

The Prince of Glory

Introduction:

1. This song was written by Verna Elisha Howard in 1973.
 2. V. E. Howard was born in Farmersville, LA on September 29, 1911, and passed away at Texarkana, TX on September 28, 2000.
 3. He obeyed the Gospel in October of 1930, and, several months later he began preaching at a meeting in Powen, TX, on May 24, 1931.
 4. He preached in Arkansas and Texas before devoting himself to evangelism through radio preaching and Gospel meetings.
 5. During his lifetime, brother Howard wrote several books, authored a number of hymns, and baptized over 8,000 people.
 - a. In 1978, he and Broadus E Smith published *Church Gospel Songs and Hymns*.
 - b. He penned several well-known songs including: "By Faith I Can See," "By His Wonderful Grace," "I'll Walk with Jesus," "One Soul for Thee," "Our Savior Died," "Rejoice and Sing," "Sing of His Love," and "The Prince of Glory."
 6. Brother Howard became well-known through his radio program – International Gospel Hour – and his 'catch phrase': "Are you listening?"
 - a. "International Gospel Hour" is one of the top three longest continuous weekly religious broadcasts in America (1934 – present).
 - b. Today, it is overseen by the elders of the West Fayetteville Church of Christ in Fayetteville, TN.
 - c. Jeff Archey is the current speaker/director for the program.
 7. "The Prince of Glory" describes Jesus as King of His kingdom welcoming His redeemed home to Heaven...
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- I. Jesus in the Book of Matthew
 - A. Matthew wrote to Jewish audience to present Jesus as the Messiah.
 - B. Thus, he quoted from the Old Testament almost 100 times.
 - C. He definitively declared Jesus to be the King of kings, and the church to be His kingdom.
 - II. Jesus Is the King of Kings

A. Matthew 1:1	– Jesus had a King's bloodline.
B. Matthew 1:18 – 2:12	– Jesus had a King's birth.
C. Matthew 3:13-17	– Jesus had a King's introduction.
D. Matthew 7:28-29; 12:8	– Jesus had a Kings' authority.
E. Matthew 12:30	– Jesus had a King's loyalty.
F. Matthew 16:21	– Jesus had a King's enemies.
G. Matthew 20:28; 26:28	– Jesus had a King's love.
H. Matthew 21:1-11; 25:31	– Jesus had a King's glory.
I. Matthew 27:22-37	– Jesus had a King's sacrifice.
J. Matthew 28:1-6	– Jesus had a King's victory.
K. Matthew 13; 16:1-19	– Jesus had a King's kingdom.

III. Jesus Is the Prince of Glory

The King of all Kings who did suffer for sin,
 His blood freely gave for all men;
 The kingdom of heaven with riches untold,
 Great victory for my soul.

Our Father in heaven His will to obey,
 We'll stand in the judgment someday;
 The Prince of all glory, His palace is mine,
 The throne of God's grace divine.

The Prince of all glory will welcome me home;
 Where joy like the world is unknown;
 No tears and no sorrows in heaven above,
 Our hope is redeeming love.

Chorus:

The Prince of all glory in majesty reigns,
 To welcome all saints, praise His name.
 A mansion in heaven, what joy it will be,
 Throughout all eternity.

- A. Jesus is called a "prince" three times in the New Testament:
 - 1. Prince of life (Acts 3:15) [Author]
 - 2. Prince and Savior (Acts 5:31)
 - 3. Prince of the kings of the earth (Revelation 1:5) [Ruler]
- B. In prophecy, Jesus was called a "prince" several times:
 - 1. Prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6)
 - 2. Prince (my servant David) (Ezekiel 34:24; 37:25)
 - 3. The Messiah the Prince (Daniel 9:25)
- C. These verses declare His royalty as the Son of God.
- D. Yet, they also proclaim His authority as Ruler and King.
- E. Because He reigns, the citizens of His kingdom will be welcomed into the eternal abode of Heaven!