

Philippians 2:9-11

The Exaltation of The Son of God

Verse 9

Therefore...

“Our Lord’s exaltation began with His resurrection. When men buried the body of Jesus, that was the last thing any human hands did to Him. From that point on, it was God who worked. Men had done their worst to the Saviour, but God exalted Him and honored Him. Men gave Him names of ridicule and slander, but the Father gave Him a glorious name! Just as in His humiliation He was given the name “Jesus” (Matt. 1:21), so in His exaltation He was given the name “Lord”¹

Warren Wiersbe

Therefore God highly exalted Him –

The words “highly exalted” literally mean “super-exalted”. This process of exaltation includes His resurrection, ascension, His enthronement, and His present Intercessory ministry.

Resurrection – 1 Corinthians 15:20

Ascension – Hebrews 4:14, “...a great high priest who has passed through the heavens...”

Enthronement – Hebrews 1:3 – “...He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

Intercessory ministry – Hebrews 7:25, “...He always lives to make intercession for them.”

The name which is above every name – The Father determined that the human name Jesus is to be acclaimed as the highest name because the name Jesus belongs to the One who suffered and exhibited the supreme act of humility and sacrifice.

Verse 10

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow – In the Old Testament it is God, Jehovah, to whom every knee will bow. Note Isaiah 43:10 with Isaiah 45:20-23. Part of Jesus’ exaltation will be His recognition as God.

Of those who are:

Location	Humans	All Creatures
<i>In Heaven</i>	Believers	Angels
<i>On Earth</i>	People on earth	People
<i>Under the Earth</i>	Unbelievers	Demons

Verse 11

Every Tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord - Every creature that possesses the ability to speak will openly confess or agree that Jesus is Lord. Lord here refers to Jesus not only as the supreme ruler of the universe but also to the fact that He is the LORD of the Old Testament.

To the glory of God the Father -

“When the universe confesses that Jesus Christ is LORD, God the Father will be pleased, for His purposes will be fulfilled and His plans realized. The lordship of Christ glorifies God the Father, for in His earthly ministry Christ accomplished the Father’s will and work.”²

David MacLeod

Rejoice! For He is risen!

¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (Php 2:9–11). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

² MacLeod, David J. “*The Exaltation of Christ: An Exposition of Philippians 2:9-11*”, *Bibliotheca Sacra* 158:632 (October-December 2001): 437-50.