

PHILIPPIANS Lesson 23

Chapter 2, verses 10-11: Every Knee Shall Bow to the Lord Jesus Christ

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Though men have attempted to reduce Jesus Christ to a mere man, EVERY man will bow the knee one day to Him as the Lord of Glory, the Creator of the universe, the Savior and Redeemer, as Almighty God.

The horrific death that Jesus died on the cross testifies to the fact that there is a terrible judgment that awaits sinners, a judgment so terrible that God sent His Son to die for those sinners so they can escape that judgment.

Romans 14:11-12 This is a cross reference to Philippians 2:10-11. Here it is clear that every knee is going to bow before the Lord Jesus Christ and give account of himself to God. Jesus Christ is the superior one, worthy of our reverence.

Many (proud) people today do not easily subject themselves to those deserving of honor (a ruling class such as kings and queens, etc.), but everyone is going to bow the knee and submit to Jesus Christ, no matter what their background was on earth.

Today men and women demand that God answer their questions and give account of Himself to them. The day is coming when God is going to be the one asking the questions. He won't be entertaining our enquiries and demands.

THE EXAMPLE OF JOB

Job 1:1, 2:7-10 Job was a righteous man who suffered a great trial but retained his integrity and did not sin against God.

Job did, however, begin to **question** God under his intense suffering (**Job 3:11-12, 23; 6:11; 7:12, 17-18**)

When we question God ("Why?" "How come, God?"), in essence, we are judging God, expecting Him to give account of Himself to us.

Job 38:1-7 God demands that Job answer some questions.

Job 40:1-2 God's questions are intended to help Job recognize his place. Man has no business "contending with the Almighty" or "reproving God" (vs 2)

Job 40:3-5 Notice, when Job finally got God's ear, he didn't question God anymore. He simply said, "**I am vile.**" That is a perfect example of how it is going to be kneeling before Jesus Christ at the Great White Throne. All arguments will cease when men and women finally realize how wrong they were about Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 45:22-25 GOD said, "**For I am God, and there is none else...unto ME every knee shall bow.**"

Yet, Philippians 2:10-11 says at the name of JESUS all knees bow.

If both these verses are true, then Jesus Christ has to be God. He is "equal with God."

THE EXAMPLE OF ISAIAH THE PROPHET

Isaiah 6:1-5 Isaiah rebuked and condemned the children of Israel for 5 chapters, but when he saw God on his throne, high and lifted up, all Isaiah could say was, "**Woe is me! I am undone! I am a man of unclean lips!**" Now he only sees how wretched and sinful he is, personally.