

"Growing Glory"

Text: John 12:20-26

Scripture reading: Luke 14:16-35

I. Seeking the Lord's glory - vv. 20-22

II. Seeing the Lord's glory - vv. 23-24
(Heb. 7:25)

III. Serving the Lord's glory - vv. 25-26

A) Living by dying: (Rom. 8:5-8, 10)

- we die to _____
- we die to _____
- we die to the _____

B) Serving by following: (Lk. 14:26-33)

C) Blessings by promise

Conclusion: Lessons for disciples of Christ:

1) Disciples are called to _____ for Christ's _____

2) Disciples are called to _____ in Christ's _____

3) Disciples are called to _____ in Christ's _____

"The world may pour contempt on our religion, and laugh us and our Christianity to scorn; but when the Father honours us at the last day, before the assembly of angels and men, we shall find that His praise makes amends for all."

J. C. Ryle

Sermon quotes:

III. Serving the Lord's glory - vv. 25-26

B) Serving by following

*J. C. Ryle,

"Faith and obedience are the leading marks of real followers, and will always be seen in true believing Christians. ...To serve Christ in name and form is easy work, and satisfies most people, but to follow Him in faith and life demands more trouble than the generality of men will take about their souls."

C) Blessings by promise

*Richard Philipps,

"This is our great reward and our pleasure in this life: to have Christ's encouragement, to know Christ's approval, and to live by Christ's power."

*A. M. Hunter,

"It has been said that 'follow Me' is the whole of a Christian's duty, as to 'be where Christ is' is the whole of his reward."