

To Him Be the Glory

Scripture

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him [be] glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Eph 3:20-21 NKJV)

Devotion

All glory is to be given to Christ. He is the Almighty Potentate. Have you thought about the power of Christ? He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. The highest aspiration is not beyond God’s “power” (δυναμιν) to bestow—*Robertson’s New Testament Word Pictures*.

Wow, I have always had a pretty inventive and vivid imagination. I bet you can think of some very creative things yourself. Well there is nothing you can think of that God cannot far surpass if it be His will for you. You cannot out ask God.

The problem is, “. . . you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend [it] on your pleasures” (Jas 4:2-3 NKJV).

We don’t ask God for things because we get caught up in sin. When we sin we don’t want to be exposed to His glory for it reveals our waywardness. This makes the point that our greatest sin is a lack of faith. We often don’t really believe that God can give us the victory over sin we need. Instead, we rely on the arm of flesh which fails us so miserably.

Then as James said, if we do ask God to help us we sometimes come with bad motives. Sin has consequences, and we don’t like that so we pray. However, God knows our heart, and sees our true motives. Trying to escape the consequences of sin is not the same as repenting of sin.

God’s glory must be our motive. When we ask God to give us victory, it should be our motive to glorify God through our obedience which is dependent upon the Holy Spirit of God strengthening our inner man.

It is time to trust Christ. If you believe He is able to do what He says, then we may ask with confidence. This is not “name it and claim it” which obviously is rooted in selfish desires, but believing and obeying.

What is the sin to which you continue to yield? Glorify Christ with true repentance trusting that He is able to do above what you ask. He will make a way for you to escape if your motive is pure (1 Cor. 10:13).