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Joseph gave God all the **credit** for his ability to interpret dreams.

- **Genesis 41:15-16:** "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace."

Joseph gave God all the **credit** for giving him peace after the years of suffering he went through.

- **Genesis 41:51:** "And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house."

The Israelites took **credit** away from God for delivering them from Egypt, and gave it to the idol Aaron created out of their earrings.

- **Exodus 32:4:** "And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."
- **Exodus 32:8:** "They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

The Gibeonites gave God the **credit** for the great wonders He had done in Egypt.

- **Joshua 9:9:** "And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,"

The Gibeonites gave God the **credit** for defeating the two kings of the Amorites.

- **Joshua 9:10:** "And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth."

Caleb gave God the **credit** for keeping him alive for the past 45 years (while the Israelites wandered around in the wilderness).

- **Joshua 14:10:** "And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old."

Deborah sang a song in which she gave herself the **credit** for defeating those who oppressed Israel. (Her song does much to glorify herself and Jael, and little to glorify God.)

- **Judges 5:7:** "The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a

mother in Israel."

Deborah gave Jael the **credit** for killing Sisera.

- **Judges 5:24, 26:** "Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent. ... She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples."

Gideon gave God the **credit** for Ephraim's victory over the two princes of Midian.

- **Judges 8:3:** "God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that."

Jephthah gave God the **credit** for Israel's victory over Sihon.

- **Judges 11:21:** "And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country."

Jephthah gave God the **credit** for driving out the pagan nations who once lived in the promised land.

- **Judges 11:24:** "Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess."

The Philistines believed that their god had delivered Samson into their hand. They gave their false god **credit** for his capture.

- **Judges 16:23:** "Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand."
- **Judges 16:24:** "And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us."

The women of Bethlehem gave God the **credit** for providing a kinsman for Naomi.

- **Ruth 4:14:** "And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel."

When Hannah gave birth to Samuel, she gave the **credit** to God.

- **1 Samuel 2:1:** "And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation."

Saul didn't try to take the **credit** for winning a victory over the Ammonites. Instead he gave it to God.

- **1 Samuel 11:13:** "And Saul said, There shall not a man be

put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel."

David gave God the **credit** for preventing him from killing Nabal and his household.

- **1 Samuel 25:34:** "For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall."

The Philistines gave their idols the **credit** for their victory over Saul (when in reality God was the one who gave them that victory).

- **1 Samuel 31:9:** "And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people."

David never gave any **credit** to the fact that God had made him the anointed king of Israel instead of Saul. He refused to acknowledge that fact, and would never admit that God had rejected Saul as king over Israel.

- **2 Samuel 1:16:** "And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed."

Joab wanted David to take the **credit** for conquering the city of Rabbah (even though Joab was the one who actually

conquered it, not David).

- **2 Samuel 12:28:** "Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name."

When the servants of David defeated the servants of Absalom, Ahimaaz gave God the **credit** for their victory.

- **2 Samuel 18:28:** "And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king."

When the servants of David defeated the servants of Absalom, Cushie gave God the **credit** for their victory.

- **2 Samuel 18:31:** "And, behold, Cushie came; and Cushie said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee."

David gave God the **credit** for his speed and athletic ability.

- **2 Samuel 22:30:** "For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall."

David gave God the **credit** for the success he experienced in life.

- **2 Samuel 22:34:** "He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places."

David gave God the **credit** for making him strong in battle and giving him victory over his enemies.

- **2 Samuel 22:35:** "He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms."
- **2 Samuel 22:40:** "For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me."

David gave God the **credit** for saving him from those who strove against him.

- **2 Samuel 22:44:** "Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me to be head of the heathen: a people which I knew not shall serve me."

David gave God the **credit** for his victories over other nations.

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David gave God the **credit** for the fact that he reigned.

- **2 Samuel 22:48:** "It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me."

David gave God the **credit** for putting one of his children on the throne of Israel after him.

- **1 Kings 1:48:** "And also thus said the king, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it."

Even though the temple was built by more than 100,000 Israelites, Solomon was given **credit** for building it. (The temple was built at his command, and he was the one who paid for it.)

- **1 Kings 6:9:** "So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar."

Solomon gave God the **credit** for building the temple.

- **1 Kings 8:15, 19, 24:** "And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying, ... Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name. ... Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day."
- **2 Chronicles 6:4, 9-10:** "And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying, ... Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel."
- **2 Chronicles 6:15:** "Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine

hand, as it is this day."

Solomon was given **credit** for making the brass items that were constructed for the temple.

- **2 Chronicles 4:17-18:** "In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah. Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out."

When the neighboring countries heard that the army of Moabites, Ammonites, and Edomites had been defeated, they gave God the **credit** for the victory. They knew God had fought against Israel's enemies and defeated them.

- **2 Chronicles 20:29:** "And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel."

When the Syrians defeated Ahaz in battle, Ahaz gave the **credit** for their success to the false gods that the Syrians worshiped.

- **2 Chronicles 28:23:** "For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel."

When God confronted Satan with the fact that Job hadn't cursed Him after losing everything, Satan refused to give Job

any **credit** for holding onto his integrity and not cursing God. Instead he just leveled a new accusation against him.

- **Job 2:3-5:** "And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face."

Even though David escaped by pretending to be insane, he still gave God the **credit** for his deliverance.

- **Psalms 34:0, 7:** "A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed. ... The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

The psalmist gives Phinehas the **credit** for stopping the plague that God sent when the Hebrews worshiped Baalpeor in the wilderness.

- **Psalms 106:28-30:** "They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them. Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed."

David gave God the **credit** for subduing Israel under him.

- **Psalms 144:2:** "My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me."

The Assyrian didn't give God the **credit** for his victories. Instead he praised himself.

- **Isaiah 10:5, 13:** "O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. ... For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:"

We must give God all the **credit**, because He's the one who accomplishes things through us. (Without Him we can do nothing.)

- **Isaiah 10:15:** "Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood."

Sennacherib didn't give God the **credit** for his victories. Instead he gave it to himself, and the multitude of his chariots.

- **Isaiah 37:24:** "By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the height of his border, and the forest of his Carmel."

- **Isaiah 37:25:** "I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places."

God doesn't want idols to receive **credit** for the things He's done. (That's one of the reasons God tells us things in advance, so there can be no doubt that He's the one who did it.)

- **Isaiah 48:5:** "I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them."

The Jews gave the **credit** for their prosperity to the queen of heaven (an idol), not to God.

- **Jeremiah 44:17:** "But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil."

God's judgment against Judah caused the enemies of the Jews to rejoice. They took **credit** for its destruction.

- **Lamentations 2:16:** "All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed her up: certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it."

It's wrong to take away the glory that God deserves for the things He's created, and give the **credit** to someone else.

- **Ezekiel 29:9:** "And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it."

Arioch took **credit** for finding Daniel, even though Daniel was the one who sought him out and told him that he could interpret the king's dream.

- **Daniel 2:25:** "Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation."

Daniel didn't take **credit** for providing the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Instead he gave all the credit to God.

- **Daniel 2:27-28:** "Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;"

Nebuchadnezzar understood the only way Daniel could have revealed the secret of his dream was by God's power. That's why he gave all the **credit** to God.

- **Daniel 2:47:** "The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of

a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret."

Nebuchadnezzar took all the **credit** for building Babylon. He said he had built it with his might and for his glory.

- **Daniel 4:30:** "The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?"

It's evil to give idols **credit** for the blessings that God has given us.

- **Hosea 2:5:** "For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink."
- **Hosea 2:12:** "And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them."

The people of Zion boasted that they had become strong by their own efforts. They gave themselves all the **credit** for their wealth and power.

- **Amos 6:1, 13:** "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! ... Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?"

After the Chaldeans conquer the nations, their ruler will offend God by giving the **credit** to his god.

- **Habakkuk 1:10-11:** "And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it. Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god."

When the multitude saw Jesus cast the demon out of the child, they gave God the **credit** for the miracle.

- **Luke 9:42-43:** "And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father. And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,"

When Jesus healed a woman who had been bound by a disease for 18 years, she gave God the **credit** for the miracle.

- **Luke 13:11-13:** "And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God."

We must not take **credit** for anything, because all of it was a

gift from God. (Instead we should give the credit to Him.)

- **John 3:27:** "John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven."

All of the **credit** for our salvation goes to God, because He's the one who drew us to Him and paid the price to save us.

- **John 6:65:** "And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father."

Jesus said the reason Mary anointed His feet with ointment was because He was about to be buried. However, it's unlikely Mary realized that's why she was doing it. Even though she did it unknowingly, Jesus still gave her **credit** for it.

- **John 12:7:** "Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this."

The lame man gave God the **credit** for healing him.

- **Acts 3:8:** "And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God."

Peter gave Jesus the **credit** for healing the lame man.

- **Acts 3:16:** "And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."

The people of Jerusalem gave **God** the credit for healing the lame man.

- **Acts 4:21:** "So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done."

The disciples believed that when they healed people, it was actually the hand of **God** who was doing the healing. They gave all the credit to Him.

- **Acts 4:24, 30:** "And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: ... By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus."

Ananias wanted to receive **credit** for giving generously to the church, but he didn't actually want to give generously.

- **Acts 5:1-2:** "But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet."

When Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch, they gave God the **credit** for all the great things that happened on their missionary journey.

- **Acts 14:27:** "And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of

faith unto the Gentiles."

Since Abraham believed God and had faith in what He told him, God **credited** righteousness to him.

- **Romans 4:3:** "For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."

Paul didn't take **credit** for the work he did. Instead he gave it all to God, because God was the one who worked in him and through him.

- **1 Corinthians 15:10:** "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

The churches of Judaea knew that God was the one who had transformed Paul. They gave God the **credit**, and praised Him for what He had done.

- **Galatians 1:23-24:** "But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me."

Those who seek salvation by works take pride in their good works, because they think they're earning them salvation. (In other words, they're taking the **credit** for their salvation.)

- **Galatians 6:13:** "For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you

circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh."

Paul gave God all the **credit** for the existence of the Philippian church. He believed the church was the work of God, and so he gave God thanks.

- **Philippians 1:3:** "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,"

The good work that's begun in us was God's doing, not ours. Paul gives God all the **credit** for it. (God is the one who's confirming us to His image, and changing our heart.)

- **Philippians 1:6:** "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

Paul gave God the **credit** for working within him to make him perfect. However, he believed that he had a responsibility to work hard to improve. (He didn't believe he could just sit around and do nothing, and wait for God to change him.)

- **Colossians 1:29:** "Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily."

Paul gave God all the **credit** for the fact that the Thessalonians had accepted and believed the gospel.

- **1 Thessalonians 2:13:** "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

Paul gave God the **credit** for the faithfulness of the Thessalonians.

- **1 Thessalonians 3:9:** "For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;"

Paul gave Jesus all the **credit** for his ministry.

- **1 Timothy 1:12:** "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;"

We must give Jesus all the **credit** for every good thing in our life. They're His doing, not ours.

- **Philemon 1:4, 6:** "I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, ... That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."

Paul gave Philemon the **credit** for all the help that Onesimus had provided to him.

- **Philemon 1:13:** "Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:"

If we accomplish anything, we must give the **credit** to God.

- **James 4:15:** "For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."