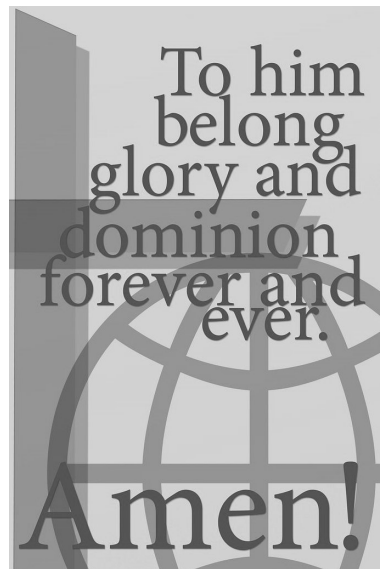


A Study of The Epistle of 1st Peter

Theme: "A LIVING HOPE!"

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BIBLE TEXT:

(11) ...in order that in everything **God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

STUDY NOTES:

(11) whoever speaks, as one who speaks **oracles of God**; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that **God supplies**--in order that in everything **God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(Lk 19:37; Ac 7:38;
Rom 3:2; 12:3; 16:27
1 Cor 1:26-31; 10:31;
2 Cor 2:17;
Eph 1:3-6; 3:21; Php 1:9-11; 4:20;
Heb 2:12; 5:12; 13:15;
Jude 24,25; Rev. 4:11; 19:1)

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***In order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.
To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.***

This, the apostle says, is why you should be so sure that **God is saying and doing** what you are saying and doing; for if you do a work concerning which you are not certain that **God has done it**, you cannot praise and thank Him. But if you are sure of this, you can thank and laud Him for the sake of His Word and work. Otherwise you deny Him and regard Him as a juggler. Therefore it is both shameful and harmful to desire to rule in **Christendom without God's Word and work**. Consequently, St. Peter was constrained to add these words in order to give instruction regarding what the nature of the rule in **Christendom** should be."

Definition of Doxology

(Gk. doxologia, "praise, laudation"; from doxa, "glory," and logos, "word, speech, speaking"). Stately and exultant hymn of praise addressed to the Triune God or to-a single person of the Godhead, as in Paul's letters, e.g., Ro 16:27; Eph 3:21; in particular, the Greater Doxology (Gloria in excelsis), the Lesser Doxology (Gloria Patri), and the long-meter doxology ("Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow").

Doxology is an expression of praise to God, usually liturgical. This word is comprised of the Greek words doxa and logos. In the Greek language, doxa means glory, splendor, or grandeur while the Greek word logos means word or speaking. The word itself goes back to the 4th century and is most known today as the term used for the last paragraph of the Lord's Supper.

Doxologies are an expression of praise to God. In the Christian church, we often hear them sung or chanted. They are a tradition that has meaning and importance for all Christians. Since the early church, doxologies have been a way for Christians to express their love and thankfulness for what God has done in their lives.

A doxology will be heard at the end of canticles, psalms, and hymns. They are a short hymn of praise one will find in various Christian worship services today.

Likely the most well-known doxology was written in 1674 by Thomas Ken. He entitled it “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.” Thomas has been called “England’s first hymnist.” The beginnings of the words came from a hymn he wrote for the boys living at the school he worked at. He wanted to build up their devotional habits. All songs ended with the same stanza that we now know to be a doxology. It is often sung at the conclusion of communion and time of tithes and offerings. The connection to scripture comes from Ephesians 1:3.

All doxologies have some connection to Scripture. The words of the Bible give inspiration to composers and writers. This inspiration leads people as they worship to remember the greatness of God and praise Him for what He has and will do in their lives.

The importance of a doxology can be summed up in Paul’s word of Ephesians 5:19-20. They state “speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing, and making music with your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.”

Doxology in the Divine Service

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on High,
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

HYMN 805 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

1 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.

LIFE APPLICATION

With the strength that **God supplies**—
how do we conduct ourselves
so that in everything **God may be glorified through Jesus Christ?**