

A Life of Humility – *Daniel Israel (May 23, 2022)*

Philippians 2:8-11

8And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross.

9For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Come to Christ, and learn humility

Matthew 11:28-30

28“Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

29Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

30For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light.”

True humility brings obedience to the Word of God and His will!

Matthew 3:13-17

13Then Jesus *arrived from Galilee at the Jordan, coming to John to be baptized by him.

14But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have the need to be baptized by You, and yet You are coming to me?”

15 But Jesus, answering, said to him, “Allow it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he *allowed Him.

16 After He was baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and settling on Him,

17 and behold, a voice from the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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If we repent and humble ourselves,
God will hear our prayers!

1 Chronicles 7: 7:13–14

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Those who humble themselves
will be exalted

Luke 14:7-11

7 Now He began telling a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor at the table, saying to them,

8“Whenever you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him,

9 and the one who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then in disgrace you will proceed to occupy the last place.

10 But whenever you are invited, go and take the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will have honor in the sight of all who are dining at the table with you.

11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 18:10-12

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get'"

Luke 18:13-14

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted"

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Those who humble themselves
will be the greatest in the Kingdom of God!

Matthew 18:1-5

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

2 And He called a child to Himself and set him among them,

3 and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you change and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 So whoever will humble himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 And whoever receives one such child in My name, receives Me.

The one who serves is
greater than one who is served!

Matthew 20:25-28

25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles domineer over them, and those in high position exercise authority over them.

26 It is not this way among you, but whoever wants to become prominent among you shall be your servant,

27 and whoever desires to be first among you shall be your slave;

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

The one who abides in Christ
has the true humility!

John 5:1-5

1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

4 Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself but must remain in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me.

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5I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

People who are humble
will always please God

John 8:28-29

Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

John 14:10

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

True Humility Reaches
Out to all people

Romans 5:6-8

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Humility in Action

John 13:4-15

(Jesus washing the feet of his disciples)

Shun False Humility!

Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Colossians 2:21-23

21 "Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,"

22 which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men?

23 These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

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Prayer of dependence brings humility.

Self-reliance without God leads to pride and arrogance.

True Humility.....

Is we are nothing, and God is everything!

Is being sincere when we come to Him.

Is esteeming others better than ourselves?

Is paying attention to Jesus' words so we can learn humility from the Master himself

Is abiding in Him, becoming dependent on Him.

Psalm 131

1 Lord, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me.

2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul,

Like a weaned child with his mother.

Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

3 O Israel, hope in the Lord

From this time forth and forever.