

building armaments and their force which 20 years ago was half of ours is now nearly twice ours! In most areas. And one wonders. Well, what Kipling said of the British Empire may become true of ~~x~~ us before many years have passed. The glory of man is as the flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower fades away, but the Word of the Lord endures forever.

So the glory of man as we tend to think of it is something that is not lasting. I was tremendously impressed by what Coulson said that he had been so impressed by something C.S. Lewis said. C. S. Lewis said that the future of a nation is not nearly as important as the future of an individual. A nation rises and it falls. It becomes great and glorious and it disappears. But a human being is a spirit who has been ~~created/for~~ created for all eternity, and human being will last forever. Surely the fate of one human being is more important in God's sight than the fate of an empire.

This is the true glory of man. It is not the glory of the great group of people, not the glory of the great army, not the glory of the wonderful capitol. But the glory of what God intended this human being to be, what this human being potentially is. So we find that the word "glory" has been used in the Psalms three times, perhaps four. The reason I say perhaps, is that in one of the cases it may be a prediction of the Lord Jesus Christ rather than a reference to man. That instance is Ps. 16:9--"Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices, my flesh also shall rest in hope." Notice that the heart is glad and my glory rejoices. The heart might stand for the flesh--the material part of man. My glory would seem to stand for the eternal spirit, which is the only true glory of man.

But since the greater part of this Psalm, and perhaps every word of it is a prediction of the Lord Jesus Christ, we will not draw conclusions from it as to the ~~glory~~ of an individual man other than Christ. But we have three other cases: In Psalm 30:12 we read "to the end that my glory may sing praise to thee and not be silent, O Lord my God. I give thanks unto thee." Some translate that "my glory" as referring to myself, to my spirit. That my spirit may sing praise to thee. The Hebrew word is the word "glory." We find it again in Ps. 103:1..... "O God my heart is fixed, I will sing and give praise, even with my glory." My spirit will give praise to God who ~~created/~~ created me. And Ps. 57:8--there again this word "glory" is used in this way. "I will praise him..... No, its, v.8. "Awake up my glory; awake psaltery and harp.