



#4 "Exalted"

The Hymn of Christ:

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 1:5-11

The Ethical Command:

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus v5 (ESV)

The Purpose of This Hymn Is To Move Us To ACTION

- ADORATION
- EMULATION

The Humility of Jesus:

- His Humble RENUNCIATION

who, though he was in the form (μορφή morphē) of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, v6 (ESV)

"Jesus Was And Is And Will Always Be God"

- His Humble INCARNATION

but emptied himself (κενόω ken-na-oo), by taking the form (μορφή morphē) of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. v7 (ESV)

"Jesus Is In Essence And In Nature Fully Man And At The Same Time In Essence And In Nature Fully God"

- His Humble CRUCIFIXION

And being found in human form (σχήμα skem-ma), he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. v8 (ESV)

"This phrase; 'even death on a cross' serves as the rock-bottom of Christ's humility and the most gripping part of his obedience....here is Jesus the preexistent One, the Lord of Glory dying on the cross for sinners" ~Tony Merida & Francis Chan~

“In the Christian story God descends to re-ascend. he comes down; down from the heights of absolute being into time and space, down into humanity.... But he goes down to come up again and to bring the whole ruined world up with Him” ~CS Lewis~

The Exaltation of Jesus:

- His Exalted POSITION

Therefore God has highly exalted and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (κύριος kŭ'-re-os), to the glory of God the Father. v9-11 (ESV)

- A Designation of HUMAN Sovereignty
- A Designation of DIVINE Sovereignty

Application Principle:

Exalt Yourself And God Will Humble You. Humble Yourself And God Will Exalt You
Lift Yourself Up And God Will Push You Down. Push Yourself Down And God Will Lift You Up.

Life Group Discussion Questions

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Read Philippians 2: 5-8

- Why do you think this passage ought to stimulate “adoration” & “emulation”? (v5)
- How is Jesus’s humility displayed in this passage?
- What do you think would happen in our relationships if we were able to emulate Jesus in. his humility?
- How is Jesus model for leadership different from a worldly model of leadership?
- What are some practical ways you could implement Jesus model in your life today?

Read Philippians 2: 9-11

- How is the exaltation of Jesus displayed in this passage?
- Why is the exaltation of Jesus important for you today?
- Discuss the statement: “Lift Yourself Up And God Will Push You Down. Push Yourself Down And God Will Lift You Up.”
- The passage ends with stating that Jesus’s work was done “to the glory of the Father”. What does this teach us regarding our work and efforts in the kingdom?

Going Deeper:

As a group read Isaiah 53- meditate on the humility of Jesus and the saving work of the cross.
Pray together. Worship together

Sources:

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