

## **PHILIPPIANS 2 HIGHLY EXALTED (VERSE 5-11)**

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### **SCRIPTURE**

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, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5-11, ESV

### **THE EXALTATION OF JESUS CHRIST**

"...one may think of a diver, first reducing himself to nakedness, then glancing in mid-air, then gone with a splash, vanished, rushing down through green and warm water into black and cold water, down through increasing pressure into the deathlike region of ooze and slime and old decay; then up again, back to colour and light, his lungs almost bursting, till suddenly he breaks surface again, holding in his hand the dripping precious thing that he went down to recover." C.S. Lewis, *Miracles*

#### **1/ Jesus' name will be exalted because of His love, obedience, and sacrifice.**

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10, NIV

For the joy set before Him He endured the cross... Hebrews 12:2, NLT

#### **2/ Jesus' name will be exalted higher than ever before.**

Jesus could never become more glorious! But He could become more glorified!

Jesus was exalted in His life.

People exalted Christ because of His miracles, works, teachings, and kindness.

Jesus was exalted in His resurrection.

When they saw Him (after the resurrection), they worshiped Him. Matthew 28:17, NIV

Jesus was exalted in His ascension.

While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped Him. Luke 24:51-52, NIV

Jesus is exalted in His Church.

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord. Ephesians 5:19, NIV

Throughout Scripture, the personal exaltation of God has included words and works.

"If you love Me, keep My commands." John 14:15, NIV

Jesus is exalted in His heaven.

And instantly I (John) was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones—like jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled His throne like a rainbow. Twenty-four thrones surrounded Him, and twenty-four elders sat on them. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God. In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the One Who always was, Who is and Who is still to come." Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the One sitting on the throne (the One who lives forever and ever), the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the One sitting on the throne (the One who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say, "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For You created all things, and they exist because You created what You pleased." After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. They sang, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever! Amen." Revelation 4:2-11, NLT & Revelation 7:9-12, NLT

### **3/ Jesus' name will cause every person to bow their knees.**

There is a difference between forced submission and an involuntary response.

### **4/ Jesus' name will cause every person to confess His lordship.**

Even in salvation, we are to believe, but then to confess.

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Romans 10:10, NIV