

Intro:

1st Petition: “Hallowed be thy name” (Mt. 6:9). Positive side of 3rd Commandment. READ WLC Q&A 190

Main Point of Text: Asaph considers how God has pursued the persecutors of His church and punished them throughout history to vindicate His sovereign reputation as Supreme Ruler, and he asks God to continue to do so to fully make known His honorable name which alone utterly destroys or saves.

Sermon Point: *Pray, “Show Me Thy Glory!”*

Move 1: First acknowledge that you are all blind to God’s glory.

LC: “acknowledging the utter inability and indisposition that is in ourselves and all men to honour God aright”. 2 Cor. 3:5: *Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;* Pray Ps. 51:15: *O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

Move 2: So ask God to open all your eyes so we can glorify Him.

LC: “we pray, that God would by his grace enable and incline us and others to know, to acknowledge, and highly to esteem **him**”: Ps. 67:2-3, 6. Heaven will be one nation under God! Ps. 29:2; 99:3; 103:1; 105:3; 115:1. God grant us the vision of Jn. 3:30! To live WLC Q&A 1a.

Move 3: Then pray God would let you all enjoy Him in all His glorious works.

LC: “we pray, that God would by his grace enable and incline us and others to know, to acknowledge, and highly to esteem ... his titles, attributes, ordinances, word, works, and whatsoever he is pleased to make himself known by”. Creation, General and Special. Providence. Redemption. Ps. 145:17-18; 19:1-3; 147:19-20. Live responding to God in this kind of unceasing prayer life: Psalm 8. WLC Q&A 1b.

Move 4: Pray God would show His glory through all of your life’s work and works.

LC: “and to glorify him in thought, word, and deed”: *And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.* (Philippians 1:9-11) The 1st Petition must precede/permeate all the others.

Move 5: Pray God would subdue and stop all devilish masquerading as if it is glorious light.

LC: “that he would prevent and remove atheism, ignorance, idolatry, profaneness, and whatsoever is dishonourable to him”: Ps. 135:5-18; 74:18; 2 Kg. 19:15-20. God hears prayers that seek His salvation so that He will be honored.

Move 6: Pray God will show His glorious rule by redirecting all evil for His Own good purposes.

LC: “and, by his overruling providence, direct and dispose of all things to his own glory”:

- 2 Chron. 20:6, 10-12
- Rom. 12:19 (Deut. 32:35) *Vengeance is mine saith the Lord*. He vindicates Himself as Only He can.
- As He has and will do through all the Church’s history. Psalm 83:13-18:
 - Context: church persecuted throughout history, which calls into question His glory.
 - Calls for God to get their attention as in the past as does severe weather. 1st/2nd judgments typified: tempest of water (vs. 13, wheel – “whirlwind”; vs. 15); tempest of fire (vs. 14).
 - Such a call is to put all mankind in its place: vss. 16a, 17.
 - Such a call is to make them look up and seek salvation where it only can be had: knowing the LORD: vss. 16b, 18. “LORD” is Yahweh. “Most High” (Elyon). He overrules rulers.
 - And our trying to rule ourselves: Jonah 1:4ff.

Conclusion:

Asking God to crucify our own old selves glorifies Him most. Crucifixion is God’s ultimate turn of events. Sets up the resurrection. Just like Jesus, who when predicting His own death prayed John 12:27-28; 17:1, 4-5, 10, 24. So you glorify the Father by glorifying the Son in your death and in your life. Phi. 2:9-11 (applying Isa. 45:23 of the LORD to Christ the Lord). Ex. 33:18.

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