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Scripture: Isaiah 42:8
Numbers 20:10-12
1 Kings 13:18
Galatians 1:8

Isaiah 42:8 (NKJV) I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

Numbers 20:10-12 (NKJV) And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must **we** bring water for you out of this rock?" 11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank. 12 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "**Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel**, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

1 Kings 13:18 (NKJV) He said to him, "I too am a prophet as you are, and **an angel spoke to me** by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.' " (He was lying to him.)

Galatians 1:8 (NKJV) But even if **we, or an angel from heaven**, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

Introduction

The Lord never shares the credit for his own works with anyone. The great temptation when He manifests His power and glory is to position ourselves in such a way that it appears that some of that glory comes from us.

I. How we take His glory

Exodus 34:14 (NKJV) '(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),

A. By thinking we are more than we are

Isaiah 14:13-14 (NKJV) For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

B. By professing to do His works

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rebels! Must **we** bring water for you out of this rock?"

C. By acting like we have superior spiritual knowledge

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Judges 16:20 (NKJV) And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "**I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!**" **But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.**

A. Our own spirit will be corrupted

Isaiah 14:15 (NKJV) Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

B. We will loose our future

Numbers 20:12 (NKJV) Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "**Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel**, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

C. We hurt or destroy those in our sphere of influence

1 Kings 13:18, 24, 30 (NKJV) He said to him, "I too am a prophet as you are, and **an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD**, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.' " (He was lying to him.) 24 When he was gone, **a lion met him on the road and killed him.** And his corpse was thrown on the road, and the donkey stood by it. The lion also stood by the corpse. 30 Then he laid the corpse in his own tomb; and **they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!"**

III. How to avoid taking His glory

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV) Let us **fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith

A. Examples

1. Angels

Revelation 19:10 (NKJV) **And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that!** I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

2. Apostles

Acts 14:13-15 (NKJV) Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their

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city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes. 14 **But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes** and ran in among the multitude, crying out 15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,

3. John the Baptist

John 3:30 (NKJV) "He must increase, but I must decrease.

B. Keep your eyes on His glory

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV) Let us **fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith

C. Humble yourself before men

James 4:10 (NKJV) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

1 Peter 5:6 (NKJV) Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

D. Realize that only His grace makes you what you are

1 Corinthians 4:7 (NKJV) For who makes you differ from another? And **what do you have that you did not receive?** Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

1 Corinthians 15:10 (NKJV) **But by the grace of God I am what I am**, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.