

“To God Be the Glory”

Matt. 5:13-16

Introduction

- I. Years ago, Fanny Crosby penned the beautiful and familiar hymn “To God Be the Glory.”
 - A. This hymn expresses that for all God has done for man, The LORD deserves to be glorified by His creation.
 - B. To this very day, that song is utilized in worship.
- II. The church, while being involved in wonderful and heartwarming endeavors, must remember that all the glory belongs to God.

Discussion

- I. Jesus explained the need to do good, but also explained that the glory belongs to God (Matt. 5:13-16).
 - A. This thought is further discussed in the Parable of the Vine and the Branches (John 15:1-8).
 - B. While in flesh, Jesus sought to glorify His Father (John 14:13; 17:1-4).
- II. The apostles and faithful first century brethren were greatly admired at times, but wanted God to receive the glory (Acts 10:24-26; 14:8-18).
- III. A graphic and telling description is given of one who accepted glory from man instead of giving the glory to God (Acts 12:20-23).
- IV. We must also remember that the glory does not belong to us, but to God (Psm. 29:1-2; 96:7-8; 115:1).
 - A. We are warned against thinking too highly of ourselves or others (Rom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 3:6-11).
 - B. We should always remember Who is the Master and who are the servants (Luke 17:6-10; Col 3:24; 1 Thess. 1:9; Heb. 9:14).

Conclusion

- I. It is always a good idea to be reminded to whom the glory really belongs.
- II. Christians have a responsibility to make sure that no matter what, “To God Be the Glory.”