



Love
THAN WORDS

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Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV)

9Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Today's Key Thought: GOD COMING TO EARTH WAS FOR HIMSELF

I. He came for Himself to show that He was preexistent being revealed as preeminent! (v. 9)

The idea is not that God exalted Christ to a higher rank than the one he held before.

ὑπερυψώω hyperupsōō (only here in NT)
“raise to the loftiest height”.
Literally-“God hyperexalted him.”

Uniqueness

1 Samuel 2:2- "There is no one holy like the LORD, Indeed, there is no one besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God."

Absoluteness.

Psalms 97:9- "For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods."

Incomparableness

Isaiah 40:18- "To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?"

Isaiah 44:7- "Who is like me? Let him proclaim it..." Let him declare and set it before me,

Jeremiah 10:6- "There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might."

II. He came for Himself to show that His exaltation was to secure for himself universal worship (v. 10)

Worship is Universal Because of His:

Unparalleled Honor—"name above every name"

Ephesians 4:10-He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens

Universal Authority—"every knee...every tongue"

Matthew 28:18-"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me'."

Ephesians 1:21-He is far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

III. He came for Himself to show that everything is for His glory (v. 11)

Lord is emphatic by its position in the sentence. Thus, His sovereignty is over the entire universe.

Isaiah 42:8- "I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other,"

1 Cor. 15:28- When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Our salvation is first and foremost: for His glory

In summary we learn these profound realities:

1. Empty is Full!

2. The Way Up is Down!

3. All is One!

Application: A Daily Focus on The Reality of Everything Being For Himself Will Help Us Not Live:

1. Aimlessly with our lives

Proverbs 3:5–6—“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight.”

2. Selfishly with time

1 Peter 5:6—“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,”

3. Carelessly with people

1 Peter 3:15–16— “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.”

4. Foolishly with our resources

Luke 12:48-“ From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.”

5. Predictably in our experiences

Acts 15:25–26-“it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.”