

To God Be the Glory

I. Introduction

A. The hymn *To God Be the Glory* ascribes glory to God and notes reasons He *deserves* glory. Consider some things Scripture teaches connected to this theme. **Hymns for Worship, Song 44**

II. “To God Be the Glory...”

A. The title and opening words to the song introduce its theme. Mankind was created to bring glory to God, and this should be our aim in the decisions we make. **1 Corinthians 10:31**

B. While righteous actions bring glory to God, we can very directly glorify God through speech and song. **Psalms 29:1-2**

III. “Great Things He Hath Done”

A. God is deserving of praise, honor, and glory because of who he is and what He’s done. As Moses stressed to the Israelites, God has done great things. **Deuteronomy 10:21; Proverbs 20:12**

IV. “So Loved He the World...”

A. The supreme example of God’s greatness and right to receive glory is what He’s done for us through Christ. The depth of His love is seen in the giving of His Son. **Romans 5:8**

V. “Who Yielded His Life...”

A. By giving His Son, God offered a sacrifice that atones for sins. Through Jesus, God’s just wrath can be appeased. **1 John 2:2**

VI. “And Opened the Lifegate...”

A. By offering Christ as an atoning sacrifice, God “opened the lifegate” for any who choose to enter. Nothing demonstrates His right to glory more than the grace that is behind this gift He offers each one of us. **Romans 6:23; 1 Timothy 2:4-6**

VII. “O Perfect Redemption...”

A. Through the sacrifice of Jesus, the ransom price was paid to release His followers from the bondage of sin and purchase us back for God. **Acts 20:28**

VIII. “To Every Believer...”

A. This redemption is available to *all* who choose Christ. God’s right to glory is seen in His desire and provision for *anyone who is willing* to be saved. **Acts 10:34-35**

IX. “The Vilest Offender...”

A. This means that even the “vilest offender” can receive a pardon from God upon trusting and obeying Him. **1 Timothy 1:15-16**

X. “Great Things He Hath Taught Us...”

A. God’s revelation of this plan of redemption is further evidence of His greatness. **Ephesians 1:8-9; 1 Peter 1:10-12**

XI. “And Great Our Rejoicing...”

A. God’s abundant blessings are cause for abundant rejoicing on the part of His children. Christ’s followers have cause for rejoicing now, and can look forward to something even greater than anything experienced while on earth. **Philippians 4:4; 3:20-21**

XII. Conclusion

A. God’s greatness is beyond measure (cf. **Psalms 145:3**), and He is worthy of all glory and honor. May we glorify God when singing this hymn, and more generally, through the choices we make each day. **Hymns for Worship, Song 44**