

John 13:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

Analysis

If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself (εἰ ὁ θεὸς ἐδοξάσθη ἐν αὐτῷ, καὶ ὁ θεὸς δοξάσει αὐτὸν ἐν ἑαυτῷ)—the conditional 'if' assumes reality ('since God is glorified'). The future tense doxasei (shall glorify) points to the resurrection and ascension. **In himself** (ἐν ἑαυτῷ, en heautō) means God will glorify Christ not through external circumstances but by elevating Him to God's own glory, sharing the divine throne (Philippians 2:9-11, Hebrews 1:3).

And shall straightway glorify him (εὐθὺς δοξάσει αὐτόν)—euthys (immediately, straightway) again. The cross leads directly to resurrection (three days) and ascension (forty days). No delay between humiliation and exaltation. Jesus's glorification was certain and imminent.

Historical Context

Jewish expectation of Messiah focused on earthly, political triumph. Jesus radically redefines messianic glorification: suffering precedes glory (Luke 24:26), and glory comes through resurrection, not military conquest. Within seven weeks of this statement, Jesus would be seated at the Father's right hand (Acts 2:33), the ultimate vindication and glorification.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's immediate glorification after suffering encourage believers facing present trials (Romans 8:17-18)?
2. What does it mean that the Father glorifies the Son 'in himself'—sharing divine glory?
3. How should the certainty of future glorification shape your present obedience to Christ?

Interlinear Text

εἰ	ὁ	θεὸς	δοξάσει	ἐν	αὐτόν	καὶ	ὁ	θεὸς	δοξάσει
If	G3588	God	be glorified	in	him	also	G3588	God	be glorified
G1487		G2316	G1392	G1722	G846	G2532		G2316	G1392
αὐτόν	ἐν	ἑαυτῷ,	καὶ	εὐθὺς	δοξάσει	αὐτόν			
him	in	himself	also	straightway	be glorified	him			
G846	G1722	G1438	G2532	G2117	G1392	G846			

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 22:3 (References God): And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Revelation 22:1 (References God): And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

John 17:1 (Parallel theme): These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

John 12:23 (Glory): And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

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