

## **GIVE GOD THE GLORY DUE HIM**

Psalm 29:2 “Ascribe (Give) to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.”

How do you see God? By this I do not mean seeing him in the sense of having a picture in your mind of His physical appearance or the taking a photograph of Him. This is an important question because God can be an abstract, vague, hard to comprehend concept. Whereas, in fact, God is not abstract or a vague concept. He is a being! He thinks! He speaks! He listens! He acts! He loves! He forgives! He has relationships!

How then do you see God? Do you see primarily His almighty power and omniscience? Seeing only these characteristics of God, although they are true, can be scary. Realizing that God knows everything there is to know about you and knowing He expects you to live a perfect, sinless life, and, knowing He has all power, including the power to judge, condemn and send people to hell should you not be frightened of God?

Are you frightened of God? You should not be frightened of Him. Although He is almighty and all-knowing and does expect you to live a perfect life, He is also loving, kind, caring, and forgiving. He desires to be your gracious father providing all you need for your life now and for your eternal life. He has given you His Son and His Son's sinlessness and taken your sins and given them to His Son.

God is your personal God! “He became flesh and made His dwelling among us (you.) We (you) have seen His glory, the glory of the One and only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. . . From the fullness of His grace, we (you) have all received one blessing after another.” Jesus came, not to condemn, but that through faith in Him you might be saved! Jesus came not to scare you, but to love you and care for you as a shepherd faithfully tends his flock of sheep.

The last verse of Psalm 29 is like a benediction. It invokes God's presence in your life to walk beside you, uphold you, strengthen you and give you peace. The Psalmist wrote, “May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!” God grant you this strength and peace for Jesus' sake.

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Prayer: LORD God, heavenly Father, I give you praise, honor and glory for You have, out of Your undeserved love, blessed me with good gifts for my temporal and spiritual life. Thank you, dear Father for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
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