

Humility (II): What Is More Precious

The sign of the Son of God, the Most High: When the Son of God came to earth, He was a baby wrapped in cloth, lying in a filthy, smelly manger, and the angel said that this was the sign of the Son of God. He was not dressed in a mink coat, and he was not dressed in any style, so the people in the king's palace did not know that the Son of God had come.

God brought the humility of heaven to earth in order to save us from the poison that the devil has released out among us.

I. The More Precious Grace of God

1. Examples of Mario and Anselmo

- ◆ Anselmo was proud that his friend was honored, he did not fall into comparison, he was not jealous, he did not feel hurt even if his friend was cold, he was happy that his friend was valued by God, and he prayed for him faithfully, what a grace! It is the more precious grace of God! It is the life of humility!
- ◆ Mario found himself to be a hollow shell of pride, and without someone to pray for him, he had absolutely nothing.

2. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who mourn

- ◆ It is easy to weep with someone who is weeping because we pity him, but **it is** not easy to rejoice with someone who is happy because we tend to be jealous and uncomfortable when others are happy.
- ◆ Are you jealous and uncomfortable because someone who came to church later than you is filled with the Holy Spirit sooner than you are, has more spiritual gifts, and placed in an important position?
- ◆ True humility is to be like Anselmo, content with all that God has given him. Satan's poisonous breath makes people proud due to their low self-esteem, and they like to compare themselves with others, to put others down, and to be uncomfortable as long as others are praised, used, and exalted.
- ◆ Do you desire this more precious gift of God?
- ◆ The humble response by the brother in Hsinchu shone a light on Pastor Grace Chiang and caused her to seek humility before the Lord more deeply. The words or response of a humble person will often bring blessings to another person, and a humble person will change the life of another person.
- ◆ **Humility does not come to us suddenly, it is something that we have to ask**

the Lord desperately to give it to us. Humility is not just a virtue, whether we have it or not, humility is a life that Christ comes forth from us. **Humility is not just speaking in a low voice, or hiding in the back of the line.**

II. In Matthew 11:29, Jesus said, *"I am meek and lowly in heart..."*

- ♦ Jesus said here, *"I am gentle and humble in heart..."* If someone said that about himself today, you would say, *"Hubris!"* It says in the Old Testament, *"Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth."* If it were us, we would have said, "Lord, I can't write like this, people would think I'm so proud! This is our pride.
- ♦ **People who are proud or have low self-esteem are often aware of "I" and are afraid of what people think of me, look at me, and say about me.**
- ♦ Humility is selflessness, and it is about obedience to listen or speak, and how the Lord speaks and does, that's how he will speak and do.
- ♦ Humility is an inner life, not whether something is said outwardly or not. The same words can be spoken by one person out of pride, but can be also by another person who is obeying God at all costs, for the edification of others. Only God can judge.
- ♦ Under what circumstances did Jesus say this? In Matthew 11:20-26, Jesus spoke many sermons, but people did not hear or accept them, and he performed many miracles, but they did not repent, and at that very moment, the Lord said, *"Father, for such was your gracious will."* that the wise and intelligent cannot understand, only infants can know you, **so it is your gracious will that these people reject me, this is the life of humility.**
- ♦ The Lord said, *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me."* The Lord said, *"If the world hates me, surely the world will hate you."* When the Lord Jesus was on earth, he was despised and rejected, he suffered a lot, he was always in trouble, so it's only natural for me to be persecuted on earth, so don't think, "Why is he treating me like this?"
- ♦ *"[Y]ou will find rest for your souls."* that is, a humble person is the happiest and most restful, and is not easily provoked.
- ♦ For example, many people take on the yoke of God in evangelism. If you are afraid to preach the gospel to others and are afraid of rejection, you should always learn to preach the gospel to strangers, not be afraid of rejection, and gradually grow to be thick-skinned, not being ashamed of the gospel, but being proud of being rejected.

III. The Lord wants us to live a humble life depending on Him in all things.

- ♦ The Gospel of John is the best expression of the humble life of Jesus. The Lord Jesus

always said, “I can do nothing by myself. I can do nothing. He is the Son of God, one with the Father, **but He lived a life on earth so that we could follow His example of “I cannot”** and remain connected to God and live this life.

IV. Humility Must Be the Goal We Pursue

- ♦ Humility will not come suddenly; it must be the goal we strive for before humility will come. Although humility is the life inside, **but through some outside exercises, it can also help us to humble ourselves more**, so that humility will take shape in us little by little without our knowledge.
1. Desperately cry out
 - ♦ We have to be humble, and first we have to feel, “Lord! If I am not humbled, I will perish.” Knowing this seriousness first, we will desperately cry out, “Lord! If I am not humbled as a child, I will not go to heaven, I will perish. Therefore, O Lord! Save me and take the poison out of me.”
 2. Don't be like the rest of the world in your tone of voice and attitude
 - ♦ By being respectful, gentle, and humble to others outside, constant practice will help us to humble ourselves and always think of ourselves as the smallest, especially when we get older and feel that we have walked more bridges than others.
 3. Always learn to serve and submit to others
 4. I always learn to rely on God and always say to the Lord, “Lord, I don't know how. I need your help.”
 5. Always admit inside that I am nothing
 - ♦ When someone yells at you or teaches you a lesson, you say, “Thank you,” Appreciating the teaching and advice from others will help you humble yourself. Avoid saying “Who are you? I know more than you do but I just don't bother arguing with you.”
 6. Pay attention to how you react inside.
 - ♦ If you often have a lot of complaints and a lot of things to say inside, then humility will never take shape in you.
 - ♦ Sometimes there's no control, and when something is stirred up, you immediately say, “Lord! I thank You for speaking to me through him, that's how proud I am, I just need to be rebuked.” That's how the pride will keep going out.
 7. Repent with tears before the Lord desperately, abhor this pride and ask Him to remove it so that He can peel you away layer by layer and let the poison of pride come out.

8. Being close to God and spending time sitting with the Lamb who lives inside of us, will help us transform to be more and more like the Lamb, by humbling ourselves.

- ◆ Some of the things that are indignant, sometimes you can make this poisonous anger going out by praising and thanksgiving, and you can also find your anger coming down by being close to this humble Lamb.

V. Conclusion

- ◆ Why doesn't the tumbler fall? Because the center of gravity is very low.
- ◆ And *"the government shall be on His shoulders,"* on the shoulders of the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. His rule and peace will increase infinitely, and He will rule over all. When the hearts of men are willing to let Him rule and to let His authority reign, then they will find His peace increased to infinity, so what a blessing humility is!
- ◆ God gave us a baby, and He wants us to be like Him. Even when He was lying in a stinking manger, He has so much peace, and as soon as He was born, the world wanted to kill Him and resist Him, He still has so much peace.

Humility

Humility is perfect quietness of heart.

**It is for me to have no trouble;
never to be fretted or vexed or irritated or sore or disappointed.**

**It is to expect nothing,
to wonder at nothing that is done to me,
to feel nothing done against me.**

**It is to be at rest when nobody praises me,
and when I am blamed or despised.**

**It is to have a blessed home in the Lord,
where I can go in and shut the door,
and kneel to my Father in secret,
and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness,
when all around and above is trouble.**

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Humility (II) Assignment

1. Do you like to compare yourself to others, whether at work or in church? Do you feel uncomfortable with someone who came later than you and is more highly regarded?
2. Is it easy for you to rejoice with those who rejoice? Is there someone you don't like to hear them being praised?
3. People who are proud or who have low self-esteem are often aware of "me." On what aspect are you often aware of "me"?
4. Jesus wants us to live a life that is always connected to God and dependent on Him. In what ways do you often feel like "I can" do it without relying on God? Or you often feel "you can't" do it because of not relying on what God tells you to do?
5. Do you have a lot of complaints inside despite never saying them aloud?
6. What are some of the outside exercises that can help us be more humble, and which ones do you need to work on more?
7. Scripture memorization: Matthew 11:28-30.