人生首要目的 -- 榮耀神
Our Ultimate Purpose – Glorify God

詩篇 147:1-11，馬太 5:14-16

PSALM 147: 1-11; MATTHEW 5: 14-16

威斯敏斯德小要理問答（1647年）
Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647)

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腓4：4；啓21：3－4

Our #1 purpose in life

- to glorify God; 榮耀上帝
- to enjoy him for ever; 以他爲樂，直到永遠

問問自己 ...
Let's ask ourselves ...

- Do you know the #1 purpose of your life? What is it?
- 你人生首要目的(或目標)是什麼?
- What is the #1 purpose of FEC for next 35 years?
- 未來三十五年閩南堂首要目的(或目標)是什麼?

“榮耀神” 什麼意思 ？
“Glorify God” ?

- Glory : 榮耀 / 光榮
- something very bright; magnificence, splendor; great beauty;
- Glory: honor and fame 榮譽與名譽
- admiration brought by notable achievements; “kudos”

神的榮耀與人的榮耀不一樣
God's glory is unlike men's glory

- God is infinite (without any limit)
- God is without any equal
- His glory is inherent

神不需要人給他榮耀;神要與人分享他的榮耀
God doesn't need men to give Him glory; He wants to share His glory with men

- God's glory: infinite, unlimited, and inherent
- Glorifying Him is for our benefit, not His
- As we glorify Him, we will enjoy satisfaction, joy and rest

榮耀神:美善 + 合宜
Glorify God: good, pleasant and fitting

你們要讚美耶和華。

歌頌我們的　神，這是多麼美善，

讚美他，這是美好的，是合宜的。(詩篇 147:1)

Praise the LORD.

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him! (Psalm 147: 1)

如何榮耀神?
How do we bring God glory?

- What is God's glory? 神的榮耀是什麼?

- OT word for glory
- a theological definition
- NT word for glory

舊約“榮耀”的單詞
OT word for “glory” - *kabod*

- weight, or heavy 重

- English word “matter” 英文單詞 “matter”
- matter means “importance”
  其意義之一是 “重要性”

因為神是 … *kabod*
Because God is … *kabod*

- "You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20: 3)
- 除了我以外、你不可有別的神。(出埃及記 20:3)

- God absolutely won't share His glory with any "idol"!
- 神絕對不會與任何"偶像"分享他的榮耀

問問自己 ...
Let's ask ourselves ...

- Is God the most important thing in my life?
- 神是不是我生命中最重要的?
- Is God the most important thing in the life of FEC?
- 神是不是在閩南堂最重要的位置?

非常困難的神學定義
A most difficult theological definition

- Glory of God: all of God's attributes and qualities put together
- 神的榮耀:神所有的屬性和特質綜合在一起
- How does one define "infinite perfection"?
- 如何定義無限完美?

因為神是無限完美 …
Because God is infinitely perfect …

- He is beyond our comprehension
- 他超越我們的理解

- We glorify Him by putting our complete trust in Him and His promises
- 通過堅信不移(完全信靠他和他的應許)

亞伯拉罕就是這樣榮耀神
How Abraham glorified God

[Abraham] was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. (Rom. 4: 21; NLT)

And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. (Rom. 4: 19-20; NLT)

[亞伯拉罕]滿心相信神所應許的，神必能成就。(羅 4:21;新譯本)
他快到一百歲的時候，想到自己的身體好像已經死了，撒拉也不能生育，他的信心還是不軟弱，也沒有因著不信而疑惑神的應許，反倒堅信不移，把榮耀歸給神,… (羅 4:19-20;新譯本)

新約“榮耀”的單詞
NT word for “glory” - *doxa*

- praise and wonder; brilliance; beauty
  讚美；奇妙；光輝；美麗

因為神的榮耀是 … *doxa*
Because God’s glory is … *doxa*

- We worship Him because He is the most wonderful, beautiful and awesome Person in the entire universe

我們敬拜他，因他是全宇宙最奇妙,最美麗,最棒的一位

如何榮耀神？
How to bring God glory ?

- *kabod* (importance) 生命中最重要的
  - Worship Him only (no idols) 無別神
  - Tell others about what God has done for you 分享福音
- God's "infinite beyondness" 神超越我們的理解
  - Always trust Him and His promises (esp. through hardship & suffering) 堅信不移
- *doxa* (praise, wonder, beauty) 全宇宙最棒的
  - Worship / adore Him with total being 稱頌敬拜他

日常生活榮耀神
Glorify God through daily living

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 Cor. 10: 31)

所以，你們或吃喝，或作甚麼，一切都要為神的榮耀而行。(林前 10:31;新譯本)

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Glorifying God -- our ultimate purpose

- God made us for this 這是神造我們的目的
- God is worthy of it 神是配得
- God saved us at in infinite cost 神用基督的寶血救贖我們
- We get to enjoy God - now and forever
  我們享受以神爲樂，如今直到永遠

開始做吧！
Let's do it!

"You are the light of the world … let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5: 14, 16)

你們是世上的光．…你們的光也當這樣照在人前、叫他們看見你們的好行為、便將榮耀歸給你們在天上的父。(馬太 5:14,16)