

God's Passion for His Glory

Judges 7

Introduction: How are we to think about God being passionate for His own glory?

God is the Creator and we are His creatures, made by Him and for Him — that is the most fundamental reality of the universe.

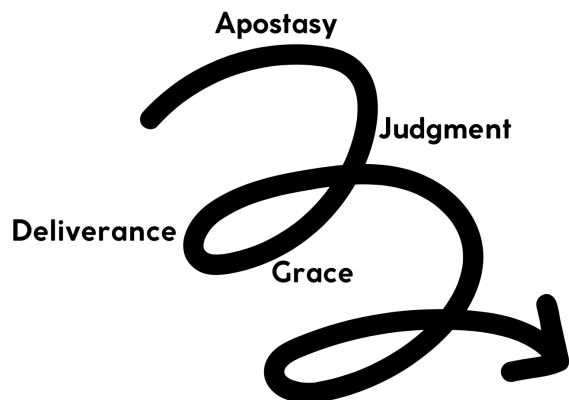
God is passionate for His own glory, but we have a tendency to boast in ourselves instead of God.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Isaiah 42:8

Isaiah 48:9-11

Downward Spiral of God's People:



I. He Uses Weak and Fearful People

A. Gideon Lacks Self-Confidence

B. Gideon Fears His Family and Townpeople

C. Gideon Seeks Miraculous Reassurances

D. Gideon Fears the Midianites

II. He Stacks the Odds Against His People

Gideon's forces have now gone through a 99% reduction — a ratio of 450 Midianite soldiers to 1 Israelite soldier.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Ultimately, the doctrine of salvation is all about the glory of God because it removes all grounds for human boasting so that all the glory goes to God alone.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

III. He Sovereignly Orchestrates His Plan

A. The Midianite's Deam

B. The Midianites Turn On Each Other

Galatians 6:14

There is only one we should boast in — Jesus Christ and the work He has done for all who believe.

Philippians 3:3

Two Applications:

1. Be Encouraged

2. Be Humbled