

## **GOD'S CONCERN FOR HIS OWN GLORY**

"God's ultimate commitment is to Himself and not to us.  
And therein lies our security. God loves His glory above all." - John Piper

### **Creation primarily exists for God's glory**

1. **Psalm 19:1** - The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims His handiwork
2. **Ecclesiastes 12:13** - The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. (man's purpose)
3. **Isaiah 43:6-7** – I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made. (Israel's purpose)
4. **Matthew 5:16** - In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Purpose of good works)
5. **John 9:1-3** - As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him." (Purpose of physical deformities)
6. **Romans 11:36** – For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Purpose of everything received from the Lord)
7. **I Corinthians 10:31** - So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (Purpose of eating and drinking and everything)
8. **Colossians 1:16** – For by [Jesus] all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. (Purpose of all of creation)

### **People benefit because God desires to glorify himself**

1. **Psalm 23:3** – He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
2. **Psalm 31:3** - For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me
3. **Isaiah 48:9, 11** - For my name's sake I defer my anger, for the sake of my praise I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off... For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.
4. **Ezekiel 20:9** - But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations among whom they lived, in whose sight I made myself known to them in bringing them out of the land of Egypt.
5. **Ezekiel 20:14** - But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out

### **Salvation primarily exists for God's glory**

1. **Psalm 25:11** – For your name's sake, O Yahweh, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
2. **Psalm 79:9** – Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!
3. **Psalm 130:3-4** - If you, O Yahweh, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
4. **II Corinthians 4:15** – “For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.”
5. **Philippians 2:6-11** – “[Jesus], though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **God saves to reveal the greatness of His love**

1. **John 3:16** – For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
2. **Romans 5:8** – But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us

### **God saves to reveal the greatness of His power**

1. **Psalm 106:8** – Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power.
2. **Ephesians 1:16-19** – ...and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

### **God saves to reveal the greatness of His grace**

1. **Ephesians 1:5-6** – [God] predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.
2. **Ephesians 1:11-14** – In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
3. **Ephesians 2:7** - ...so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

### **God saves to reveal the greatness of His patience**

1. **Romans 3:25b** - This was to show God's righteousness because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.
2. **II Peter 3:8-9** – But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

### **God judges to reveal the greatness of His righteousness, patience, and wrath**

1. **Psalm 9:7-8** - But Yahweh sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.
2. **Romans 3:25-26** – This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
3. **Romans 9:22** – What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction
4. **II Thessalonians 1:5-8** – This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering – since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

### **Heaven and Hell exist for the glory of God**

1. **Revelation 5:9-14** – And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads or myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.
2. **II Thessalonians 1:5-10** - This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering – since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.