

He Does Not Seek His Own Glory

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Jesus said, " 'He who is of God hears God's words. You therefore, hear them not, because you are not of God.' Then the Jews answered, and said unto Him, 'Do we not say well that You are a Samaritan, and have a devil?' Jesus answered, 'I do not have a devil; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. And **I seek not My own glory**; there is One who seeks (Glory) and judges. Truly, truly, I say unto you, If a man keeps My sayings, he shall never see death.' Then the Jews said unto Him, 'Now we know that You have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If a man keep My saying, he shall never taste of death.' Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead! Who are You making Yourself (to be)?' Jesus answered, '**If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who is Glorifying Me**; of whom you say, that He is your God.'" (John 8:47-54)

I Seek Not: from the Greek words ***ego de ou zeto*** which means: I now not seek; or **I seek not**; In context: Jesus seeks not His own Glory, because His Glory comes from God the Father.

My Own Glory: from the Greek words ***ten doxan mou*** which means: the glory of-me; or **my own glory**. ***Doxa*** (Glory) means: that-something which brings-forth a good opinion; (always good in N.T.), thus: of-glory, glorious, praise, honor, glory, renown; especially of divine quality, the splendor and majesty (***Glory***) of God and of Jesus. Again in context, Jesus is not seeking His own Glory, because such self attained glory is 'nothing' – being of no value; because it comes not from the Father.

Jesus does not seek glory from men:

Jesus said, " 'Search the scriptures; for in them you think you have Eternal Life; and **they** are **they** which testify of Me. And you will not come to Me, so that you might have Life. **I receive not glory from men**. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father's Name, and you do not receive Me. If another shall come in his own name, you will receive him. How can you believe, **who receive glory from one another**, and **seek not the glory that comes from the only God?**" (John 5:39-44)

"Then those men, when they had seen the miracle (the feeding of 5000) that Jesus did, said, 'This is truly that prophet who should come into the world.' Therefore, when Jesus perceived that they would come **and take Him by force, to make Him king**. He departed again into a mountain by Himself alone." (John 6:14-15) (**to avoid being exalted and glorified by men**)

In a certain sense the Pharisees were wrongly accusing Jesus of seeking self exalting glorification from men:

"Then Jesus spoke again unto them, saying, '**I am the light of the world**; he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, **but shall have the Light of Life**.' The Pharisees therefore said unto Him, '**You testify of Yourself; Your testimony is not true**.' Jesus answered and said unto them, **though I testify of Myself, My testimony is true**: for I know from where I came, and where I go; but you cannot tell from where I came, and where I go." (John 8:12-14)

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Jesus clearly declares that He is seeking the Father's Glory; that is that the Father would receive the glory – because the teachings of Christ Jesus came from the Father:

“Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not Mine, but **His** (the Father's) who sent Me. If any man will do **His** will, he shall know of the doctrine (His teachings), whether it is of God, or whether I speak of Myself. He who speaks of himself seeks his own glory: but He (Jesus speaking of Himself) who seeks His (the Father's) Glory who sent Him, the Same (Jesus) is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.” (John 7:16-18)

Even His own brothers thought He was seeking self gained glory:

"Now the Jews Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths) was at hand. His brothers therefore said unto Him, 'Depart from here, and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see the works that You do. For there is no man that does any thing in secret, when he himself seeks to be known openly. (this was 'their' understanding of the situation; but **not** the viewpoint of Jesus). If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.' (again, **not** the viewpoint of Jesus); for neither did His brothers believe in Him. Then Jesus said unto them, '**My time has not yet come**; but your time is always ready.' " (John 7:1-9)

Jesus was clearly not seeking His own immediate public glory, because the Glory that is coming from the Father for Jesus, is founded upon the hour determined by the Father: which is for Jesus to be Glorified through His death on the Cross. Please consider the Following:

“And Jesus answered them, saying, '**The hour has come** (the time for Jesus to endure the Cross), so **that the Son of Man should be glorified.** Truly, truly, I say unto you, 'Except a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies (speaking of His death on the Cross), it abides alone; but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit (saved souls). He who loves his life shall lose it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it unto Life Eternal. If any man serves Me, **let him follow Me**; and where I am, there shall also My servant be. If any man serves Me, My Father will honor Him. Now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour;' (the time for Jesus to endure the Cross); **but for this cause came I unto this hour.** Father, **glorify Your Name.**' Then there came a voice from Heaven, saying, '**I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.**' The people therefore, who stood nearby, and heard it, said that it thundered; others said, 'An angel spake to Him.' Jesus answered and said, 'This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world; and now shall the prince (the devil) of this world be cast out. **And I, if I be lifted up from the earth** (on the Cross), **I will draw all men unto Me.**' This He said, signifying what death he should die.” (John 12:23-33)

“These words spoke Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, **the hour is come** (the time for Jesus to endure the Cross); **Glorify Your Son, so that Your Son also may Glorify You**; as You have given Him power over all flesh, that He should give Eternal Life to as many as You have given Him. And this is Life Eternal: that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth; and I have finished the work which You gave Me to do. And now, O Father, Glorify Me with Your own self - with the Glory which I had with You before the world existed.” (John 17:1-5)

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Not only was Jesus seeking to Glorify the Father, Jesus was also seeking to bring glory to sinners who come short of the Glory of God. Please consider the following:

“But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is through faith in Jesus Christ unto all and upon **all those who believe**; for there is no difference. For all have sinned, and come **short of the glory of God**; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God has set forth to be a **propitiation through faith in His blood**, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time His righteousness; so that He might be just, and the justifier of him who believes in Jesus.” (Romans 3:21-26)

“For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, **much more does the ministry of righteousness exceed in glory**. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of **the glory that excels it**. For if that which is done away was glorious, how much more that which remains **is glorious**. Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech. ... Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass **the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Corinthians 3:7-12, 17-18)

Finally, consider the following:

“*You (the Father) made Him (Jesus) a little lower than the angels; You **crowned Him with Glory and Honor**, and sat Him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under His feet.* (quote is from Psalms 8:5-6) ... But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, **Crowned with Glory and Honor**; so that Jesus by the Grace of God **should taste death for every man**. For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, **in bringing many sons unto glory**, to make the Author of Their Salvation (Jesus) perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all of One; for which reason **He (Jesus) is not ashamed to call them (us) brethren.**” (Hebrews 2:7-11)

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**Instead Jesus sought to bring Glory to the Father !
And Jesus sought to bring many sinful people unto Glory !
Jesus accomplished this through His death on the Cross !**

In this Jesus Himself has now been 'Crowned with Glory and Honor' by the Father !!

**Jesus You are seated at the Right Hand of the Majesty and Glory of the Father !!
Indeed all Glory, Honor, Power, and Dominion are Yours forever and ever !!**

**Lord Jesus I am truly truly looking forward to seeing You in Your marvelous Glory
In your Everlasting Kingdom ! Amen & Amen !!**