

## Sermon Discussion Notes Celebration Church

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## > The Name of the Lord is a Strong Tower

- The name of the Lord is to be trusted rather than wealth (Proverbs 18:10-11).
  - The name of the Lord is a never-changing, always-present source of strength, safety, and refuge.
- The tower formed the center of a community around which all houses and all activities unfolded. From their tower, people kept lookout over the community's territories, and launched offensives when the community was attacked. A tower could carry a fire and from it folks trumpeted signals. Towers drew a community's people from wherever they might roam. Over time, they developed into central storage houses, banks and seats of government. Towers are buildings around which the greatness of a people forms and in which it becomes manifested.

## > The Name of the Lord is the Glory of God

- The glory of God brings
  - Goodness and truth (Exodus 33:17-34:7).
  - Safety and peace (Proverbs 3:21-26; Hebrews 13:5-7).
  - Protection from enemies (Isaiah 59:19; Zechariah 2:1-5).
- Jesus is the personification of the glory of God (Philippians 2:9-11).
  - Only the name of Jesus brings
    - Salvation (Acts 4:10-12).
    - Healing (Acts 3:6-16).
    - o Deliverance from demons (Acts 16:16-18).

## How Should the Righteous Pursue the Glory of God?

- They should run quickly and with endurance (Proverbs 18:10; Hebrews 12:1-2).
  - Endurance is the characteristic of a man who does not swerve from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith by even the greatest trials and sufferings.
- They should run well, obeying the truth (Galatians 6:7-16).
  - Do not allow others to stop you from running in obedience.
  - No weapon formed against you shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17).
- They should not run in vain (Philippians 2:12-16).
  - The word vain is "to boast of spirituality but contain no fruit or evidence of faith; to be an empty vessel."
    - You cannot run on empty. Be full of living water (John 7:38).
- They should honor the word of God and not run ahead of it (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5).
  - Our afflictions bring an eternal weight of glory (2 Corinthians 4:17).
- They should forsake unrighteousness and all other means of safety (Psalm 20:7).
  - Those who trust in the name of the Lord shall be blessed (Psalm 24:3-5).
  - They shall be able to escape temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13).