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Magnify God: According to His Word

Before diving into this article, I wish to talk briefly about words, in general, and about the word “Magnify,” in particular. It is well understood that most words have various definitions. The actual definition depends on how the word is being used. Words may be used as nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and other forms as well. Depending on the word usage and the context, the word may have differing definitions or meanings. Therefore, I will briefly address the Bible’s use of the word *magnify* (within the context I wish to address), which would be its usage as a verb (expressing an action, state, or relation between two things and to show agreement with their subject or object). That is enough of the technical talk (for now). According to the online Thesaurus and Dictionary (Thesaurus.com and Dictionary.com):

Magnify (as a verb) means: 1) to increase the apparent size of, as a lens does. 2) to make greater in actual size; [enlarge: *to magnify a drawing in preparing for a fresco.*] 3) to cause to seem greater or more important; attribute too much importance to; [exaggerate: *to magnify one's difficulties.*] 4) to make more exciting; intensify; dramatize; **heighten**: [*The playwright magnified the conflict to get her point across.*] 5) **Archaic**. to extol; **praise**: [*to magnify the Lord.*]

The primary definition, *for the purpose of this article*, is found in definition 5 above. This is quite understandable, since we are examining the Word of God [the Bible], a very ancient writing compiled over a large span of time. Therefore the “archaic” definition would naturally fit this usage. It should be understood that definitions other than number 5 may also apply to some degree, which is quite common in most cases for many words. In the Bible, we are often commanded to “praise” or “magnify” God! He certainly has the right to command this of His own creation. We were, in fact, created by the Holy and Almighty God in order to praise Him! His desire is that we *love* Him, *trust* Him, *obey* Him, walk **humbly** with Him, and *praise (magnify)* Him.

It is interesting that the Bible gives us **many commands**, which, by **numerous** people, are *misconstrued* as “*options or choices.*” *Unfortunately*, they are **not**, in fact, presented as *options*. They truly are **commands** from **God Almighty**, the *creator* of **all** things. *Unfortunately*, many **choose** to **not obey** (or **do**) His **Word**.

Genesis 1:1 (KJV) “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

Colossians 1:15-16 (KJV) (speaking of **Jesus**) “Who is the *image* of the *invisible* God, the firstborn of every creature: ¹⁶For by Him were **all** things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, *visible and invisible*, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all** things were created **by** Him, and **for** Him.”

Psalms 24:1 (KJV) “The *earth is the LORD’S*, and the *fulness* thereof; the world, *and they that dwell therein.*”

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The above scriptures are sufficient for us to understand that **God** created All things and that He created all things for Himself (for *His* purpose, *whatever that may encompass*). Consequently, all things are His! This concept is quite simple to understand. When a person makes something (on his own), with his own materials and efforts, it is his to do with as he pleases, since he “owns” it! The same would certainly apply in **God’s** case!

At this point, I must digress for a moment to clarify an *essential* point, which will (hopefully) *ease* the hearts and minds of some who *may* read this. **God is Good!** He is not *good only* when He chooses to be. He is *good* at all times! It could easily be argued that God is the fundamental definition of good. But we must understand this statement in its truest context, lest it be *misconstrued* by some people and *perverted* in any way to suit their purpose (which is not an uncommon event, whether it is done knowingly or otherwise). This brings to bear the *key scripture* I have included in the header, at the top of each page in this article:

Psalm 119:160 (NKJV) “The *entirety* of Your word *is* truth,
And every one of Your *righteous* judgments *endures* forever.”

In my estimation, **Psalm 119:160** reveals the all-important key to unraveling and distinguishing between *sound* doctrine and *unsound* biblical doctrine. If you honestly and thoroughly search the entire scriptures, the truth will be revealed to your spirit by the Holy Spirit (for those who are sincerely seeking God and His truths). Because God is good and He loves His creation, He tells us that He does *not* desire that *anyone* should *perish* (i.e. suffer eternal damnation). He wants us to *repent* and to be *saved*, that we may spend *eternity* with Him.

2 Peter 3:9-10 (KJV) “The Lord is *not* slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, *not willing* that *any* should *perish*, but that *all* should come to *repentance*.¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”

Often, people will take a verse (or even a portion of a verse) and try to create a doctrine (teaching) from it. What they teach about that portion of scripture may be true or it may not be true. The key to resolving whether that teaching is truth or a perversion of truth (*unsound* doctrine) is to see whether the teaching lines up with the *entirety* of God’s Word (the Holy Bible), according to **Psalm 119:160**. Of course this requires extra time and effort, which

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many people are unwilling to put forth. Consequently, they are often *led astray* by the *error* of *false* teachers, who may or may not even realize that their teachings are *not truly sound* doctrines (see **2 Peter, chapter 2** for example).

To be brief, I will give only a couple examples from the Bible, as illustrations of how we can easily *pervert* God's Word. In **John 21:15-21**, Jesus asked Peter 3 times if he loved Him. He then told Peter that he [Peter] would be crucified and would glorify God through that death. Then Jesus gave Peter a command, "**Follow Me.**" Immediately, Peter looked at John, who was following behind him, and asked Jesus [concerning John], "And what shall *this* man do?"

Comment: It is hard to follow someone when your eyes and thoughts are directed towards someone or something else. Jesus had just commanded Peter to follow Him and Peter immediately got very concerned about John and what John was supposed to be doing. Sadly, to this day, many Christians are more concerned about what others are doing than they are about keeping their eyes on Jesus and following Him.

Then, in **John 21:22-23 (KJV)** "Jesus saith unto him, **If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou Me.** ²³Then went this *saying* abroad among the brethren, that that disciple *should not die*: yet Jesus said *not* unto him, He shall not die; but, **If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?"**

Verses 22-23 (above) are a classic example of how people can mistakenly *think* that the Bible says one thing, when, in fact it does not. Jesus had answered Peter with a *hypothetical* question (beginning with "**If**"). The disciples themselves *had not correctly understood* what Jesus had told Peter and, as a result, were *spreading a lie* to other people. Of course *they didn't do this maliciously*, but what they were telling others was *not* true regardless. My second example (in **Romans 9**) closely parallels the one I just highlighted from **John 21:22-23**.

Romans 9:21-24 (KJV) "Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? ²²**What if** God, *willing to show His wrath*, and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath *fitted to destruction*: ²³And that He *might* make known the riches of His glory on the *vessels of mercy*, which He had *afore prepared unto glory*, ²⁴Even us, whom He hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?"

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There are *many very popular doctrines* being taught that are *perversions* of God's Word. One of them is *supposedly* supported by the passage above. The teaching varies somewhat, but basically it states that God *created some people to go to hell* (*predetermined* by God). These are *allegedly* the vessels unto **dishonor, in verse 21**. They also *claim* that God puts up with them (longsuffering) but they will be destroyed (i.e. **go to Hell in the end**); and there is nothing they can really do about it, because God has "*Predetermined*" this fate (from verse 22). They also use verses 22 and 23 to basically say that **God will save** (have *mercy* on) His **vessels of honour**, which He created and **arbitrarily predetermined to save** (and again, there is nothing they can do about it either).

It is sad that such things are taught in the name of **Jesus** (or **God**). Especially, since it does *not* agree with the *rest of His Word*. Verse 22 holds the key to unraveling this lie. It begins with "**What if** God," (my emphasis). This is nearly identical to the example in **John 21:22**, where Jesus answered Peter with a **hypothetical** question. The sentence (both in **John 21:22** and here in **Romans 9:22-23**) is a **hypothetical question**. These are only two examples of how **easily** scriptures can be **perverted or twisted**. It is not uncommon and it *deceives many* people. Peter gave many **warnings** in his epistles, as did the other writers of the Word of God. The following warning by Peter should be continually in our minds as we study and listen to others teach and preach "*God's* Word" to us.

2 Peter 3:14-18 (KJV) ¹⁴Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of **Him** in peace, without spot, and blameless. ¹⁵And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother **Paul** also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; ¹⁶As also **in all his epistles**, speaking in them of these things; in which are *some things hard to be understood*, which they that are *unlearned and unstable wrest*, as *they do* also the *other* scriptures, **unto their own destruction**. ¹⁷Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye *know these things before*, **beware** lest ye also, **being led away** with the *error* of the *wicked*, **fall** from your *own steadfastness*. ¹⁸But **grow in grace**, and **in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**. To **Him** be glory both now and for ever. **Amen**. ***We** must **all** search the Word to see that other's teachings agree with **the entirety of God's Word**. **Acts 17:11** "*These* were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.**" The **Bereans** checked what Paul **taught against the Scriptures**.

In my opinion, Finis Jennings Dake's annotated reference Bible is among the finest study bibles available today. When studying God's Word, I utilize both the Authorized King James version and the New King James version. This is a personal preference, because I find them to be accurate and they complement one another quite well for study purposes. I think Dake Publishing offers **only** these two versions of the Bible. I must add that it is *not* that **God** offered two versions of the truth. There are many "versions" of the Bible available today. I find most of them to be **unacceptable** to **me** for studying and relying upon, especially when it comes to determining **my**

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eternal end. With that said, one of the notes in Dake's Annotated Reference Bible (large print edition – on page 791- column 3, - *c) deals with the word “magnify.” There are 3 parts (A, B, C [below]) to this note. I wish to address all 3 parts. In each part, Dake lists some scripture references.

A. 3 Men magnified by God:

1. **Hezekiah:** 2 Chronicles 32:23 (KJV) “And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.”

2. **Joshua:** Joshua 4:14 (KJV) “On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.”

3. **Solomon:** 1 Chronicles 29:25 (KJV) “And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.”

2 Chronicles 1:1 (KJV) “And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God *was* with him, and magnified him exceedingly.”

B. 3 Examples of Magnifying Self:

1. **Moab:** Jeremiah 48:26, 42 (KJV) “Make ye him drunken: for he magnified himself against the LORD: Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision. ⁴²And **Moab** shall be destroyed from being a people, *because he hath magnified himself against the LORD.*”

2. **The Enemy of Israel:** Lamentations 1:9 (KJV) “Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for **the enemy hath magnified himself.**”

3. **The Antichrist:** Daniel 8:11 (KJV) “Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.”

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C. 6 Things That Should Be Magnified:

1. **God's Mercy:** Genesis 19:19 (KJV) "Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and **thou hast magnified thy mercy**, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:"

2. **God's Name:** 2 Samuel 7:26 (KJV) "And let **Thy name be magnified for ever**, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel: and let the house of Thy servant David be established before Thee.

1 Chronicles 17:24 (KJV) ²⁴Let it even be established, that **Thy name may be magnified forever**, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God of Israel, *even* a God to Israel: and *let* the house of David Thy servant *be* established before thee."

3. **The LORD Himself:** Psalms 35:27 (KJV) "Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour My righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let **the LORD be magnified**, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

Psalms 40:16 (KJV) "Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee: let such as love Thy salvation say continually, **The LORD be magnified.**"

4. **God's Word:** Psalms 138:2 (KJV) "I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth: for ***Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name.***"

5. **The Name of the Lord Jesus:** Acts 19:17 (KJV) "And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and **the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.**"

6. **Christ Himself:** Philippians 1:20 (KJV) "According to my earnest expectation and *my hope*, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also **Christ shall be magnified in my body**, whether *it be by life, or by death.*"

A Brief Summary: (of the 3 points A, B & C [above])

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A. **3 Men magnified by God:** If a man is to be magnified, it is truly best if God does the magnifying. Often *men* will *magnify themselves*, which is not a good idea (in general) and it usually results from *pride*. **Pride** is deeply rooted in all kinds of sin. When someone lifts themselves up, **God** is often *likely to humble them* (bring them back down) *for their own good, lest they end up lost eternally due to their pride*. The Bible teaches much on pride versus humility. A few examples should be sufficient to make the point.

Micah 6:8 (KJV) “He hath showed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to **walk humbly** with thy God?”

Deuteronomy 8:2 (KJV) “And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to **humble** thee, *and to prove* thee, to *know* what *was* in **thine heart**, whether thou wouldst *keep* His **commandments**, or no.”

Matthew 23:1-12 (KJV) “Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to His disciples, ²Saying, **The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat:** ³All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but **do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.** ⁴For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on men’s shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers. ⁵But **all their works they do for to be seen of men:** they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, ⁶And love the **uppermost rooms** at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, ⁷And greetings in the markets, and **to be called** of men, **Rabbi, Rabbi.** ⁸But be not ye called **Rabbi:** for **one** is your **Master, even Christ;** and **all ye are brethren.** ⁹And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your **Father**, which is in *heaven*. ¹⁰**Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.** ¹¹But **he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.** ¹²**And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.”**

B. **3 Examples of Magnifying Self:** When men will *magnify themselves*, it is usually a *sin*. When God sees this *sin* in them, He *loves* them enough to *deal with it* before it is too late. I am always mindful of several scripture passages (as warnings to myself), when it comes to the danger of pride and the ‘*roots of sin*’.

1. *Lucifer, an anointed cherub of God, fell due to pride.* What an **important warning** to us as well! The two example passages listed below cover the primary points of this. In the Ezekiel passage, a double

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reference (both to the King of Tyre and to Lucifer) is employed. This is very similar to when Jesus simultaneously addressed both Peter and Satan in Matthew 16. { **Matthew 16:23 (KJV)** “But he turned, and *said unto Peter*, **Get thee behind Me, Satan: thou art an offence unto Me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**”}

Isaiah 14:11-15 (KJV) “Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. ¹²**How art thou fallen** from heaven, O **Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground**, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³**For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:** ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High.** ¹⁵Yet **thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.**”

Ezekiel 28:11-19 (KJV) “Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ¹²Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.** ¹³**Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God;** every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. ¹⁴**Thou art the anointed cherub** that *covereth*; and I have set thee *so*: **thou wast upon the holy mountain of God;** thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵**Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.** ¹⁶By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and **thou hast sinned:** therefore **I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God:** and **I will destroy thee, O covering cherub**, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷**Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground;** I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. ¹⁸Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. ¹⁹All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt* thou *be* any more.

2. **God hates pride!** It is an *abomination* to Him.

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Proverbs 6:16-17 (KJV) “These *six things doth the LORD hate*: yea, *seven are an abomination* unto Him: ¹⁷A **proud look**, a *lying* tongue, and hands that shed *innocent blood*. An **heart** that *deviseth wicked imaginations*, *Feet* that be *swift in running to mischief*, A *false witness* that *speaketh lies*, And he that *soweth discord among brethren*.”

3. **God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble.**

James 4:6-10 (KJV) “But He giveth more grace. Wherefore *He saith*, **God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble**. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded. ⁹Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness. ¹⁰**Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord**, and He shall lift you up.

4. **This passage explains the original sin, which caused the fall of Adam & Eve.** Read Genesis 3:1-7 to get the entire context of Adam and Eve’s fall. Then, compare 1 John 2:16 with Gen 3:6 below it.

1 John 2:15-16 (KJV) “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. **If** any man *love* the world, the *love* of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and **the lust of the eyes**, and **the pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

Genesis 3:6 (KJV) “And when the woman saw that *the tree was good for food*, and that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree to be **desired to make one wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

C. **6 things that should be magnified.** The Bible reveals to us some things that we are to **Magnify** or **Praise**

1. **God’s Mercy:** Psalms 86:5 (KJV) “For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.” ** **We Should Praise God for His mercy! Amen!**
2. **God’s Name:** I will address numbers **3** (the **LORD Himself**), **5** (the **name of the Lord Jesus**), **and 6** (**Christ Himself**) along with God’s Name, since they are all essentially the same. These all refer to **God** and the **name of God**. The first two (**2** and **3**) apply to the **God of the Old Testament**, whereas,

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the last two (5 and 6) apply to the **God of the New Testament (Jesus Christ)**. Many people stumble over the idea that **Jesus (the Christ)** was in fact **God Himself, manifested in the flesh**. They *are one and the same*. This is easy to **accept if** one simply *accepts the Word of God as the truth*. There are many scriptures that attest to the **truth** that **Jesus is Almighty God**. I will list only 10 passages below but they should be more than sufficient, for those who will believe God's Word.

Hebrews 13:8 (KJV) "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

Malachi 3:6 (KJV) "For **I am the LORD, I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

- We know from these **two** scriptures that *only* God, and God's **word**, are **immutable (unchanging)**.

Psalms 119:89 (KJV) " For ever, O LORD, Thy word is *settled* in heaven."

Hebrews 6:17 (KJV) "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the **immutability of His counsel**, confirmed it by an oath: That by **two immutable things**, in which *it was impossible for God to lie*, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the **hope** set before us:"

Neither God nor His Word are changeable. These two scriptures reveal that God's Word is **unchanging**, just as is God **Himself!**

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV) "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The **mighty God**, The **everlasting Father**, The **Prince of Peace**."

- Anyone who has studied the Word knows that **Isaiah 9:6** is a *prophecy* of the **birth of the Son of God – Jesus Christ**. According to **God's Word**, He (**Jesus**) is called **Mighty God, Everlasting Father**, and the **Prince of Peace**. He **is** God Almighty.

Revelation 1:8 (KJV) "**I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending**, saith the Lord, which *is*, and which *was*, and which *is to come*, the Almighty."

Daniel 9:25 (KJV) "Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the **Messiah** the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." This also is a prophecy of the coming **Messiah** (the Christ), that is to say, **Jesus, the Christ**.

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Isaiah 7:13-14 (KJV), “And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a **virgin** shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name **Immanuel**.”

Saint **Matthew** writes of the *fulfillment* of **Isaiah 7:13-14** in the New Testament. **Matthew 1:22-23 (KJV)** “Now all this was done, that it might be *fulfilled* which was *spoken* of the **Lord** by the *prophet*, saying, ²³Behold, a **virgin** shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God with us**.”

John 1:1-4 (KJV), “*In the beginning* was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with **God**, and the **Word** was **God**. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were *made by Him*; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴*In Him was life*; and the *life* was the **light of men**.”

- **Note:** John wrote *this* about **Jesus Christ**. Jesus was, in fact, **God dwelling with His people**. God came to *reveal Himself (and His Word) to mankind*, and to save all who would receive and *obey Him*. He was (and is) the **life** and the **light of all mankind**. It is because of the **mercy** of God that **Jesus came to die**, that those who *believe and obey His gospel might live with Him forever*. This is why we must **magnify His mercy** (#1 on the list of **6** things we should magnify)!

4. **God's Word:** The remaining thing we are to *magnify* (of the **6**) is **God's Word**. It is very interesting that **God Himself** said that **we are to magnify His Word above all His name**. It seems that God has reserved the *highest* priority (*concerning praise*) for His **Word**! **Jesus** is called the **living Word**. He came “*in the flesh*” so that God Himself (in the *flesh* of **Jesus**) could *demonstrate* (or *manifest*) the **perfection**, the **love**, the **mercy**, the **grace** and the **power** of God to mankind.

John 3:16-18 (KJV) “For God so **loved** the world, that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that **whosoever believeth** in Him **should not** perish, **but have everlasting life**. ¹⁷For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that **the world through Him might be saved**. ¹⁸He that **believeth on Him is not condemned**: but he that **believeth not is condemned already**, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” **Praise God for His Living Word!**

Hebrews 4:12-13 (KJV) “For the word of **God** *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a

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discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but ***all things are*** naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.”

Genesis 1:3 (KJV) “And God **said**, Let there be light: and there was light.”

Genesis 1:6-7 (NKJV) “Then God **said**, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” ⁷Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so.”

Genesis 1:9 (KJV) “And God **said**, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.”

Isaiah 55:11 (KJV) “So shall **My word** be that goeth forth out of **My** mouth: it shall ***not return*** unto Me **void**, but it shall ***accomplish*** that which **I please**, and it shall ***prosper in the thing*** whereto I **sent** it.

****God Speaks and it is so!! What an Awesome God we have!! Praise Him for His Word!!**

Truly, this article merely scratches the surface of reasons why we must Praise our God and magnify Him. If we simply meditate upon God’s Word, His Mighty Works, His Name, His Son, His Son’s Name, His Amazing Grace, His Mercy, His Eternal Plan of Salvation, His Redemption by the Blood of the Lamb of God (Christ Jesus), His Forgiveness of our Sins, His Creative Power, His Marvelous Creation, His Love, His Kindness, His Joy, His Peace that Passes Understanding, His Faithfulness, His Almighty Power (Omnipotence), His Righteousness, His Unsearchable Wisdom and Knowledge (Omniscience), His Omnipresence, His Healing Power, His Gift of Life, His Gift of Eternal Life, His Deliverance from Bondage and Sin, His Deliverance from enemies, His Immortality, His Truth, His Perfection, His Precious Eternal Holy Spirit, His Holiness, His Unchanging and Immutable Character, His Providential Care for His Creation, His Guidance by His Word and His Holy Spirit, His Promises in this Life, His Eternal Promises in the Next Life. Yes! Meditate on our Almighty God and His endless Blessings! As you do, you will find that you ***must*** magnify and Praise Him!! You will surely feel compelled to Thank Him and Bless His Name for ***All*** that He has done for you and for ***all*** of His creation!!

Psalms 150:1-6 (KJV) “**Praise ye the LORD.** *Praise* God in His *sanctuary*: *praise* Him in the *firmament* of His *power*. ²*Praise* Him for His *mighty acts*: *praise* Him according to His *excellent greatness*. ³*Praise* Him *with* the sound of *the trumpet*: *praise* Him *with* the *psaltery and harp*. ⁴*Praise* Him *with* the *timbrel* and *dance*: *praise* Him *with stringed instruments* and *organs*. ⁵*Praise* Him upon the *loud cymbals*: *praise* Him upon the *high sounding cymbals*. ⁶*Let every thing that hath breath praise* the LORD. **Praise ye the LORD.”**

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