

Humility Before Honor... Humble Yourself To Get Exalted!

Teacher: Brother Elijah

Church: Israel, The Church of Jesus

Most men want to be exalted but they don't want to do what the Lord says in order to be exalted... (They actually want to do the opposite and exalt themselves)... We must all fear God and keep his commandments if we want eternal life, and that takes humility. All sexes, all ages, all people of different positions need to be able to take correction/counsel from anyone because we all need to do what is right in God's sight if we want him to show mercy and compassion to us.

Opening Scripture:

Job 33

King James Version (KJV)

14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

17 That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from

perishing by the sword.

19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:

20 So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.

21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.

22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

The Lord brought Israel into the wilderness in order for them to learn humility. God does not change, when we go through hard times he is doing it to to humble us to get us to where we need to be. It takes hard work to obtain greatness.

Deuteronomy 8

King James Version (KJV)

1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy

God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.**

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; **that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.**

You need humility to accept that you are wrong. Wisdom hears and takes correction. Fools despise instruction.

Proverbs 15

King James Version (KJV)

31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

Many people would rather lie to get exalted rather than humble themselves. That is because they do not fear the Lord and do not have spiritual wisdom. On the other hand...

33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Before a man falls, he will most probably be prideful. We will not get honor by God unless we are humble

Proverbs 18

King James Version (KJV)

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

Sincerity refutes the prosperity doctrine. Riches are temporal and when it is over, it is over forever but goodness will get you eternal life. Godly Humility is not weakness, it sets you up for blessings and ETERNAL LIFE.

Proverbs 22

King James Version (KJV)

1 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.

The Lord shows the humble/obedient the future for protection:

3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4 By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.

Do not exalt yourself. At the right time, God will exalt us. We must be satisfied with our position. Do not think you are above God. He is in control, not us.

Proverbs 25

King James Version (KJV)

6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men:

7 For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

Do not exalt yourself! If you are satisfied with your low position, you will not have to worry about humiliation. If you are supposed to be exalted, God will ensure it no matter what!

Luke 14

King James Version (KJV)

7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them.

8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;

9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take

the lowest room.

10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Ultimate Humility: Jesus went from GOD to MAN to DIE for OUR SINS!

Philippians 2

King James Version (KJV)

5 Let this MIND be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of NO REPUATION, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Its hard for people to accept that they are wrong, when they are wrong. But Jesus was perfect and accepted persecution!

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he HUMBLED HIMSELF, and became OBEDIENT unto death, even

the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore GOD also hath HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

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

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Jesus disciples asking foolish questions. It will be possible for us to make stupid statements in the truth but we must be able to accept correction by operating with humility.

Without child like humility you will not get into God's kingdom!

Matthew 18

King James Version (KJV)

1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in

the midst of them,

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as LITTLE CHILDREN, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall HUMBLE himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Adonijah (David's son) tries to exalt himself as King. Solomon was humble during the whole situation and he ended up becoming King.

(People with prestige, skill, and ability can end up in the most trouble by being too ambitious and prideful with the means to act on their desire. This is what happened with Satan. He was perfect in his ways, but his ability puffed him up and led to his demise. Thus those with ability and power must operate with wisdom.)

1 Kings 1

King James Version (KJV)

5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

7 And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruah, and with

Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him.

Some of the people had some sense not to go along with Adonijah's plan as they knew Solomon was meant to be King:

8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Enrogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants:

Adonijah did not inform certain people because he was up to no good:

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

16 And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou?

17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the Lord thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not:

19 And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and

Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

If David died, Bathsheba and Solomon would have been killed by Adonijah to avoid opposition:

21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

It was the Lord's will for Solomon to be king and Adonijah, a mere man was not going to interfere in God's plans:

32 And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon:

34 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king,

and said, Amen: the Lord God of my lord the king say so too.

37 As the Lord hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.

39 And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

41 And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar?

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the

Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:

45 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard.

46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed.

48 And also thus said the king, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.

49 And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

Adonijah goes to church only after he finds out he has been busted! Many people are like this today, they forget about God until they are in trouble or are about to die:

50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

He knew he was worthy of death due to his conspiracy:

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah

feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me today that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

Adonijah perpetuates his delusion and tries to be slick by going to king Solomon's mother (instead of him) to get King David's woman - which in those days was a symbol that you were threatening the current king's power. We have to be content with our allotment in life and if it be God's will, he will exalt us.

1 Kings 2

King James Version (KJV)

12 Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

13 And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.

15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was

mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the Lord.

16 And now I ask one petition of thee, deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.

17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bathsheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

19 Bathsheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; I pray thee, say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay.

21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

Adonijah's words condemned him:

23 Then king Solomon sware by the Lord, saying,

God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.

24 Now therefore, as the Lord liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

Saul was trying to kill David and David gets the opportunity to kill Saul but he operates with great humility. Ultimately king David was greatly exalted.

1 Samuel 24

King James Version (KJV)

1 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

David did not see Saul as his enemy, he knew Saul

was anointed.

4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the Lord said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

6 And he said unto his men, The Lord forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord.

7 So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

9 And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the Lord had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed.

11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of

thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.

12 The Lord judge between me and thee, and the Lord avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

Israel had lost sight of God's commandments (Holy Days). King Hezekiah found out the truth and reinstated the law throughout Israel. (This has happened again in our day). It takes humility to accept that you have been serving God wrong all your life and start obeying God's commandments!

2 Chronicles 30

King James Version (KJV)

5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the Lord God of Israel at Jerusalem: **for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.**

The relationship with the Lord is reciprocal.

6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, **Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you,** that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of

Assyria.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the Lord God of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see.

God punishes us for not keeping his commandments

8 Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the Lord, **and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever:** and serve the Lord your God, **that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.**

The Lord shows his love to those that repent and obey him!

9 For if ye turn again unto the Lord, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

People will always mock and laugh you for keeping God's law

10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

It take HUMILITY to admit you have been serving God incorrectly and change your ways!

11 Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and

of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

12 Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the Lord.

13 And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

They had placed many false places of worship just like we have today!

14 And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.

We are still required to keep God's feast days! You can keep the feast days wherever you are. It takes HUMILITY to serve God!

Acts 20

King James Version (KJV)

6 And we sailed away from Philippi **after the days of unleavened bread**, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because

he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, **if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.**

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all HUMILITY OF MIND, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

When you are humble, God will lift you up!

James 4

King James Version (KJV)

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Poor in spirit = humble.

Matthew 5

King James Version (KJV)

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

"Nice guys finish last" in this life because this world is built on pride. You have to be ruthless and cut throat to get ahead. But if we want eternal life we have to be the opposite, humble!

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

The O.T. = N.T.

The evil doers (opposite of meek) will be cut off - eternal damnation.

Psalm 37

King James Version (KJV)

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Everybody needs humility!

1 Peter 5

King James Version (KJV)

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and

be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: