

## August 26

**Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NKJV)** <sup>23</sup> Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; <sup>24</sup> But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I *am* the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord. **Psalms 115:1 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

We recently watched the Olympics where thousands upon thousands of athletes gathered to compete for medals. We honored those who rose to the top with bronze, silver, and gold medals that placed them in an elite category. Each medal winner proudly displayed his/her trophy. Likewise, the news reported the birthday celebration of an ex-president who invited hundreds of elite, “sophisticated” and wealthy guests. In addition, we honor daily those who have captured our attention through dangerous, amazing, or eye-catching events. As a result, we see people trying to do whatever they can to gain some of this honor for themselves.

The Bible is comprised of living words, words written thousands of years ago that are still alive and applicable today. Jeremiah’s words speak directly to our society that seeks glory and recognition. Those words first warn us not to seek glory in our accomplishments, abilities, or talents. The definition of glory is as follows: (noun) high renown or honor won by notable achievements; (verb) take great pride or pleasure in. Instead of taking great pride in our accomplishment, Jeremiah encourages us to glory that we understand and know God, the Creator. When we glory in our relationship with Him, we can never take pride in ourselves because God is the faithful and loving one. When we praise and glorify Jesus, we will always be lifting up His name. When we are honored, we give glory to Him Who enables us to do good. When we glory in Jesus, we tell the world that He and He alone is worthy of our praise. Instead of pointing to ourselves, we point to Him, recognizing that nothing is more important than our relationship with Him.