

TO THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE.

What is glory?

- “‘Glory’ generally represents...the root idea of ‘heaviness’ and so of ‘weight’ or ‘worthiness.’” (*The New Bible Dictionary*).¹
- “The most important Hebrew word for glory, *kabod*, means ‘weight’ or ‘importance.’ Thus, to have glory is to be weighty or important to oneself or others” (*Harper’s Bible Dictionary*).
- Glory is what God deserves.

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

God deserves all the glory because He is:

- 1) **Accessible** but **unfathomable** – 11:33-34 *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!* ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”
- 2) Sufficient but generous – 11:35 “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

3) **Creator** (power) but **Compassionate** (love) – 11:36 *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

C. S. Lewis: “A man can no more diminish God’s glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word ‘darkness’ on the walls of his cell.”²

1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

“The phrase “Give glory to God” (Josh. 7:19; 1 Sam 6:5; Isa. 42:12; Jer. 13:16) is a Hebrew idiom meaning, “Confess your sins.” . . . equivalent to, “Give God the glory by speaking the truth.”³

¹ R. E. Nixon, *The New Bible Dictionary* “Glory,” in D. R. W. Wood, I. H. Marshall, A. R. Millard, J. I. Packer, & D. J. Wiseman, eds., 3rd ed., (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996), 414.

² C. S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain* (New York: HarperCollins, 1996), 46.

³ M. G. Easton, *Easton’s Bible Dictionary* (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1893), *Logos Library System*.