

**Psalm 66 — “The Call To Worship and Glorify God”**

“Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength!” (John Wesley)

The function of the “CALL TO WORSHIP” — *It is the Triune God calling us, by His Word, to worship Him with reverence & awe!*

Bryan Chappell: “With a scriptural Call to Worship, God invites us by his Word to join the worship of the ages and angels. God does not simply invite us to a party of friends, or a lecture on religion, or a concert of sacred music – he invites us into the presence of the King of the Universe before whom all creation will bow and for whom all heaven now sings.”

*Background to Psalm 66*

- Ps 66 is the 2nd of a “cluster of 4 Psalms” calling all the earth to praise God!
  1. Ps 65:2 — to you **all** men will come
  2. Ps 66:1 — Shout to God **all** the earth
  3. Ps 67:3 — let **all** the peoples praise you
  4. Ps 68:32 — Sing to God O **kingdoms** of the earth

**THESIS — OUR PSALM TEACHES US TO WORSHIP & GLORIFY GOD!**

1. Praise || 2. Ponder || 3. Proclaim || 4. Pray To — your God

I. PRAISE YOUR GOD! (1-4)II. PONDER YOUR GOD! (5-7)III. PROCLAIM YOUR GOD! (8-15)IV. PRAY TO YOUR GOD! (16-20)

v.16 - 3 elements of a testimony:

1. Invitation!
2. Organization!
3. Exaltation!

# How To Glorify God

## Learning from Psalm 66

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Psalm 66:2 tells God's people to "sing the glory of His Name" and to "make His praise glorious." So how does one glorify God? What can this psalm teach as far as "glorifying God"? I would like to look at Psalm 66 and provide **10 ways that believers can glorify God.**

### **1. Loud and Triumphant Jubilation in God.**

The opening verses of the psalm demand loud shouts and triumphant trumpet blasts extolling God. The command extends to all the earth beckoning all to loudly worship God.

### **2. Singing and Rejoicing in the Great Worth of God's Name.**

All must sing the glory of God's Name. God's Name is manifested in His character, in His person, in His deeds, in His ways and works. The psalm pleads for perpetual praise of God's honor!

### **3. Longing for the Day when Every Knee Will Bow Before Him.**

The Bible prophesies that every knee will bow before God (Isa 45:23; Phil 2:10) and that every tongue will confess Jesus as Lord (Phil 2:11). This certainly will happen. All men will bow before God's throne. Rebels will be forced to bow; God's children will gladly bow. All will bow low.

### **4. Reflecting on the Past Works of God.**

Remembering the past gives fuel for rejoicing in the present. God's faithfulness to past generations gives weight to the certainty of God's faithfulness to us now. Reflect and remember.

### **5. Resting and Finding Comfort in God's Kingship.**

Never has there been a moment when God has not ruled and reigned as the heavenly King. God's glorious sovereignty and powerful kingship allows God's people to rest and have comfort in Him and in His power.

### **6. Enduring Through Hardships With Hope, Perseverance and Trust.**

Even when God afflicts and brings the hammer-blow into believer's lives, God's children rest confident in God's Fatherly hand. God's people endure every furnace of fire, billow of trouble and hardship with trust in the Father.

### **7. Fulfilling the Unconquerable Commitment to Worship and Thank God.**

The Old Testament worshipers brought sacrifices so as to be forgiven. They obediently fulfilled vows to bring the animals. No sacrifice was too great. So God's people today come to Christ, our Atonement, and worship Him only.

### **8. Telling What God Has Done for Your Soul.**

"Let me tell of what God has done for my soul!" the psalmist heralds. God's people must tell out, proclaim loudly, and boast in the cross of Christ and magnify God for what He has done for the magnification of His holy Name.

### **9. Fighting for Purity and Winning the Battle in the Heart.**

The spiritual life is fought primarily in the heart. It is predominantly an inward, internal, invisible war. Every child of God hates his sin and refuses to give sin a hidden, cherished, beloved place in his heart. Fight for purity in the heart.

**10. Praying with Confident Earnestness & God-centered Gladness.** Prayer fortifies the believer and prompts worship and joy. It accelerates piety. Pray with earnestness and anticipation.

## TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*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!*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

## ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

## PSALM 66: Psalter

*Tune: Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

O shout with great joy unto God, all the earth!  
And sing out the praise of His glory and worth!  
Proclaim unto God, "O how awesome Your deeds!  
Your pow'r makes Your enemies cringe before Thee!

"All those on the earth bow down, praising Your name.  
They sing praise to You, they sing unto Your name."  
Come, see all the works that the Lord God has done;  
How awesome His works which for man He has done!

Don't let the rebellious against Him arise;  
Bless our God, O peoples, let praise fill the skies.  
For He has preserved us, and kept our feet sure;  
For You, God, did test us, like silver most pure.

Come, listen, all you who fear God earnestly,  
And let me proclaim what He has done for me.  
I cried out to Him with my mouth and my voice,  
My tongue spoke His praise and my spirit rejoiced.

Now if I had cherished my sin in my heart,  
The Lord would not listen, nor answer impart.  
But God surely listened and He heard my voice.  
His love's ever with me—Bless God and rejoice!