

# HOW THOSE WHO HAVE A HIGH VIEW OF GOD RESPOND TO GOD

## I. Introduction

- A. A man-centered view of God results in a low view of God. It robs God of His glory. A God-centered view results in a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ view.
- B. All that we do or think is to be exclusively for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. I Cor. 10:31; I Cor. 6:20

## II. Biblical Ways to Glorify God

(Adapted from material from John Crotts and Thomas Watson.)

1. Aim your life exclusively at God's \_\_\_\_\_. Ro. 14:7-8, Phil.1:20-21

A. Do you prefer God's glory above all other _____? Matt. 6:33
B. Are you content that God's will should take place though yours is _____? Matt. 26:39; John 12:28
C. Are you content to be outshined by others as long as _____ is glorified? Phil.1:15-18
D. Are you tenderly concerned that God is glorified in all your _____? I Cor.10:31
E. Are you _____ when God is dishonored or His Word is dishonored? Titus 2:3-5

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the God of glory. Dan. 4:34-37; II Chron. 5:13-14; Ps.66:1-4; Ps. 86:9-12; Ps. 102:15; Luke 2:20; Luke 5:25-26; 7:15-16; 18:43

A. Do you _____ about the words of hymns and truly sing them to the Lord? Col.3:16
B. Do you _____ before Him acknowledging Him as God and you as His creature? Ro. 1:25
C. Do you _____ in your heart teaching from God's Word? Ps. 19:8
D. Do you _____ on what the pastor is preaching/teaching? II Pet. 3:18
E. Do you concentrate on the Lord and what He has done or does your _____ wander to yourself and other cares? Hebs. 12:1-2
F. Do you have a reverential _____ of God? Are you respectful to Him? Ps.22:23

3. Sincerely \_\_\_\_\_ your sin. Luke 23:39-41; Matthew 5:5

A. Do you find yourself _____ less and less but being more and more grieved
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over current sin? Ro. 7:15, 24-25
B. Are you willing to do whatever it takes to turn from sin even if it includes seeking _____? Pro. 3:7
C. Without groveling in vain regrets, are you deeply _____ of past sin? ITim. 1:15-16
D. Do you exalt God by taking sin against _____ seriously? Ps. 51:3-4

4. \_\_\_\_\_ in Him. Ro. 4:20; I John 5:10; Dan. 3:17-18

A. Do you _____ God with your life and your loved ones? Pro. 3:5
B. Do you believe that He is _____? Ps. 16:2; 25:8
C. Have you thought about _____ and how you can trust Him to take you through it? Ps. 23:4
D. Do you realize the presence of God and the truth of His Word is _____ even if it goes against how you feel or what you can see? Hebs. 11:1

5. Fruitful \_\_\_\_\_ to God. John 15:8; John 17:4; Matthew 5:16; I Peter 2:9-12.

A. Is doing what God wants you to do more _____ than what you want to do? Ro. 12:1
B. Are you _____ to obey God even if it means biblically exposing a family member's sin? Matthew 10:37
C. Can you honestly _____, "Oh, How I Love Jesus?" and mean it because you are being obedient to His Word? I John 5:3
D. Are you _____ obedient even when you would rather be doing something else? I Cor. 4:2
E. Do you do your _____ heartily as unto the Lord? Col. 3:23
F. Are you obedient even in your _____? Phil. 4:8
G. Are you obedient in _____ but at home it is a different story? Ro. 12:9

6. Grateful \_\_\_\_\_ in the state in which God has placed you. Ps. 16:5-6; Phil. 4:13; II Cor. 1:3-4; Ps. 100:2

A. Do you truly desire to _____ God even if it means physical or emotional pain for you or a loved one? II Cor. 12:8-10
B. Do you _____ that God will use you for His glory whatever that means? I Pet. 3:14-17
C. Do you believe that God is the only one who can know _____ you can glorify Him the most? Job 23:10
D. Will you stay single or stay married because that is God's _____ for you at the moment? I Thes. 5:18

E. Is your first thought to _____ when a trial is suddenly thrust upon you? Job 1:21-22
F. Do you _____ for yourself if things don't turn out the way you hoped? I Pet. 1:13

7. Growing \_\_\_\_\_. II Peter 3:18; II Cor. 3:18; II Pet. 1:3-8

A. Does your life show others what God's _____ can do? I Cor. 15:10
B. Can you look back over your years as a Christian and see _____? II Pet. 1:3-8
C. Do you _____ to grow more and more like the Lord Jesus or are you content to rest on your laurels? I Peter 2:2
D. Would even unbelievers who know you say that you are _____? Titus 2:10
E. Do you deeply _____ God's Word? Ps. 119:47
F. Do you want God to show you your sin and to _____ you even if you must suffer embarrassment in the process or admit you were wrong? Ps. 119:71

8. Standing up for God's \_\_\_\_\_. Jude 3; Eph. 4:13-15

A. Do you speak up regarding God's truth or are you like the person who says, "I have faith but it is _____?" Pro. 28:1; Mark 8:38
B. Do you _____ the Scriptures diligently so that you will know where to look to find key passages or are you unable to find passages without asking for help? II Tim. 2:15
C. When you do confront error, is it done in _____ with a gentle tone of voice or is it done in sinful pride to prove that you are right? II Tim. 2:24-26
D. Are you more concerned with standing up for God's truth or what others might _____ of you? Gals. 1:10
E. Do you see God's truth as a precious _____ to be carefully protected lest others take from it? II Tim. 1:13-14

9. Zeal for His \_\_\_\_\_. Rev. 2:2; John 2:14-17; Numbers 25:11

A. Would people say of you, "She's _____ in her faith?" II Tim. 1:5
B. Do you _____ when you know of churches that have an outward form of religion but deny or compromise the truth? II Tim. 4:3-5
C. Do you speak up when someone uses the Lord's name in _____? Ex. 20:7
D. Are you _____ in your love for God? Matthew 22:37-39
E. Do you pray and ask God to grant people _____ because you want Him to be glorified in their lives? II Cor. 7:9-10

10. \_\_\_\_\_ . Gal. 4:19; I Peter 3:14-16

A. Can you give a good, clear, God-honoring _____ presentation? Can you readily find verses? I Pet. 3:15
B. Do you _____ for ways to turn a conversation towards the gospel? II Cor.5:20
C. Do you understand that you are not responsible for the person believing but you are responsible to _____ the claims to Christ? Ro. 10:14-15

11. \_\_\_\_\_ for God or die for God. I Peter 4:12-16; John 21:18-19

A. Do you believe that the Lord Jesus is _____ dying for? II Tim.4:6-8
B. Would you consider it to be a privilege to be _____ for His glory in that way? Ro.8:18
C. Have you asked Him for the opportunity to _____ for His sake if that would glorify Him the most in your life? Phil. 3:10

12. Direct all \_\_\_\_\_ given to us onto God. Acts 12:23; I Cor.15:10;  
Ro.12:3

A. When someone thanks you for a job well done, turn the _____ to God. Ps.115:1
B. When someone praises you or thanks you and it is not appropriate to reply aloud, _____ “Lord, this is a sacrifice of praise to You.” Ps.19:14
C. Realize that apart from God, you can do _____. I Cor. 4:7

12. \_\_\_\_\_. Phil. 1:9-11; Matthew 6:9; Phil. 4:20

A. Realize that the basis for all _____ to God is His glory. John 14:13
B. Pray for God’s _____ to be done in your life and the lives of others. Cols.1:9
C. Pray that God will be glorified by your _____ thought, word, and deed. Cols.1:10-12

III. Conclusion

MAN-CENTERED VIEW OF GOD	GOD-CENTERED VIEW
1. You take the initiative in your salvation.	1. _____ takes the initiative in your salvation.
2. God is here to meet your identity needs.	2. God is here to _____ Himself.
3. God needs you.	3. God need no one but chose to create us for His own glorious _____.

4. You grow as a Christian by getting in touch with your deepest emotional pain and realizing your identity is in Christ.	4. You grow as a Christian by turning from your sinful _____, obeying God's Word whether you feel like it or not.
5. You seek the accolades of others.	5. You seek the _____ of God.
6. You seek love and approval and esteem.	6. You _____ of your self-focus and seek to give love to others and to God.

Recommended Reading:

A.W. Pink, The Sovereignty of God

John MacArthur, God, Coming Face to Face with His Majesty

A.W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy

R.C. Sproul, The Holiness of God