**R915\_Rumination for Aug. 7, 2022**

The **T**heme: **That God may be Glorified.**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: …*Whatsoever ye do, do all to the* ***G****lory of* ***G****od.* I Cor. 10:31

The **T**hots:

1. **Glorify God in Life.**
2. This was Jesus’ **P**ersonal **P**urpose: Jn. 17:1
3. In Anticipa**tion** of His **C**oming Death: *These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven,*

*and said, Father, the hour is come;* ***glorify*** *Thy Son, that Thy Son also may* ***glorify*** *Thee:*

1. In Expecta**tion** of His **C**oming **R**esurrection and **R**eturn to His Father:

*And now, O Father,* ***glorify*** *Thou Me with Thine own Self with the* ***glory***

*which I had with Thee before the world was.* Jn. 17:5

1. In His Exalta**tion** and **C**ertain Glorification:[Note: *glorified*/*glorify* occurs 5 times]

*Jesus said, Now is the Son of man* ***glorified****, and God is* ***glorified*** *in Him. If God be* ***glorified*** *in Him,*

 *God shall also* ***glorify*** *Him in Himself, and shall straightway* ***glorify*** *Him.* Jn. 13:31-32

* Jesus was **P**re-occupied in Life and Death with the **G**lory of **G**od!
1. This should be our **P**osition in Life – ***W****hatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.* I Cor. 10:31b
2. This is **P**ossible because…
3. **W**e now have the life of Christ **I**n us.
4. *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:* Col. 1:27
5. *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.*

 Gal. 2:20

1. And the Holy Spirit is **I**ndwelling us. I Cor. 6:19, 20

***W****hat? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you,*

***W****hich ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price:*

*therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

1. **Glorify God in Living…**
2. **S**hine before men that they may **S**ee your Good Works: Matt. 5:16

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,*

*and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

1. **S**eek to **B**ear Fruit for Christ – To **B**ear Fruit, **B**e as the **B**ranch abiding in the Vine: **Jn. 15:4-8**
2. *Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear* ***fruit*** *of itself, except it abide in the vine;*

*no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.* Jn. 15:4

1. *I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him,*

*the same bringeth forth* ***much fruit:*** *for without Me ye can do nothing.* Jn. 15:5

1. *Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear* ***much fruit****; so shall ye be My disciples.* Jn. 15:8
2. *Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit,*

 *He purgeth it, that it may bring forth* ***more fruit.***Jn. 15:2

* Seek **A**lways to **A**bide in the Vine to bear **Fruit, Much Fruit** and **More Fruit**!
1. **S**uffer for Christ even if it needs be – it may be God’s Way of Glorifying Him! I Pet. 4:12-16
2. *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you,*

*as though some strange thing happened unto you:*

*But* ***R****ejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings;*

*that, when His* ***glory*** *shall be* ***R****evealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

1. *If ye be* ***R****eproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye;*

*for the spirit of* ***glory*** *and of God* ***R****esteth upon you:*

*on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is* ***glorified****.*

1. *…Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him* ***glorify*** *God on this behalf.*
2. **Glorify God in Living Together – S**how to the World the One Unity of the body of Christ.
3. *The* ***glory*** *which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one:* Jn. 17:22
4. *And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father,*

*keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are.* Jn. 17:11

1. *That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us:*

*that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.* Jn. 17:21

1. *I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.* Jn. 17:23
* ***That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.***Rom. 15:6

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, Through Jesus the Son,*

 *And give Him the glory, Great things He has done.* **Fanny Crosby**

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 915**

1. It is a common response for Christians to say “*To God be the Glory*” when complimented or congratulated on achievements they have accomplished. Do they really mean it?

Or is it to further enhance their image by presenting a false humility to ostentatiously display their “spiritual” quality? It is not much different to the Pharisee’s repetition of flippant holy phrases as the Lord pointed out when He was on earth:

*He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.* (Mk. 7:6)

No, do not misunderstand me. It is indeed a worthy response and should be the sincere response of every recipient of God’s blessings and mercies. However, sometimes such acclamation is announced with unmistaken egoistic pride that one wonders at the sincerity of such praise or is it mere customary repetition of empty applause and acclaim?

Will these very same people still acknowledge the Goodness of God when met with failures and disappointments in life? Will they attribute these setbacks or even sufferings to the Glorious acts of God in His interventions in their life’s activities and experiences, accepting, acclaiming and proclaiming them to be the very deeds of God for their Good and Giving Glory to His Name – *Glory be to God!*?

Peter wrote a reminder to the suffering saints in his time:

I Pet. 4:13-19, NKJV – *Rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His* ***glory*** *is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*

*If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.*

*But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.*

***Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter****…*

*Therefore let those who suffer* ***according to the will of God*** *commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.*

It is not God’s Will that all His saints will always “prosper”; some saints will suffer and some saints may even be persecuted to their death – all in the will of God and according to His good purpose (Rom. 8:28)! When you are in such circumstances can you still say,

*To God Be the Glory!*? **REFLECT.**

1. Blind-for-Life **Fanny Crosby** who composed the chorus *And give Him the glory, Great things He has done* in our Rumination above is a good example of what a suffering saint could do to bring glory to God in fulfilling God’s Will for her life.

Here is an extract from her biography found in <https://www.wholesomewords.org/biography/bcrosby8.html>

*Fanny Crosby was born in the little village of Southeast, Putnam County, New York, [United States], on March 24, 1820. Six weeks later she lost her eyesight. Her eyes became, inflamed;*

*Mr. Crosby called in a local physician who applied hot poultices, with the result that the baby's vision was destroyed. The popular indignation when this malpractice became known flamed so hot that the ill-educated doctor hurriedly left town for parts unknown. Fanny, herself, however, as she grew into girlhood, harbored no trace of resentment against him. She accepted her lot cheerfully, as a part of the will of God for her. Her natural buoyancy of disposition reinforced her Christian faith. "Blindness," she wrote in later life, "can not keep the sunlight of hope from the trustful soul. One of the easiest resolves that I formed in my young and joyous heart was to leave all care to yesterday, and to believe that the morning would bring forth its own peculiar joy." A wise and fruitful resolve!*

Fanny Hill really brought forth fruit for her Lord in her Life. Glory be to God!

Do read the short biography of her life in the link above and…**REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:***They are the* ***H****appiest Christians, Who* ***H****ave the Lowest* ***T****houghts of* ***T****hemselves, and in whose Eyes Jesus is Most Glorious –* John Newton