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"I Crave" in a  
GOOD sense:  
Craving God

**Why were  
YOU  
created?**

**Question. 1. What is the chief end of man?**  
**Answer.** Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.  
- From The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Though the above is not a quote from Scripture, it expresses the intent of Scripture.**

Suggested verses that illustrate this were provided with the answer. Feel free to look for others!

[a]. Ps. 86:9; Isa. 60:21; Rom. 11:36; 1 Cor. 6:20; 10:31; Rev. 4:11  
[b]. Ps. 16:5-11; 144:15; Isa. 12:2; Luke 2:10; Philip. 4:4; Rev. 21:3-4

**In terms of our current study ...**

You were created to **Crave** God...  
> And <  
To enjoy doing so!

**This is the reason we were created.**

- If we had not sinned, doing this would have been more natural than breathing!
- NOT doing so would have been utterly unthinkable!

**But note also the 2<sup>nd</sup> part ...**

You were created to CRAVE God...  
> And <  
To **enjoy** doing so!

**THIS HAS TO DO WITH PLEASURE AND CHOICE!**

- Pleasure in God, because of who he is.
- Pleasure within the "context" of creation – a gift from the God who made us!

NOT ONLY DID I  
CREATE YOU TO  
GLORIFY AND  
ENJOY ME...

I ALSO CREATED AN  
ENJOYABLE  
"CONTEXT" IN WHICH  
YOU CAN DO THIS  
GLORIFYING...

A WORLD THAT  
ITSELF GLORIFIES  
ME!

**Delighting in God, in the context of a  
delightful world that he made for us.**

### Creation – The pleasure-filled "context," in which we can enjoy and find pleasure in God!

- ✓ An expression/source of God's pleasure.

May the **glory** of the Lord endure forever.  
May the Lord find **joy** in what he has made.

Psalm 104:31 (GW)

- ✓ A gift for us, which we can enjoy as we express our pleasure and joy in him.

The heavens are the Lord's; but the earth  
he has **given** to the children of men.

Psalm 115:16 (BBE)

- ✓ A reflection of God's own glory; it glorifies God and reveals something about him.

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--  
his **eternal power** and **divine nature**--have been **clearly  
seen**, being **understood** from what has been made, ...

Romans 1:20a (NIV)

We learn about the greatness of our God through  
what he has done.  
*This gives us all the more reason to want to glorify him.*

## WHO should praise God for his glory?

ALL should – everything in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth!

### Creation glorifies God, unconsciously and by nature.

The heavens **declare** the **glory** of God;  
the skies **proclaim** the work of his hands.

Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

### We can do it, consciously and by choice.

I will **praise** you, O Lord my  
God, with all my heart;  
I will **glorify** your name  
forever.

Psalm 86:12 (NIV)

I will **give thanks** to you  
with all my heart, O Lord  
my God.  
I will **honor** you forever ...

Psalm 86:12 (GW)

2 ways to express the same concepts.

All creation is a  
reflection of God's **GLORY!**  
**PRAISE** is the only  
right and proper response!

**Praise** the Lord!

**Praise** the Lord from the **heavens!**

**Praise** him from the skies!

**Praise** him, all his angels!

**Praise** him, all the armies of heaven!

**Praise** him, sun and moon!

**Praise** him, all you twinkling stars!

**Praise** him, skies above!

**Praise** him, vapors high above the clouds!

Let every created thing give **praise** to the Lord,  
for he issued his command, and they came into being.

He established them forever and forever.  
His orders will never be revoked.

Psalm 148:1-6 (NLT)

**Praise** the Lord from the **earth**,

you creatures of the ocean depths,  
fire and hail, snow and storm,  
wind and weather that obey him,

mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars,  
wild animals and all livestock,  
reptiles and birds,

kings of the earth and all people,  
rulers and judges of the earth,

young men and maidens,  
old men and children.

Let them all **praise** the name of the Lord.

For his name is very great;  
**his glory towers over the earth and heaven!**

Psalms 148:7-13 (NLT)

***If it were not for sin, this would have been the attitude of every human being!***

Shout for **joy** to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship** the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with **joyful** songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with **thanksgiving**

and his courts with **praise**;

give **thanks** to him and **praise** his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalms 100:1-5 (NIV)

## ***CRAVING GOD***

***IF sin had not come into the world:***

***Glorifying God*** would have been  
the #1 joy for all humanity.

**#1 !!**

It would have been  
our #1 DESIRE... our #1 CRAVE!

**#1 !!**

***But sin has changed all this.  
Sin has complicated matters.***

**WHAT HAVE WE DONE?**

✓ **WE HAVE TURNED** the focus of our delight away from  
the one who made us.

We now have more delight in the gifts – the  
things of creation – than in the giver.

✓ **WE HAVE DESTROYED** both ourselves and the gift –  
the creation he gave us.

As we twisted and distorted our focus (away  
from God), we also twisted and distorted his gift  
of creation.

## ***Sin's devastating effects.***

***Everything about us has been affected by our sin.***

- ✓ Our good longings cannot be totally fulfilled.
- ✓ We now have longings that are not good, which we try to fulfill.

***The whole world has been affected by our sin.***

- ✓ Things do not always work as God created them to.
- ✓ Creation groans for the day that it will be restored to a sinless condition... do you?

***Even CREATION suffers  
because of our sin.***

***It looks forward to the day when Jesus will return  
and make things new!***

For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day  
when God will reveal who his children really are.

Against its will, everything on earth was subjected  
to God's curse.

All creation anticipates the day when it will join  
God's children in glorious freedom from death and  
decay.

Romans 8:19-21 (NLT)

## In terms of our study ...

### BEFORE:

It would have been the *natural inclination* of every human being to **glorify God**.

This would have been our #1 desire.

*Our study of "I CRAVE" would have been centered around glorifying God.*

### AFTER:

It is the *natural inclination* of every human being to **do the opposite**.

*That makes our study more complex.*

**Our only hope  
is in Jesus Christ!**

✓ HOPE for creation.

✓ HOPE for us.

## When God saves us from our sins:

### We are able to once again glorify him...

- Not just by what we do – how we live.
- But also by our attitude toward him – our desire to acknowledge his glory.



When this happens, it will affect the way we respond!

... to the **praise** of his **glorious** grace, ...

... for the **praise** of his **glory**.

... to the **praise** of his **glory**.

Ephes. 1:6a, 12b, 14b (NIV)

## The DUTY to glorify God remains.

All people will do it... SOMEDAY.

... at the name of Jesus **every** knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and **every** tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the **glory** of God the Father.

Philip. 2:10-11 (NLT)

Then I heard **every** creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and **all** that is in them, singing:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be **praise** and **honor** and **glory** and **power**, for ever and ever!"

Rev. 5:13 (NIV)

## But God's people won't wait!

They have an additional reason to glorify God:  
They **delight** in doing so.

I will be **filled with joy** because of you.  
I will sing **praises** to your name, O Most High.

Psalms 9:2 (NLT)

Let the **righteous rejoice** in the Lord  
and take refuge in him;

let all the **upright in heart praise** him!

Psalms 64:10 (NIV)

**When we recognize the greatness of our God**  
through what he has done, this gives us all the more  
reason to want to glorify him!

✓ Because he made us!

For **you created** my inmost being;  
**you knit me together** in my mother's womb.

I **praise** you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

Psalms 139:13-14 (NIV)

✓ Because of the responsibility he has given  
us over creation!



O LORD, our Lord,  
how **majestic** is your name in all the earth! ...

You have set your **glory** above the heavens.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

**You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet, ...**

O LORD, our Lord,  
how **majestic** is your name in all the earth!

Psalms 8:1, 3-6, 9 (ESV)

✓ **Because he saved us!**

You were bought for a price.  
So bring **glory** to God in the way you use your body.

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything to the **glory** of God.

1 Cor. 6:20; 10:31 (GW)

✓ **Because he deserves it!**

For from Him and through Him and to  
Him are all things.

To Him be the **glory** forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36 (NASB)

**Yes, it is our duty...**  
**but for God's people, it is also our joy!**

All the nations that you have made  
will bow in your presence, O Lord.

They will **honor** you.

Psalms 86:9 (GW)

"You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive **glory** and **honor** and **power**,

for you created all things,  
and by your will they were created  
and have their being."

Rev. 4:11 (NIV)

*This week ...*

**Consider:**

- God's glory  
and
- your response to it.

**What is your #1 CRAVING in life?**

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