

# Sermon Notes, Psalm 115

## “Glory!”

Here in the midst of the Hallel, a cry is made for God to be glorified. In fact, the entire Psalm is summed up in its first verse ... a prayer that we get out of the way and ensure that God receives all glory due Him. But Psalm 115 is a little extra special, since it is widely believed that it is what Jesus and his disciples sang just before he went out to Gethsemane. The word glory used here means “heavy” or “weighty” and is associated with the idea of honor. In other words, as we measure our choices and what we treasure are we certain all glory is pointed at God.

1. **A motto to live by ... To God be the glory! (Verses 1-2)** “This is the godly person’s motto, and their daily practice.” (John Trapp)
  - A. God gets the glory when we get out of the way. “Though the dead cannot, and the wicked will not, and the careless do not praise God, yet we will shout ‘Hallelujah’ for ever and ever. Amen.” (Spurgeon)
  - B. God deserves the glory, because He does what we cannot.
  
2. **A warning to heed ... Most will choose to focus their “glory” toward the empty and pointless things in our life. (Verses 3-8)**
  - A. Our God is sovereign, above all, and active, so why would anyone seek pointless replacements. In 1 Samuel 4, there is a story about the birth of a child named Ichabod. Ichabod means “the glory has departed”.
  - B. All other gods are empty statues, just like the people who worship them. (Verses 4-8)
  
3. **The best way to bring glory to God is to throw yourself into His plans and His care by trusting Him. (Verses 9-11),** “You who fear the Lord, trust in Him!”
  - A. Do you trust God?
  
4. **A life that glorifies God will be blessed in ways that the rest of the world can’t even imagine or understand (Verses 12-18)** “If he blesseth, poverty cannot starve thee, sickness cannot kill thee, toil cannot wear thee out, sorrow cannot consume thee, life cannot allure thee, death cannot slay thee, hell cannot enclose thee.” (Spurgeon)