

Daily Bible Readings

Our Reading Prep For: 15 January 2023

Jesus' Humility and Exaltation

Monday: Sower, Seeds and Soils (**Matthew 13:1-9**)

Tuesday: Hear and Understand the Word (**Matthew 13:18-23**)

Wednesday: Avoid Envy and Selfish Ambition (**James 3:13-18**)

Thursday: Overcome Evil with Good (**Romans 12:14-21**)

Friday: Become a Servant and a Slave (**Mark 10:35-45**)

Saturday: Look to the Interest of Others (**Philippians 2:1-4**)

Sunday: Seek the Mind of Christ (**Philippians 2:5-11**)

Jesus' Humility and Exaltation

Text • **Philippians 2:5–11**

Bible Background • **Philippians 2:1–13**

|Devotional Reading • **James 3:13–18**

Keep in Mind: *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”*
(Philippians 2:5)

Aim for Change

“By the end of the lesson, we will: **ANALYZE** Paul’s description of God’s exaltation of Jesus based on sacrifice and selflessness rather than power; **VALUE** selfless behavior rather than power; and **ADOPT** Christ-like humility as our personal lifestyle.”

In Focus

“Many things come into our lives that challenge our public witness. People are watching to see if we are for real. Paul advises us to have the mind of Christ.”

Focal Verses

Philippians 2: 5–11

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore 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.”

The Lesson

I. The People, Places and Times

Background: “Chapter two begins Paul’s second appeal to the Philippians. Apparently, division was brewing within the Philippian congregation. Co-workers in the church had become openly divided. Paul had already had the experience of seeing a church riddled with controversy and dissension. The biggest battle facing the church at Philippi was their internal battle. In the previous lesson, Paul stated his refusal to let external circumstances control his attitudes (Philippians 1:12–18). The congregation could ill afford to let internal strife afflict their witness for Christ

Philippi. A city that was in the Roman province of Macedonia where Paul did a great deal of missionary work. Paul’s first visit to Philippi took place during his second missionary journey, an outgrowth of his Macedonian vision. “It was at Philippi that Paul was miraculously delivered from bondage and the jailer was converted. Upon discovering that Paul was a Roman citizen, the magistrates there became nervous. They pleaded with Paul to leave both the jail and the city. (See Acts 16:12–40.)”

Roman Empire. At the beginning of the Christian movement, several emperors ruled the Roman empire. Most of Paul’s ministry is believed to have occurred under the reign of Gaius (Caligula, A.D. 37–41) and his aging uncle Claudius (A.D. 41–54). Claudius reportedly expelled some Jews from Rome because they were allegedly creating trouble with their effort to spread the Gospel. It is believed both Paul and Peter were martyred during Nero’s reign (A.D. 54–68), perhaps in connection with the burning of Rome in A.D. 64, an event for which Nero blamed Christians.

II. In Depth

1. **Humility of Jesus-** The concern at Philippi was not so much about instruction in right and wrong as encouragement and guidance in the right will or spirit. (Philippians 2:5–8)
2. **The Exaltation of Jesus** the last segment dealt with Christ’s voluntary self-humiliation; this section deals with God exalting Him. (Philippians 2:9-11)
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III. Take Aways

IV. Closing Prayer

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