

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 115 TITLE: "Not To Us"

Intro: HENRY V. *"Non Nobis Domine, Sed nomini Tu o da gloriam."* **Battlefield.** Carrying dead, treating the wounded. After a great victory. Pride? Success? Joy? Solemnity & Praise. **Warrior-King. Glory.**

Thesis: *"True Freedom is living life to the glory of God"*

I. False gods

- A. **Powerless** - No authority. No glory. Made by man. Whatever glory had, is given. Not their own.
- B. **Pitiful** - Laughable. Humor. (**ISAIAH**). *Idiotic. Just stuff. Material. In the end, that's what it all is.*
- C. **Pitfall** - Brings you down. Makes you dumber. Stumbling. Distraction. *Become like them. Sad.*

ILLUSTRATION: Like a kid talking to a toy. Doll. When a child does it, it's cute. Imagination. Learning basic skills and habits. Empathy. Motor skills. Good. When an adult does, it's sad. Grow up. Childishness.

APPLICATION: Phones. Socials. TV. Binge watching. News Noise. Commentators. Opinions & Takes. Influencers. Scroll. Videos. Clips. Reels. Brain cells. Sucked in. Hooked (**Fishing**). *Stuck. Degrading. Mind rot. Soul rot.* You become what you worship/idolize/prioritize/habits. "Renew your mind" Make new

II. Our True God

- A. **In the Heavens.** Has His own will. Does what HE pleases. Not what we want Him to do.
- B. **He's His own Being.** Nobody made Him or gives power. He gives life to us.
- C. **He will give His glory to no other.** Jesus receives glory from Him. Glorify the Son.
- D. **Israel (Church), Aaron (Priests/Leaders) and All who Fear (All Believers & Potentials) Trust.** *Help (Power). Shield (Protector). He will Bless.* Stewards of the Earth. "I'm blessed!"

APPLICATION:

1. Preachers come into the Pulpit different ways:

- A. **Awards Committee/Judges** - Entertain. Impress. Get accolades. Be like. Winsome. Popular.
- B. **Defense Attorney** - Prove my point. Convince. Win the argument. Victim. Hostile.
- C. **Servant of the King of Glory** - Ambassador. Messenger of Good News.

B. Congregants come into Worship in different ways:

- A. **Dentist/Doctor/Mechanic/DMV** - Needed. Important. Healthy. I won't enjoy it. No expectation.
- B. **Netflix/Roku/Socials/Podcast** - Scroll, Click, Try this one, Give it a shot, Check it out, see if I like it, keeps my attention, entertains me, gives me a feeling of euphoria, joy, humor, binge-worthy, etc
- C. **News/X/Forum** - Banter, Huddle up, Talk crap outsiders/others, differences, angry, self-righteous,
- D. **Meet with the Living God of Glory** - Be with His people in Awe. Can you believe it?! Worship! Are we Dead or Alive?! Dead people don't worship! Has He made you alive in Christ! Praise Him! Are you dead? *Has God been good to you? Blessed? Delivered? Provided?* Worship! Hallelujah!

CONCLUSION: *We want to get caught up with the Glory! His Fame. Beauty. Weightiness. Brilliance.*

- 1. The Freedom of God's Glory.** The surest way to guarantee a life of misery is to live it all focused on yourself, your comfort, success and happiness = **glory**. Perfect formula for disappointment and bitterness. More try to meet own felt needs, unhappier you become. Entitlement vs. Humble gratitude. Freedom comes when you are released from your own endeavors, for God's glory.
- 2. The Elusiveness of God's Glory.** When we give up ownership of ourselves, ministry, church, vision, and can truly say "it's all for God's glory" there's joy in that. The problem is, how hard that is. When you want to own the church, ministry, outcome, influence, it ends up owning you. If it succeeds, you're a success/encouraged. If it fails, you're a failure, incompetent. Existential Crisis about purpose. This is why control and conflict happens so much in churches/ministries, b/c we entangle it with our very identity, sense of worth, need for approval, respect and reputation. So when someone doesn't like our ideas, methods, input or offers advice, suggestions, etc. we receive it as a personal attack. When that's consistent, we've probably lost sight of God's glory, and subtly made it about our own.
- 3. The Power of God's Glory. John 12:23-33. The Cross. The pinnacle of God's glory. Now is the time for the Son of Man to..."die"?** Nope..., "**be glorified**" "**Father glory yourself.**" **It's glorious.**

ILLUSTRATION: Adoniram Judson. Missionary to Burma. "Mr. Glory Face." Shining face. Joy. Peace. Radiance. Love. **Stephen. Moses.** When the beauty of Christ captures you, it transforms you!

The Father has a passion for the Glory of Jesus Christ! Left with two options:

- a. **Be confronted with the Glory of Jesus,** believe and receive Him. Or reject Him and live for yourself.
- b. **If you believe,** is there any greater purpose or higher calling, than to live all life to Glory of God? Really? If all this stuff is true? If Jesus is real? If God became flesh and died for me? What greater purpose is there than to live for him in humble gratitude and worship, and tell others about Him?

The message of the Cross is foolishness to those perishing, but to us who are being saved it is THE POWER OF GOD! 17-18. The dead don't praise Jesus. HALLELUJAH!