

How Great Is Our God!

“O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed...And when I think that God His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in...How great Thou art!”

When Carl Boberg wrote those words, his heart and mind were filled with the wonder of who God is and what He has done. Have we forgotten how great He is and taken Him for granted? Everything we have come from His hand, every good thing provided by His grace.

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it...” (Psalm 24:1). We have known and quoted this verse by heart, but somewhere along the way we learned the language and leanings of our culture. What actually belongs to Him we think belongs to us. What God considers our privileges, we have claimed as our rights. What has happened?

The psalmist acknowledges what we all need to grasp: “Lord, You have assigned me my portion and my cup; You have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance” (Psalm 16:5-6).

In his prayer of dedication of all the gifts he had gathered for building the temple, David once again made it clear that he understood how great and good and gracious the Lord God is to allow us to handle His treasures for Him. He prayed, “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand” (1 Chronicles 29:11-14).

Our declarations that Jesus is Lord have a hollow ring to them if we treat what belongs to Him as if we deserved it and claim it as if we own it. All that we have and all that we are are His because He created all things, but also because in Christ He bought us. “You are not your own; you were bought at a price” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

In our first study on God’s design for responsible management, we want to invite the Lord to show us all that He has given us so that we will understand how great our God truly is!

1. How have I witnessed the greatness of God in my own life?

◆ In leading me to Christ...

◆ In relationships...

◆ In material blessings...

• Employment

• Housing

• Transportation

• Daily needs

2. What have I done to let Him know that I am committed to His lordship and grateful for His generosity and goodness?