

Excerpt - For From Him and Through Him and To Him Are All Things

There are moments in Scripture where human language seems to stretch to its breaking point under the weight of divine majesty. One of those moments comes at the end of Romans 11. After tracing the mystery of God's saving purposes, Paul does not conclude with an academic summary. Instead, he erupts into doxology:

“For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.” (Rom 11:36)

This single sentence gathers up the whole story of creation and redemption into one breathtaking declaration: **God is the origin, sustainer, and goal of everything that exists.** Nothing stands outside His sovereign purpose. Nothing finds its meaning apart from Him. And the rightful response of every creature is worship.

Yet in much of contemporary Christianity, this vision has faded. God is still spoken of — but often as a supporting presence in *our* story rather than the blazing center of *His*. Faith becomes a tool for self-fulfilment. Worship becomes spiritual entertainment. Theology becomes man-centred. Without realizing it, the church learns to live before a God who is kind, helpful, and caring — but not overwhelmingly glorious.

The purpose of this book is to help us recover what Scripture never lost: **a high view of God.**

The Glory of God as the Bible's Great Theme

Across the pages of Scripture, God continually reveals that His ultimate purpose in all He does is **the praise of His glory**. Paul speaks of redemption in Christ as ordered toward this end:

“...to the praise of his glorious grace” (Eph 1:6)

“...so that we... might be to the praise of his glory” (Eph 1:12)

“...to the praise of his glory” (Eph 1:14)

Creation, covenant, providence, salvation, judgment, mission, and new creation — all exist so that the worth and beauty of God might be seen, savored, and declared. God acts, not because He needs affirmation, but because **He alone is infinitely worthy of being known and enjoyed.** His self-exaltation is not arrogance; it is truth, beauty, and love. To give us Himself is to give us the highest good.

Jonathan Edwards argued that the ultimate purpose of God's works is the communication of His own glory — God delighting in being known, loved, and glorified by His redeemed people.¹ Later writers such as John Piper have shown how this truth stands at the heart of Christian joy: **God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.**² These insights do not impose a theological scheme upon Scripture; they simply recognize what the Bible proclaims from beginning to end: **God Himself is the goal of God.**

Why a High View of God Matters

A high view of God is not merely an intellectual preference or a theological style. It is the difference between Christianity as a God-centred faith and Christianity as a religious version of self-help. When God becomes small, everything else becomes distorted.

A high view of God:

- grounds worship in reverence rather than entertainment (Rev 4–5)

- restores humility by reminding us we are creatures (Isa 40:12–31)
- strengthens faith in suffering because God is sovereign (Rom 8:28–39)
- fuels mission because His glory deserves to be known among the nations (Ps 96:1–3)
- anchors assurance because salvation depends on God’s faithfulness, not ours (John 10:27–30)

Conversely, a diminished view of God leads inevitably to shallow worship, fragile faith, moral compromise, and churches shaped more by culture than by Scripture. The first step toward spiritual renewal is not new techniques or strategies — **it is recovering awe.**

Seeing God as God

This book is not an abstract philosophical exploration. Its ambition is simpler, and more demanding: **to let Scripture teach us who God is, and why His glory is the ultimate meaning of all things.**