

GLORY BE TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST OCT 14, 2018

TEXT

Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the heavenly heights,
Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.”

Brethren, this scripture draws a correlation between praising God and we enjoying His peace. If we can learn to say “GLORY BE TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST” then we will always enjoy peace on earth.

Verse 8 gives an account of shepherds residing in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. (living their normal life). 9Just then, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

10But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! For behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people:

11Today in the City of David a Savior has been born to you. He

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is Christ the Lord! **12**And this will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

___ The angel came to the shepherds and shared a testimony of the birth of Jesus with them. ___

13And suddenly there appeared with the angel a great multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

14“**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests!**”

___ Once a testimony is recorded/shared, it should be followed by a praise unto God _____

So the multitude of angels joined to praise the Lord.

15When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, **which the Lord has made known to us. ... this was their testimonial**”

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Brethren God is committed to us:

In the story of the Ten Lepers (Luke 17), **14**When Jesus saw them, He said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they were on their way, they were cleansed.

15When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back, praising God in a loud voice. **16**He fell facedown at Jesus’ feet in thanksgiving to Him...

There was a testimony and the cleansed man followed it with a praise/thanksgiving.

17“Were not all ten cleansed?” Jesus asked. “Where then are the other nine? **18Was no one found except this foreigner to return and give glory to God?”**

19Then Jesus said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well (whole)!” ,, he went from small testimony to bigger testimony: from mere cleansed to well (whole).

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Brethren, the reason the man knew he was cleansed was because he was attentively looking out for any sign of healing.

Because he gave glory to God for the one God had done, Jesus gave him more ___ your faith has made you well.

Once we thank God for what He has done, that thanks positions us for another bigger testimony.

This means we should use any testimony we have a memorial that positions us for the next one. If only we learn to say “GLORY BE TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST.”

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God told the Israelites to make their testimony a memorial

Exodus 12:14, when the Lord delivered the children of Israel from Egypt, God said to Moses:

"This day is to be a memorial for you, and you are to celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. You are to celebrate it as a perpetual ordinance from generation to generation. (International Standard Version).

"You must celebrate this day as a religious festival to remind you of what I, the LORD, have done. Celebrate it for all time to come." (Good News).

Joshua 4:6-7 "These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

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Brethren, People Who Do Exploit Know How To Recount Their Memorial And Give Glory To God. This Inturn Helps Them Get Better Testimonies, Win Bigger Battles, Etc....

In 1 Samuel 17: 33 Saul said to David, “You cannot go out against this Philistine to fight him. You are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” ...David recounted his memorial, **36** Your servant has killed lions and bears; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.” **37** David added, “The LORD who delivered me from the claws of the lion and the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” **(Glory Be to God in the Highest)**

“Go,” said Saul, “and may the LORD be with you.”

45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with a dagger, spear, and sword, but I come against you in the name of

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the LORD of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. **46**This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand. ...Then the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. **47**And all those assembled here will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give all of you into our hands.”

Brethren, recounting his memorial, enabled David to give highest glory to God and consequently to win the battle that confronted him.

48As the Philistine started forward to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. **49**Then David reached into his bag, took out a stone and slung it, striking the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground and died.

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Jesus gave glory to God between his testimonies

In Mark 6:41-44, Jesus gave thanks and God then multiplied

41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. ... 42 They all ate and were satisfied, 43 and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44 The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

John 11: ⁴¹ In raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me (He recounted his memorial) and gave God glory, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out.

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BRETHREN, We must make our testimonial a memorial and recount it and say “Glory be to God in the highest”. These will enable us to win our next victory.

Bible says “We overcome the devil by the word of our testimony” Rev. 12:10-11

Paul encourages us to imitate those who have gone before us:

“We want each of you to show the same diligence to the very end, so that your hope may be fully assured. **12** Then you will not be spiritually dull, but will imitate those who through faith and Patience inherit what has been promised. **(Heb 6:11-12)**

BRETHREN, LETS RECOUNT WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY DONE IN OUR LIVES AND SAY “GLORY BE TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST” TO POSITION OURSELVES FOR MORE.

GOD BLESS YOU !!