

*Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Psalm 29:1-2)*

This admonition and exhortation is addressed to the mighty, to the strong. It is not to the weak and fearful, nor is it to the haughty and arrogant. Those whom God calls mighty and strong are those who are mighty in Him. They are those who have found themselves to be utterly without strength, who have lost all confidence in the flesh and have been brought low by the sovereign grace of God. It is only the truly strong in God who can be truly humble. They have no reputation to protect. They have lost it all in winning Christ. They have no assets and resources to defend. They are all in Christ and therefore indestructible and unloseable.

The glory and strength that we give to God is His already. That is why it is unspeakably wicked to rob Him of it. It is due Him, and it ought to be rendered Him by all men. But especially should such honor and strength be given to Him by those of us who have been recipients of His honor and strength. The fact that we have it is testimony that He has it in fullness and bestows it upon whom He will.

There is a special blessing for giving God the glory and honor due to Him. And there is a special curse upon those who rob Him of that which men ought to give Him. This is true of the fruit of our lips, the labor of our hands, and the fruit of our labors in tithes and offerings.

As we render unto God His due, we are to worship Him. We worship Him as God. But not a God Who is a cold, impersonal and amoral tyrant. The God we worship is beautiful in His holiness. He is just and pure, full of tender mercies and everlasting kindness. May we then who are partakers of His strength demonstrate also that we are partakers of His holiness.

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