The Response

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> 28 Father, glorify your name. There came therefore a voice out of heaven,
> I both have glorified and will glorify it again.

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"'Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven: 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'" (John 12:28)

The prayer of Jesus, *"Father, glorify your name,"* was immediately followed by the response from heaven, *"I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."* The Son's desire was so excellent and pleasing to the Father that He could not remain silent.

What is the meaning and significance of these divine words? The Son's works, done in dependence, glorified the Father. This was also the case with the raising of Lazarus. Therefore, the Father gave His Son the firm promise that He would answer His request and glorify Himself again. But how would this happen? By raising Him from the dead in the power of His own glory (see Rom. 6:4). He did not allow His Holy One to see corruption (see Ps. 16:10)! The resurrection of the Lord Jesus is fundamentally important to every believer. Why? First, because it’s divine proof that He has truly atoned for all our sins; second, because His resurrection includes the spiritual raising of all who believe in Him (see Eph. 2:4–5)! It is no wonder that the Victor of Golgotha—“the last Adam” (1 Cor. 15:45)—on the day of His resurrection, immediately went to see His disciples and communicated His resurrection life to them by breathing into them (see John 20:22).

The Lord Jesus said a short, devoted prayer and received a clear answer. We too are not heard for the sake of our many words (see Mt. 6:7), but only because we ask for things in accordance with the will of God. If we make the exaltation of the Father our primary concern and subordinate our personal wishes to it, all things will be in their proper place. When the Lord Jesus taught His disciples to pray, the first request He presented to them was, *“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”* (Mt. 6:9). When we pray with this attitude, we can trust that we are praying in the name of Jesus—and in this way, He who hears prayer is glorified (see John 14:13; Ps. 65:2).

When was the last time you thought about why you pray for something? How dedicated are you in longing for God to be glorified through your life? Remember, prayer isn't necessarily about many or beautiful words, but about the right attitude and desire of your heart!

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