

Humility & Jesus

Definition - AV (7) - humility 3, humbleness of mind 1, humility of mind 1, lowliness 1, lowliness of mind 1; the having a humble opinion of oneself, a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness, modesty, humility, lowliness of mind

Jesus is the living embodiment of Humility.

Palm Sunday - John 12:12-15 *The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! The King of Israel!"*

Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;

*Behold, **your King is coming,***

Sitting on a donkey's colt."

Servant of All – Mark 10:35-45 *Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." **But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"** They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. **And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.***

Why is humility so important?

1) **Without humility, we cannot live in the Grace of God that He has given us.**

Jam 4:6-10 *But he gives more grace. Therefore, it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.***

We quote a part of this verse regularly.

2) Without humility, we would never find Jesus. **Psalm 18:27** *For You will save the humble people But will bring down haughty looks.*

3) Without humility, we cannot change or grow in our faith or the Spirit. The Lord humbles us to test our hearts. **Psalm 10:17-18** *LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; **You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear.***

We must acknowledge both our strengths and weaknesses before we can work out our faith. Humility allows that.

Pride keeps us from listening. Listening is a problem in the church. Listening to respond vs. understanding.

4) Without humility, we cannot worship in Spirit and truth

2 Sam 6 *Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness. And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep. Then **David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.** So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.*

Pride is what led to Satan's downfall. He wanted to take what is the Lord's for himself. Is 14:12-15

- 5) Without humility, we cannot grow in intimacy with the Lord. **Isa 57:15** *"I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

In order to dwell with our Father, we must remain humble. This also allows us to receive ministry from the Holy Spirit.

- 6) Without humility, we cannot have unity. **Eph 4:1-3** *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

- 7) Without humility, we cannot love **Col 3:14** *Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.*

- 8) Without humility, we cannot be authentic. **Zep 3:12** *I will leave in your midst a meek and humble people, And they shall trust in the name of the LORD. The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness And speak no lies, Nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; For they shall feed their flocks and lie down, And no one shall make them afraid."*

A truly authentic person has been set free!

It shows us what's in our hearts. It allows us to be who we truly are - who God made us to be.

How do we "become" more humble?

We must “put on” humility. 1 Peter 5:5-7 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “*God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.*” Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Col 3:12-13 *Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another,*

How do we do that? Ask the Holy Spirit!

The Lord is looking for the humble. Is 66:1-2 Thus says the LORD: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But *this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.*

Even the highest Heavenly Host are humbled. Rev 2:10 *Elders casting their crowns down before the throne of God. Rev 4:10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne,*

Putting others before ourselves just as Jesus did. Phil 2:3-9 *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,*

Best definition: **Agreeing with God**