

Giving Glory

Acts 12:19-24









*¹⁹Herod Agrippa ordered a thorough search for him.
When he couldn't be found, Herod interrogated
the guards and sentenced them to death.
Afterward Herod left Judea to stay in Caesarea
for a while.*

Acts 12:19 ^{NLT}

²⁰Now Herod was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they sent a delegation to make peace with him because their cities were dependent upon Herod's country for food. The delegates won the support of Blastus, Herod's personal assistant, ²¹and an appointment with Herod was granted. When the day arrived, Herod put on his royal robes, sat on his throne, and made a speech to them.

Acts 12:20, 21 ^{NLT}

*22The people gave him a great ovation, shouting,
“It’s the voice of a god, not of a man!” 23Instantly,
an angel of the Lord struck Herod with a sickness,
because he accepted the people’s worship instead
of giving the glory to God.*

So he was consumed with worms and died.

Acts 12:22, 23 ^{NLT}

²²“Therefore, give the people of Israel this message from the Sovereign LORD: I am bringing you back, but not because you deserve it. I am doing it to protect my holy name, on which you brought shame while you were scattered among the nations. ²³I will show how holy my great name is—the name on which you brought shame among the nations.

Ezekiel 36:22, 23a^{NLT}

*And when I reveal my holiness through
you before their very eyes, says the Sovereign LORD,
then the nations will know that I am the LORD.*

*²⁴For I will gather you up from all the nations
and bring you home again to your land.*

Ezekiel 36:3b, 24^{NLT}

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Give God Glory for His **Underserved Grace**

Give God Glory for His _____

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³All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

⁴Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Ephesians 1:3-5 ^{NLT}

⁶So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. ⁷He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. ¹⁰And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

Ephesians 1:6-10 ^{NLT}

¹¹Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. ¹²God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. ¹³And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you.

Ephesians 1:11-13a^{NLT}

*And when you believed in Christ,
he identified you as his own by giving you
the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.*

*¹⁴The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the
inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us
to be his own people. He did this so we would praise
and glorify him.*

Ephesians 1:13b-17^{NLT}

Giving Glory

Give God Glory for His Underserved Grace

Give God Glory for His Incomparable Nature

Give God Glory for His _____

*³⁴For who can know the LORD's thoughts?
Who knows enough to give him advice? ³⁵And who
has given him so much that he needs to pay it back?
³⁶For everything comes from him and exists by his
power and is intended for his glory.
All glory to him forever! Amen.*

Romans 11:34-36 ^{NLT}

¹And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ²Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:1, 2 ^{NLT}

Giving Glory

Give God Glory for His Underserved Grace

Give God Glory for His Incomparable Nature

Give God Glory for His Light Burdens

⁹“Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. ¹⁰And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. ¹¹And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. ¹²Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

Matthew 24:9-13 ^{NLT}

28Then Jesus said,

Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30 ^{NLT}

³⁷“If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. ³⁸If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. ³⁹If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.”

Matthew 10:37-39 ^{NLT}

¹Then Job replied to the LORD:

²“I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you. ³You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?’ It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me. ⁴You said, ‘Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.’ ⁵I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. ⁶I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”

Job 42:1-6 ^{NLT}



*God is most glorified in us
when we are most satisfied in him.*

John Piper



