

PHILIPPIANS Lesson 22

Chapter 2, verses 9-11: The Ascent of the Lord Jesus Christ Back to Glory

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Vs 9 “Wherefore God also...” Because Jesus Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to the will of God the Father (It pleased the Lord to bruise him, Isaiah 53:10),

“...God also hath highly exalted him.” Jesus was not exalted by men (temporarily), but by God (eternally and permanently). Jesus humbled Himself under the mighty hand of God, and God exalted Him in due time (**1 Peter 5:6**).

Jesus’ humility and obedience is contrasted by Lucifer’s pride and disobedience. “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God!” (Isaiah 14:13). “I will be like the most high” (Isaiah 14:14).

- “For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.” (Luke 14:11).
 - Lucifer will come to realize this truth: “Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.” (Isaiah 14:15).

“...and given him a name which is above every name!”

- **IT IS A SAVING NAME** (Matthew 1:18-25) “Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”
- **IT IS A POWERFUL NAME** (Luke 19:17) “Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.”
- **IT IS AN EXCLUSIVE NAME** (Acts 4:10-12) “There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”
- **IT IS AN EXALTED NAME** (Philippians 2:9) “a name which is above every name.”

MEN HAVE ALWAYS SOUGHT TO MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES:

Genesis 11:1-4 “Let us make us a name” (vs 4). God didn’t allow it because they wanted to glorify themselves rather than God.

Psalms 49:11 “they call their lands after their own names.” Men may honor you by naming a land after you, but the only name that will get you to heaven is the name of Jesus.

Vs 10 “That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”

- Men bowed to Jesus in Mockery on the day of His crucifixion (**Matthew 27:29**, Mark 15:19).
- All men will bow before the exalted Jesus Christ and give Him honor and glory.
 - Saved men and women will bow before Him and praise Him for their salvation.
 - Lost men and women will bow before Him before they are cast into Hell forever.
 - Jesus tasted death for every man (**Heb 2:9**) so that no one would have to go to Hell. He destroyed the power of death, that is, the devil (**Heb 2:14**).
 - The only way you can go to hell now is if you exalt your own name and reject the saving name of Jesus Christ.
- **Revelation 20:11-15**, the Great White Throne Judgment. When time runs out, those who did not call on the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:21, Rom 10:13) will be raised from the dead to face the Lord Jesus Christ. No excuses will be accepted. Men and women will be judged according to their works and be cast into the lake of fire.