

# Glory to God Alone

It feels good to be praised and acknowledged for what we do. Yet scripture tells us to give God all the glory. The Latin phrase "*Soli Deo Gloria*" became an important theme of the Protestant Reformation. Together, let's determine what it means to give God all the glory and how it relates to our salvation by studying passages in both the Old and New Testaments. Let's also discuss how we can successfully give God the glory in our daily lives, both in what we do and in what we say.

**AWARENESS** Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What is glory?
- What does it mean to glorify someone or give them glory?



**LISTEN TO THE EPISODE:** [Glory to God Alone](#)

**READ** [Colossians 3:5-10](#), [Psalm 115:1](#), [Deuteronomy 8:10-18](#)

**REFLECTION** After listening, consider the following questions:

- When are you most tempted to keep for yourself the glory due to God? What things in your life do you most want to receive credit or acknowledgement for?
- In segment 1, hosts Dave Bast and Scott Hoezee discuss Colossians 3:5-10 and our human tendency toward self-centeredness. In reflecting on Colossians 3:5-10 in his commentary *Paul for Everyone: The Prison Letters*, N.T. Wright notes that Paul's concern is not just for the life of the individual Christian, but also for the community. Reread [Colossians 3:5-10](#) and consider: From your experience, what are some of the effects on the community when individuals are self-focused and allow old ways and worldly divisions to persist? On the flip side, what effects on the community have you seen when individuals are transformed by the gospel, leaving old ways behind, and living God-centered lives?
- Where do you think a good dose of humility is needed today? In which conversations are "my rights" and "my privileges" getting in the way of hearing each other? In your own life, where do your own views and perspectives keep you from lovingly interacting with others? Would humility do more to advance the conversation and honor/glorify God in these areas?
- Think of specific examples of times in your life when you received praise. For the future, identify ways you can graciously accept praise while giving God all the glory.

**RELATED PASSAGES** for further study

[Daniel 4:29-37](#), [1 Peter 4:11](#), [Revelation 4:9-11](#), [Psalm 96:1-9](#)

## CONCLUSION

Read [Psalm 8](#) and [Psalm 19](#); observe how the psalmist glorifies God in each. Choose either Psalm 8 or Psalm 19 as a model and write your own psalm that glorifies God based on the events of your life.

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