

# **COMPETITION AND THE GLORY OF GOD**

## **Isaiah 42:8**

**God accepts no competitors. He does not and will not share His shine!**

### **I. PARTICULAR PRONOUNCEMENTS**

- Emphasizing God's exclusivity

- A. YAHWEH DOES NOT SHARE - Isaiah 42:8
- B. YAHWEH ALONE IS GOD - Isaiah 44:6-8
- C. YAHWEH FORBIDS RIVALS - Exodus 20:1-5
- D. YAHWEH IS JEALOUS - Exodus 20:5

### **II. PRIDE'S PITFALLS**

- The perils of seeking to dethrone God

- A. LUCIFER'S COUP - Isaiah 14:12-15
- B. BABEL'S PASSION - Genesis 11:1-4
- C. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S FOLLY - Daniel 4:30-37
- D. HEROD'S DEMISE - Acts 12:20-23

### **III. PRIORITY PRESCRIPTIONS**

- How to avoid devaluing God

- A. BE ATTENTIVE TO GOD - Deuteronomy 6:4-15
- B. BE COMMITTED TO GOD - Joshua 24:14-15
- C. BE SENSIBLE ABOUT IDOLATRY - Isaiah 44:14-20
- D. BE AWARE OF DESTRUCTION - Nahum 1:2, Romans 1:21-25 and II Thessalonians 1:7b-10

E. BE WORSHIPPING CONSISTENTLY - I Chronicles 16:8-12 and 23-36

**CONCLUSION:**

**Is anything you're doing or allowing competing with God?**

- Success
- Fame
- Possessions
- Recreation
- Family

**If so, remove God's rivals and quit competing**