

The Humble Altar

Week 9 - The Altar (9-15-21)

2 Chronicles 7:14 - “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

Humble - Yikkonu = Submit, subdue, brought under, bring low

I. Power

A. Humility is power

1. Stability in Who you are

a) **Philip. 2:5-11**

b) Jesus was able to humble Himself in a powerful way because He knew who he was and His position in relation to The Father.

(1) He didn't need to prove anything to anyone!

(2) How secure are you as a child of God?

(a) Are you trying to prove yourself to anyone?

c) Jesus wasn't motivated by things outside of Him (people, circumstances, etc.), but by something inside of Him (the Love of God).

(1) What is motivating you to do the things that you do?

d) **Matt. 4:1-11** - Temptation of Jesus

(1) Satan was attacking Jesus' identity in order to get him to bow (humble himself) to the enemy.

(2) Jesus didn't bow because He knew without a doubt, who He was and His position of authority.

2. Servant Leaders

a) SBU - “A Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.”

b) **John 13:1-10**

c) “Titles don't matter” - Jon

(1) Our greatest calling/Title is Servant

d) When we humble ourselves, God exalts us in due time. 1 Peter 5:6

(1) In Jesus' leadership model, we are working to serve more and more people.

(2) When God lifts us up, all the people above us are lifted up along with us.

II. Posture/Submission

A. Physical Posture - to physically kneel or bow, holding out your arms in surrender

B. Posture of the Heart - Adoration, admiration, Fear (good or bad), obedience, respect, honor, reverence

- C. Humility means to be submitted to or brought under something or someone of higher power or strength.
1. **Psalm 95:6-11** - Worship is a posture of humility
 2. Sometimes the humbling process is voluntary, sometimes it is not voluntary
 3. Jesus wasn't submitting to people when He served them, He was submitting to God Who was asking Him to serve them.
 - a) We submit to our heavenly authority first, and our earthly authority second.
 4. We should be submitting to God and the Holy Spirit in everything that we are doing.
- **Colossians 3:17**

III. Priorities

- A. Humility puts us and God in their proper place.
1. It places God on the throne where He belongs, but it also puts me not only as a child of God but also as a servant of God.
 - a) **1 Corin. 6:19-20 and 1 Peter 2:16**
 2. **1 Peter 5:6-7**
 - a) It takes humility to trust God with your cares.
- B. What really matters?
1. **Philippians 3:4-10**
 - a) Knowing Christ is the ultimate prize. Everything else pails in comparison
 2. **Micah 6:6-8**