

Philippians 2:9-11: *Wherefore* [because of the depth to which Jesus humbled Himself] *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.*

1. Introduction. Our worship of Jesus is transformed when we consider the price He paid for us:

a. Who Jesus is:

Philippians 2:6 *Who* [Jesus] *being...equal with God.*

b. What Jesus did for us:

Philippians 2:7 - 8 *Made himself of no reputation...and was made in the likeness of men...and humbled himself, and became obedient unto...the death of the cross.*

1 Peter 5:6 *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.*

Matthew 23:12 *And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.*

c. God the Father exalts Jesus:

Philippians 2:9 *God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.*

d. Because of these Truths, our worship should be transformed to lift up Jesus.

2. Pronouncement that Jesus Christ is Exalted

a. Exalted in His resurrection

i. Only Jesus can offer salvation:

Matthew 1:21 *And she* [Mary] *shall bring forth a son, and thou* [Joseph] *shalt call his name Jesus: for **he shall save his people from their sins.***

ii. All of God's grace can be found in Jesus:

Hebrews 2:9 *But we* [Christians] *see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that **he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.***

iii. Only Jesus has been forever resurrected from the dead:

Mark 16:6 *And he* [an angel in the tomb where Jesus had been buried] *saith unto them* [Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of (the Apostle) James, and Salome], *Be not affrighted: **Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.***

b. Exalted at His ascension

Acts 1:9 . *And when he [Jesus] had spoken these things, while they [the believers assembled on the 40th day after His resurrection] beheld, he was taken up [into heaven, see verse 11]; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

1 Timothy 3:16 *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God** [the Son] **was manifest** in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, **received up into glory.***

c. Exalted in heaven

i. Jesus rules over everything from heaven

Ephesians 1:20-22 *Which he wrought [God the Father worked] in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And **hath put all things under his feet**, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*

ii. Jesus is worshipped in heaven

Revelation 5:12 [Everyone in heaven bowed down and was] *saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb** that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.*

3. Prophecy that Jesus Christ will be worshipped by all who have ever lived, verse 10.

a. Showing of submission:

- Everyone will be humble before God, or they will be humbled by God (“...every knee shall bow...”):

Isaiah 45:23 *I [God] have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That **unto me every knee shall bow**, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and **all that are incensed** [enraged] **against him shall be ashamed.***

b. Subjects of submission.

- Things in heaven: Saved people, angels, all heavenly creatures
- Things on earth: Saved on earth (willingly and eagerly) and Unsaved on earth (unwillingly).
- Things under the earth: Those unsaved who refused to glorify God during the life He gave them

2 Peter 2:4, 9 *For **if God spared not the angels that sinned**, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment... **The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.***

4. Profession that Jesus Christ is LORD, verse 11.

a. Physical profession:

- i. All who bow their knee before Jesus will glorify God by verbally acknowledging that Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

Psalm 150:6 *Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.*

- ii. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not an ordinary historical event. It must transform our life so that we live for Him.

Revelation 5:13 *And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, **Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne** [God the Father], **and unto the Lamb** [God the Son] *for ever and ever.**

- b. Spiritual profession: This acknowledgement of Jesus' deity will be from a sudden understanding that their chance to believe by faith is past.

Matthew 7:21 - 23 *Not everyone that saith unto me [Jesus], "Lord, Lord", shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" And **then will I profess unto them, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity"**.*

5. Conclusion

- Jesus came from heaven to earth to glorify God the Father. All on earth will glorify God through Jesus Christ, either by salvation by faith or by standing before Him in judgement.

John 17:4, 5 *I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*

2 Peter 1:17 *For he [Jesus] received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory¹, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.***

¹ Peter is recalling here the time when he, James, John, and Jesus went atop a mountain and saw Jesus transformed briefly into His heavenly glory. Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem for the final time when this happened.