



The Unexpected Source of Good

I have talked with passion about: The Earthling, Van Gogh's Self-Portrait, *This House of Sky*, The Eiffel Tower, Mt McKinley, the Wyoming night sky, and this plastic fork.

- **The Premise:** We talk about things that fascinate us and impress us and amaze us—things like movies and books and mountains and unbelievable feats.
- **The Fear:** We may be broadcasting the glory of plastic forks and ignoring the glory of greater things like McKinley and the night stars.
- **The Truth:** If we do not tell about God with a passionate zeal it is because we do not have even a small inkling of Who He is—of what He is really like.

Twenty one truths about this jaw-dropping God from 1 Chronicles 16:8-36:

Deeds	Covenant-Keeping	Majesty
Wonders	Protecting	Joy
Holiness	Saving	Sovereign
Strength	Glorious	Judge
Marvels	Great	Good
Judgments	Creator	Lovingkindness
Choosing	Splendor	Eternal

- **Note Well:** Twelve times in this passage God deals with our responsibility to spread His glory among the peoples of the entire earth. “Missions exists because worship doesn’t.” John Piper.
- **Video:** Louie Giglio and Canis Majoris—largest star in the Milky Way.

This jaw-dropping God is glorious:

- Glory is: _____
- God's glory is the greatest possible glory.
- Spreading God's glory is the greatest possible good.
- God spreads His glory because this is doing the greatest possible good.
- We join God in spreading His glory because this is the greatest possible good.

Listen! We spread the glory of incredible things that we have seen and experienced with great zeal—we *must* spread the incredible glory of our jaw-dropping God with great zeal.

Idea: I am obedient, fulfilled, and really happy...when I learn of the glory of our jaw-dropping God and spread with zeal the glory of our jaw-dropping God.

Application: It is impossible to passionately spread the glory of a Being Whom we do not know or Whom we have not studied.

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

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Purpose of God #7: God is actively working to spread His own glory and this is the greatest possible good.

- **Today:** Have you “passionately promoted” some movie or book or play or natural wonder or building? What was it about this thing that struck you and gripped you?
- **Monday:** Please read 1 Chronicles 16:8-36 and reflect on the attributes and actions of God spelled out there. Do you see any that are especially gripping to you?
- **Tuesday:** Can you see ways in which you have “passionately promoted plastic forks” and practically ignored the promotion of the God of the universe? What have you promoted that now seems pale next to God?
- **Wednesday:** Please read the following passages and ask what they mean for your promotion of the glory of God: Psalm 19:2; Deuteronomy 5:24; Isaiah 6:3.
- **Thursday:** Please read the following passages and ask what they mean for your promotion of the glory of God: Psalm 145:3; 2 Peter 2:9; Luke 2: 9, 14.
- **Friday:** What strikes you as the most jaw-dropping thing about God?
- **Saturday:** What does God stir up in you when you think about the fact that twelve times in 1 Chronicles 16:8-36 God mentions His reputation being spread among the nations of the earth?

God’s Confronting Questions:

- What will you do in order to know Him better?
- What will you do in order to spread His glory more?
- What will you do in order to get a better perspective on the comparison between God and the other things with which you have been enamored?

Key Application: Buy and read *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer. It is an outstanding book (here I am promoting the value of a book) on the glory and greatness of our God!

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