

Sermon Handout

Lord of Lords

Philippians 2:5-13

I. The Exaltation of Jesus

a. Three assertions

- i. His incarnation vv. 6-7
 1. “Form” of God (eternally & continually)
 2. “Likeness” of man (“took it upon him” *see* Jn 1:14)
- ii. His atonement v. 8
 1. Humbled himself *cf.* v. 6b
 2. Full obedience *cf.* Jn 6:38; 5:19-21
- iii. His exaltation vv. 9-11
 1. **Because** of his humility & obedience v. 9a
 2. **All** of creation bows before Jesus vv. 10-11
 3. Confessing Jesus glorifies the Father v. 11b

b. Two lessons

- i. Think as Jesus thought v. 5
- ii. Work as Jesus worked vv. 12-13

II. Let this Mind be in You

a. Transformed thinking through God’s Word Josh 1:8; Prov 2:1-5

- i. Not clinging to “our rights” but focusing on our duties
No “Christian” victimhood!
- ii. Putting others’ needs before our own *cf.* Rom 12:1-3

b. Singlemindedness

- i. Jesus focused on the task at hand
- ii. One heart & one way Jer 32:38-39 *cf.* Eph 6:5-6

c. Humility

- i. Did not “grasp” but humbled himself vv. 6b and 8a
- ii. Submitted to death which otherwise could not touch him *cf.* Phil 2:30

III. Work Out Your Salvation

a. Obey as Jesus obeyed the Father

- i. Not just to look good to others Col 3:22; Gal 1:10 *contra* Jn 12:42-43
- ii. But inwardly; guarding thoughts & actions for God’s sake

b. Submit to his will and good pleasure

- i. It is actually God’s work in you *cf.* 1:6; Eph 1:12-13
- ii. We are to cooperate with God’s work in us through obedience

Sacrificing ourselves to God is true worship Heb 13:13-16; Rom 12:2