

## **Weekly Devotions: GOD IS SOVEREIGN 19**

### **All Honor and Glory to His Name!**

The Westminster Catechism states that the chief end of man is “to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever”. If we love God, our sole purpose in life should be to bring glory to God. Every aspect of our life; our behavior, words, actions, attitudes, relationships, etc. should bring honor and glory to His Name. The Apostle Peter said our conduct must be so honorable, blameless and without blemish, that even unbelievers would give glory to God (1 Pet 2: 12).

### **Read I Pet 2: 9-12**

Salvation in Christ brings us to a new relationship with God and a change in status and identity. This new status defines who we are before God and the world as well as what we are supposed to do.

Apostle Peter reminded the early believers that they belonged to God; God’s special possession and the object of His care. They had also become part of the royal priesthood. In the OT, only the priests had the right of access to God and their sole duty was to bring the needs of the people to Him. As part of the royal priesthood, believers in Christ have the privilege to come into God’s presence and our duty is to intercede or to bring before Him the needs of others, especially the non-believers. We are also God’s holy people, set apart for God; hence, we should be distinctively different in morals and conduct from those who are non-believers.

Our primary duty is to declare to the world who God is and what He had done. As His witnesses, our lives should be exemplary and lead others to draw near to Him. The question we need to ask ourselves is, “Am I / is my life bringing glory and honor to His Name or am I / is my life bringing Him dishonor?”

### *Questions to ponder*

1. What did Peter say is our new status and identity when we turn to Christ (vv. 5, 9-10)? Which of these mean the most to you and how do you live out this new identity in your home and workplace?
2. In what ways were you in darkness (v. 9) before your conversion? How has your life changed since your conversion?
3. List some examples of “passions of the flesh” and why do God’s people need to refrain from them (v. 11)? What specific sinful desires will you ask God to help you abstain from and what would it mean for you to “keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable” (vv. 11 & 12)?