

**“The glory of God is the manifest beauty of His holiness.
It is the going public of His holiness.”**

**“The glory of God is the magnificence, worth, loveliness,
and grandeur of His many perfections.”**

EXODUS 40:34-35 (AMP)

³⁴ Then the cloud [the Shekinah, God's visible, dwelling presence] covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory *and* brilliance of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses was not able to enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud remained on it, and the glory *and* brilliance of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

1 Chronicles 29:11 (ESV)

¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

PSALM 63:1-5 (AMP)

¹O God, You are my God; with deepest longing I will seek You;

My soul [my life, my very self] thirsts for You, my flesh longs *and* sighs for You,

In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²So I have gazed upon You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory.

³Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise You.

PSALM 63:1-5 (AMP)

⁴ So will I bless You as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands in Your name.

⁵ My [b]soul [my life, my very self] is satisfied as with
marrow and fatness,
And my mouth offers praises [to You] with joyful lips.

JOHN 11:38-40 (ESV)

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

JOHN 14:8-14 (ESV)

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

NEXT LEVEL LOVE x INFINITY
NEXT LEVEL KINDNESS x INFINITY
NEXT LEVEL MERCY x INIFINITY
NEXT LEVEL GRACE x INFINITY
NEXT LEVEL PATIENCE x INFINITY
NEXT LEVEL EMPATHY x INFINITY
NEXT LEVEL COMPASSION x INFINITY

WE SEE MORE OF THE GLORY OF WHO GOD IS...

BECAUSE JESUS CAME AND SHOWED US THE FATHER

JOHN 17:1-6, 26 (ESV)

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

JOHN 17:1-6, 26 (ESV)

⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

JOHN 17:1-6, 26 (ESV)

²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

WE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO BRING GLORY TO GOD

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 (ESV)

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

JOHN 14:8-14 (ESV)

¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me^[a] anything in my name, I will do it.

WE ARE IMAGEBEARERS OF GOD...

LOOK AT ME AND YOU WILL SEE THE IMAGE OF GOD...

LOOK AT ME AND YOU WILL SEE THE GLORY OF GOD

MATTHEW 28:18-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-19 (ESV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.^[a] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling^[b] the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

The mission God has given us as Cornerstone:

to join God in reaching & transforming people into
passionate followers of Christ

**WE ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE & SUFFER WHEN
SOMEONE IS WORTH IT**

WE SEE THIS IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

JOHN 12:23-30 (ESV)

²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

JOHN 12:23-30 (ESV)

²⁷ “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine.

Philippians 2:8 (NIV)

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

**WE ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE & SUFFER WHEN
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WE SEE THIS IN THE LIFE OF PAUL

Phil 1:18-21 (NIV)

¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

Phil 1:18-21 (NIV)

²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

ACTS 20:24 (NIV)

²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

**WE ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE & SUFFER WHEN
SOMEONE IS WORTH IT**

AND HOPEFULLY IN US

ROMANS 12:1-13 (ESV)

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers,^[a] by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.^[b] ² Do not be conformed to this world,^[c] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.^[d]

ROMANS 12:1-13 (ESV)

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

ROMANS 12:1-13 (ESV)

⁴ For as in one body we have many members,^[e] and the members do not all have the same function,⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

ROMANS 12:1-13 (ESV)

⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads,^[f] with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

ROMANS 12:1-13 (ESV)

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit,^[g] serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

**OUR OFFERING FLOWS FROM THE RECOGNITION OF
THE VALUE OF A PERSON OR SITUATION**

2 SAMUEL 24:22-25 (NIV)

²² Araunah said to David, “Let my lord the king take whatever he wishes and offer it up. Here are oxen for the burnt offering, and here are threshing sledges and ox yokes for the wood. ²³ Your Majesty, Araunah^[d] gives all this to the king.” Araunah also said to him, “May the LORD your God accept you.”

2 SAMUEL 24:22-25 (NIV)

²⁴ But the king replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.”

So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels^[e] of silver for them. ²⁵ David built an altar to the LORD there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the LORD answered his prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.

WHAT IS THE OFFERING THAT BRINGS GOD GLORY?

WHEN WE GIVE HIM OUR WHOLE HEART

THE OFFERING OF OUR WHOLE HEART

- CONSUMED WITH GOD & HIS PURPOSES
- PURSUING GOD & HIS SPIRIT WITH EVERYTHING WE HAVE
- CAUGHT UP IN GOD'S GREATNESS (GROWING IN HUMILITY/CRUSHING PRIDE)
- LETTING GOD BE GOD (LIKE ABRAHAM & ISAAC, NOT THE RICH YOUNG RULER)
- POURING OUT OUR HIGHEST LOVE BECAUSE OF HIS AMAZING LOVE
- TRUSTING JESUS FULLY & FOLLOWING WHERE HE LEADS
- WANTING & SEEKING THE ETERNAL BEST FOR PEOPLE
- MAKING GOD KNOWN AT ANY COST

1 PETER 4:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

GALATIANS 5:16 & 22-23 (ESV)

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

ROMANS 8:5-8 (ESV)

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

MALACHAI 1:6-9 (NIV)

⁶ “A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?” says the LORD Almighty.

“It is you priests who show contempt for my name.

“But you ask, ‘How have we shown contempt for your name?’

⁷ “By offering defiled food on my altar.

“But you ask, ‘How have we defiled you?’

“By saying that the LORD’s table is contemptible.

MALACHAI 1:6-9 (NIV)

⁸ When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the LORD Almighty.

⁹ "Now plead with God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will he accept you?" —says the LORD Almighty.

Genesis 4:3-5 (NIV)

³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴ And Abel also brought an offering— fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)

⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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Which glory will you live for?