

John 12:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

Analysis

Jesus resolves His struggle: 'Father, glorify thy name,' prioritizing God's glory over personal comfort. The Father's audible response affirms both past glorification (through Jesus' ministry) and future glorification (through the cross). This divine voice publicly authenticates Jesus' mission at this crucial moment. The Father's 'I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again' spans Christ's entire ministry—past signs and future sacrifice both glorify God. The audible voice serves the crowd (v. 30), not Jesus, providing testimony to His divine sonship.

Historical Context

Audible divine voices occurred at Jesus' baptism (Matt 3:17) and transfiguration (Matt 17:5). These theophanic moments publicly authenticated Jesus' mission at strategic points. The crowd's hearing provides multiple witnesses.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' prayer 'glorify thy name' model proper priority in conflicted decisions?
2. What does the Father's response teach about how Christ's suffering glorifies God?
3. In what ways can you prioritize God's glory over personal comfort?

Interlinear Text

πάτερ	δοξάσω	σου	τὸ	ὄνομα	ήλθεν	οὖν	φωνὴ	ἐκ
Father	glorified	thy	G3588	name	came there	Then	a voice	from
G3962	G1392	G4675		G3686	G2064	G3767	G5456	G1537
τοῦ	οὐρανοῦ	καὶ	δοξάσω	καὶ	πάλιν	δοξάσω		
G3588	heaven	both	glorified	both	it again	glorified		
	G3772	G2532	G1392	G2532	G3825	G1392		

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 26:42 (Parallel theme): He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

Matthew 17:5 (Parallel theme): While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Matthew 3:17 (Parallel theme): And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

2 Peter 1:17 (Glory): For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Ephesians 3:10 (Parallel theme): To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Ephesians 3:21 (Glory): Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Ephesians 2:7 (Parallel theme): That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Mark 1:11 (Parallel theme): And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Mark 14:36 (Parallel theme): And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Mark 9:7 (Parallel theme): And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

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