

# Humility Before God

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*[James 4:10] Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*

Present-day worldly wisdom is that we ought to broadcast our abilities and strengths to be recognized and accepted by others. People warn us that unless we do so, we will likely be ignored or slighted by others. So the young people are taught with such worldly wisdom. I have often heeded this 'wisdom' and presented to others my educational level, personal strengths, and assets. And I have often placed myself in a teaching position than in a learning place of humility. Unfortunately, this ungodly culture is often found in churches as well as on social media. Here, I wish to truly learn this lesson of humility, which I have never learned properly.

The biblical teaching of humility is in direct contrast to the world's push for self-advertisement and self-aggrandizement. Lord Jesus taught His disciples to humble themselves as little children. Why? I believe humility is an essential attribute to true learning. Sanctification of the Christians requires the believers to humble themselves before Jesus so that His teachings can have the Lord's intended effect on the learning process. In a church setting, the church leaders must first practice the example of humbling themselves by following the Lord's example of washing the feet of His disciples. Then, and only then, the congregation is encouraged to follow after the living example of their church leaders. That would be the key to the sanctification of the congregation.

*[Matt 18:4-7] Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. 6 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. 7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!*

Many Christian thinkers wonder what is the cause of today's problems with the church. Undoubtedly, it is the church leaders' failure to humble themselves before God. Jesus warned us about the possibility of the church leaders becoming so harmful to the church that they are better off "to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around their necks." How serious warning! What awful damnation from the lips of our Lord!

At present, many nations of the world are under the dominion of political and social power groups that defy the commands and principles of God. Also, many people have put themselves above the level of the Creator based on the insignificant knowledge gained from the scientific progress of the past few centuries. They fail to see that their so-called knowledge is nothing but a piece of scum in God's eye. Colleges and universities, including the so-called Ivy League schools, have become the breeding ground of anti-God academic, cultural, and political movements. There, the highly-educated professors teach the young generation to defy God and ignore His truths.

God sent Moses and Aaron to the Egyptian king, Pharaoh, to allow His people to leave Egypt from the bondage of slavery. He commanded Pharaoh, "Let My people go!" But Pharaoh refused to humble himself before God and defied His command and power. We all know the consequence of this defiance. Pharaoh and the Egyptian army were destroyed in the swift current of the Gulf of Aqaba, which used to be called the 'Red Sea.'

*[Exodus 10:3] So Moses and Aaron came into Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me.*

Today the leftist political administrations of the U.S. and other western nations are defying the authority and name of the Almighty God by openly opposing His holy name, the moral principles, and the articles of the constitution, which have been established based on the word of God. We will see their demise coming from God's wrath as Egypt's Pharaoh experienced. The following proverb is not to be slighted but is a divine principle that explains the rise and fall of the world's political powers throughout human history.

*[Proverbs 16:18-19] Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. 19 Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.*

Lord Jesus, however, spoke a wonderful promise that those who humble themselves before God and men will be lifted to a place of honor and vice versa. This divine principle, which was spoken in the Old Testament era, is true also in the New Testament era so that the humble will rule the coming Millennial Kingdom with the Lord Jesus as the King of kings.

*[Matt 23:10-12] And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. 11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*

When God created the living creatures, in the beginning, we are the only species with the ability of oral and written communication. Two reasons why God gave such exclusive communication ability to us: We need the communication ability to properly govern the world as assigned by God. Secondly, we were given this special ability to honor and praise the Almighty God. When we use this special talent of communication to honor God and humble ourselves before His throne, that will open the key to a successful profession as Christians.

Let us consider thoughtfully why Lord Jesus praised the value of a wildflower, which brightens a corner of the natural environment with a divinely-designed flower, over the corrupted honor and wealth of Solomon. And I encourage you to pray each morning as you kneel before God in humility with a prayer like this:

*“Almighty God, my Father in heaven! You created all things in heaven and on earth. And You are the King and Lord over all things therein. I lift and honor Your name. Be my King and Lord again today. Preserve this life of mine for another day. May Your Spirit guide and teach my steps throughout the day. May You be the Lord of all my endeavors today and may Your good will and plan be achieved through them. May Your name be glorified. Amen.”*

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