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INTRODUCTION:

1. JUNE 5, 1950, THE EVIL FORCES OF ADOLF HITLER AND NAZI GERMANY INVADED FRANCE.
2. SO DEVASTATING AND OVERWHELMING WAS THEIR MILITARY MIGHT THAT 17 DAYS LATER, ON JUNE 22, FRANCE WAS FORCED INTO AN UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER. THE NATION HAD BEEN TAKEN IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS.
3. HOWEVER, ON JUNE 6, 1944, THE LIBERATION OF FRANCE WAS SET IN MOTION WITH THE D-DAY INVASION OF NORMANDY BY THE ALLIED FORCES. HITLER'S BACK WAS BROKEN. HIS REIGN OF TERROR WOULD SOON BE AT AN END.
4. APPROXIMATELY 4 B. C. ANOTHER INVASION TOOK PLACE, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHICH IS STILL BEING FELT TODAY. THIS WAS AN INVASION OF PLANET EARTH. THE ENEMIES TO BE SUBDUED WERE SIN, SORROW, AND SATAN. THOSE NEEDING LIBERATION WERE YOU AND ME.
5. THE DELIVERER WOULD LAND IN BETHLEHEM AS PROPHECIED IN MICAH 5:2. HIS WEAPONS OF WARFARE WOULD BE MOST UNUSUAL FOR IT WAS THE DAY WHEN LOVE CAME DOWN.

6. THIS INVASION WAS NO WHIMSICAL AFTER THOUGHT, OR WILLY-NILLY PLAN. IT HAD BEEN THOUGHT THROUGH BEFORE TIME BEGAN. IT WOULD FOLLOW A PERFECTLY ORCHESTRATED COURSE AND IT WOULD ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING INTENDED. BY CAREFULLY STUDYING THIS DIVINE DRAMA, WE COME TO LEARN BOTH HOW TO LIVE AND HOW TO WORSHIP. WE LEARN WHO WE ARE TO BE AND WHO JESUS TRULY IS.

I. CULTIVATE THE DISPOSITION OF CHRIST. (2:1-4)

- THE KEY VERSE IN THIS TEXT IS VERSE FIVE. THE VERB IS A PRE. IMP. OF COMMAND. VERSES 1-4 PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THIS MIND. VERSES 6-8 PROVIDE AN ILLUSTRATION OF THIS MIND. VERSES 9-11 PROVIDE THE EXPECTATION OF THIS MIND.

1. ENJOY DIVINE BLESSINGS. (2:1)

1. “THEREFORE” LOOKS BACK TO 1:27.
2. FOUR “IF” CLAUSES (1ST CLASS CONDITION)
IF=SINCE. THESE ARE PRESENT REALITIES FOR EVERY CHILD OF GOD.

IF THERE IS ENCOURAGEMENT IN CHRIST
(PARAKLESIS) AND THERE IS
IF THERE IS COMFORT OF LOVE (FROM CHRIST) AND
THERE IS
IF THERE IS FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT (KOINONIA)
AND THERE IS
IF THERE IS AFFECTION (SPLAGCHNA) AND MERCY
AND THERE IS

3. PAUL IS IN PRISON BUT THESE BLESSINGS ARE HIS.
4. YOU MAY BE DOWN DEPRESSED, HURTING, BUT THESE BLESSINGS ARE YOURS.

ILLUSTRATION: MY FAVORITE SONG: “JESUS LOVES ME,” AND ALL THAT MEANS.

5. QUESTION: WHERE DOES PAUL WANT TO GO WITH THIS?
ANSWER: VS. 2-4
 - A CHRISTIAN WHO IS ENCOURAGED BY HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST, COMFORTED WITH LOVE (AGAPE), IN FELLOWSHIP VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY WITH THE SPIRIT AND BLESSED WITH HEARTFELT CONCERN AND MERCY, SUCH A CHILD OF GOD WILL:

2. **EXHIBIT DIVINE BEHAVIOR.** (2:2-4)

- HE WILL PROMOTE UNITY (V. 2), HUMILITY (V. 3), AND SENSITIVITY (V. 4)
- HE WILL BE LEARNING AND LIVING THE MIND OF CHRIST.

A. **LET YOUR LIFE BE CHARACTERIZED BY UNITY.** (2:2)

1. FULFILL (AOR. IMP.)—MAKE ME HAPPY
2. FOUR ASPECTS OF UNITY
LIKEMINDED – LITERALLY “SAME THING THINK” (PRE. TENSE)
HAVE THE SAME LOVE (AGAPE)
BE OF ONE ACCORD – LITERALLY “HAVING ONE SOUL” (PSYCHE)
OF ONE MIND – LITERALLY “THE ONE THING THINKING”
3. THEIR PROBLEM WAS MORAL NOT DOCTRINAL.
THEIR PROBLEM WAS PERSONAL NOT THEOLOGICAL.
CF 4:2-3 (EUODIA/SYNTYCHE)
4. THE MIND OF CHRIST CAN HELP US LOVE PEOPLE WE DO NOT LIKE. THE MIND OF CHRIST CAN HELP US GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE WE FIND DIFFICULT.

THE MIND OF CHRIST CAN TAKE
INDIVIDUAL MINDS AND AGENDAS
AND MAKE THEM ONE.

B. LET YOUR LIFE BE CHARACTERIZED BY
HUMILITY (2:3)

1. SELFISH AMBITION (LIT. “RIVALRY”)
A SPIRIT OF PARTY POLITICS, THE
OUTWARD ACTIVITY OF A
SELFCENTERED AGENDA

- “I MUST HAVE WHAT I WANT!”

2. CONCEIT (LIT. VAIN CONCEIT)
KENODOXIA (“EMPTY GLORY,”
EMPTY OPINION) YOU THINK ONE
WAY ABOUT YOURSELF WHEN
TRUTH AND REALITY ARE
SOMETHING ALL TOGETHER
DIFFERENT.

- “I DESERVE WHAT I WANT!”

TWO QUESTIONS: 1) “WHAT DO WE
REALLY DESERVE?” 2) “DO WE
REALLY WANT WHAT WE
DESERVE?!”

C. LET YOUR LIFE BE CHARACTERIZED BY
SENSITIVITY (2:4)

1. LOOK OUT (SCOPUNTES, PRE. ACT.
PAST) “SCOPE OUT”

2. ILL. THIS PASSAGE IS REQUIRED READING IN ALL WEDDINGS I PERFORM. REASON: IT IS A VITAL KEY FOR A HAPPY, SATISFYING MARRIAGE THAT WILL LAST!

- IN THE HOME, IN THE CHURCH, GOD WANTS PERSONS COMMITTED TO UNITY, HUMILITY, AND SENSITIVITY.
- HE WANTS PERSONS COMMITTED TO LEARNING AND LIVING OUT THE MIND OF CHRIST. WHY? THE MIND IS THE KEY! (PROV. 23:7, ROM. 12:2)

TRANSITION: HOW IS IT THAT WE KNOW THAT JESUS CHRIST HAD SUCH A MIND? AND IF HE DID, WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE IN ACTION? ANS. IT LOOKS LIKE LOVE COMING DOWN.

II. CONSIDER THE HUMILIATION OF CHRIST. (2:6-8)

1. THIS IS ONE OF THE FOUR GREAT CHRISTOLOGICAL TEXT OF THE NT
JOHN 1:1-18 JESUS IS GOD OF INCARNATION
COL. 1:15-20 JESUS IS GOD OF CREATION
HEB. 1:1-3 JESUS IS GOD OF REVELATION
PHIL. 2:6-11 JESUS IS GOD OF HUMILIATION
2. MOST LIKELY AN EARLY CHRISTIAN HYMN SUNG ABOUT AND TO JESUS AS GOD. TWO

NATURAL STANZAS: 1) 6-8 HIS HUMILIATION,
2) 9-11 HIS EXALTATION

3. THIS IS A TEXT WHOSE TRUTH IS
INEXHAUSTIBLE AND IN MANY WAYS
UNFATHAMABLE. IT CALLS FOR OUR MOST
CAREFUL AND WORSHIPFUL STUDY. IT
TRULY IS HOLY GROUND. EACH WORD,
EACH PHRASE IS BURSTING WITH BIBLICAL,
THEOLOGICAL, AND PRACTICAL TRUTH.

1. SEE HIS HUMILITY IN HIS RENUNCIATION.
(2:6)
 1. FOR PAUL THE STARTING POINT OF
THIS HYMN IS THE PREEXISTENCE OF
CHRIST AND HIS FULL DEITY.
THOUGH DOGMATICISM IS
UNWARRANTED IN THIS
JUDGEMENT, THE SERVANT SONG OF
ISAIAH 53 LOOMS AS THE POSSIBLE
BACKDROP TO WHAT UNFOLDS.

 2. BEING IN THE FORM OF GOD
EMPHASIZES CHRIST'S CONTINUOUS
AND CONSTANT EXISTENCE IN THE
VERY NATURE OR ESSENCE OF GOD.
CONTRARY TO THE ANCIENT
HERETIC ARIUS OR MODERN DAY
DENIERS, THERE NEVER WAS A TIME
WHEN HE WAS NOT.

HE WAS ADOPTED AS A GOD. HIS
WAS NOT SIMPLY A GOD
INTOXICATED MAN. IN HIS PERSON,
HIS ESSENCE, HIS VERY BEINGNESS
(GR. MORPHE). HE WAS AND IS GOD.

- WHATEVER IT IS THAT MAKES
GOD GOD, CHRIST IS!!!

ILLUSTRATION: THIS IS A FAR DIFFERENT JESUS
THAN THE JESUS OF THE “JESUS SEMINAR” AND
ROBERT FUNK WHO VIEWS HIM AS A SUBVERSIVE
SAGE, A FUNNY STORYTELLER. THIS IS A
SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT JESUS THAN JOHN HICK’S
“HUMAN BEING [WHO WAS] EXTRAORDINARYLY
OPEN TO GOD’S INFLUENCE AND THUS LIV[ED] TO AN
EXTRAORDINARY EXTENT AS GOD’S AGENT ON
EARTH, INCARNATING THE DIVINE PURPOSE FOR
HUMAN LIFE.” (THE METAPHOR OF GOD INCARNATE
P. 12).

3. TEXT CONTINUES: DID NOT
CONSIDER IT ROBBERY
THIS PHRASE LOOKS BACK TO THE
EXPRESSION “BEING IN THE FORM OF
GOD” IT MEANS THAT HIS EQUAL
STATUS AND PRIVILEGES WITH GOD
WERE NOT THINGS WHICH HE
VIOLENTLY SOUGHT TO SEIZE OR
BELIEVED HE MUST FORCIBLY
RETAIN. ROBBERY (GK.
HARPAGMOS) CAN MEAN: 1)
ROBBING (ACTIVE SENSE) OR 2) A

PRIZE OR THING GAINED THROUGH ROBBERY (PASS. SENSE). THE IDEA SEEMS TO BE THAT SINCE HE IS CO-EQUAL AND CO-ETERNAL WITH GOD BY THE VERY NATURE OF HIS BEING, EQUALITY WITH GOD WAS NOT SOMETHING CHRIST HAD TO FORCIBLY STRIVE FOR (AS IF HE DID NOT POSSESS IT) OR ASSERT (AS IF HE COULD LOSE IT).

F. F. BRUCE SAYS IT WELL:

THERE IS NO QUESTION OF CHRIST'S TRYING TO SNATCH OR SEIZE EQUALITY WITH GOD: THAT WAS ALREADY HIS BECAUSE HE ALWAYS HAD THE NATURE OF GOD. NEITHER IS THERE ANY QUESTION OF HIS TRYING TO RETAIN IT BY FORCE. THE POINT IS RATHER THAT HE DID NOT TREAT HIS EQUALITY WITH GOD AS AN EXCUSE FOR SELF-ASSERTION OR SELF-AGGRANDIZEMENT; ON THE CONTRARY, HE TREATED IT AS AN OCCASION FOR RENOUNCING EVERY ADVANTAGE OR PRIVILEGE THAT MIGHT HAVE ACCRUED TO HIM THEREBY, AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-IMPOVERISHMENT AND UNRESERVED SELF-SACRIFICE.

3. NUMEROUS STUDENTS OF SCRIPTURE HAVE SEEN A CONTRAST HERE WITH THE STORY OF ADAM: CHRIST ENJOYED TRUE EQUALITY WITH GOD BUT REFUSED TO DERIVE ANY ADVANTAGE FROM IT IN BECOMING MAN, WHEREAS ADAM, MADE MAN IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, SNATCHED AT A FALSE AND ILLUSORY EQUALITY. CHRIST ACHIEVED UNIVERSAL LORSHIP THROUGH HIS RENUNCIATION, WHEREAS ADAM FORFEITED HIS EARTHLY LORSHIP THROUGH HIS "SNATCHING."

ADAM AND CHRIST: COMPARISON AND CONTRAST

1) HE WAS MADE IN THE DIVINE IMAGE.	HE WAS AND IS THE VERY ESSENCE OF GOD.
2) HE THOUGHT IT A PRIZE TO BE GRASPED AT TO BE AS GOD.	HE THOUGHT IT NOT A PRIZE TO B GRASPED AT TO BE AS GOD.
3) HE ASPIRED TO A REPUTATION.	HE MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION.
4) HE SPURNED BEING GOD'S SERVANT.	HE TOOK UPON HIMSELF THE FORM (<u>MORPHE</u>) OF A SERVANT (SLAVE).
5) HE SOUGHT TO BE IN THE VERY LIKENESS OF GOD.	HE WAS MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MAN.
6) HE, BEING FOUND IN FASHION AS A MAN (OF DUST, NOW DOOMED), EXALTED HIMSELF AND BECAME DISOBEDIENT UNTO DEATH.	HE BEING FOUND IN FASHION AS A MAN (ROMANS 8:3), HUMBLD HIMSELF AND BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH.
7) HE WAS CONDEMNED AND DISGRACED.	HE WOULD BE HIGHLY EXALTED BY GOD AND GIVEN THE NAME AND POSITION OF LORD.

4. CHRIST THEREFORE GRASPED NOT AT SOVEREIGNTY BUT SERVICE. ADAM WAS HUMANITY SEEKING DEITY. CHRIST WAS DEITY SEEKING HUMANITY. HIS HIGH AND LOFTY POSITION WAS NOT SOMETHING HE COULD NOT GIVE UP FOR THE

SALVATION OF SOULS AND THE PLEASURE OF THE FATHER. HE DID NOT GRASP, HE GAVE. HE DID NOT CLIMB, HE CONDESCENDED. SEE HIS HUMILITY IN HIS RENUNCIATION.

2. SEE HIS HUMILITY IN HIS INCARNATION.
(2:7).

1. PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8 IN THE NKJV SAYS, “BUT MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION (A BETTER TRANSLATION IS “HE EMPTIED HIMSELF”). THE CRUCIAL WORD IS KENOO (GK.), MEANING SIMPLY “TO EMPTY.” EXEGETICALLY, VERSES 7-8 PROVIDES A CLEAR AND STRAIGHTFORWARD UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT MEANS THAT CHRIST “MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION,” THAT HE EMPTIED HIMSELF.

- A. HE TOOK THE FORM (MORPHE, GK.) OF A SERVANT (DOULOS, GK.).
- B. HE WAS MADE IN THE LIKENESS (HOMOIMA, GK.) AND FASHION (SCHEMA, GK.) OF A MAN.
- C. HE HUMBLED HIMSELF (SAME WORD AS IN V. 3, TRANS. “LOWLINESS!”)

- D. HE BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH.
 - E. HE DIED A CROSS-TYPE OF DEATH (ONE OF ULTIMATE HUMILIATION).
2. THESE VERSES EXPRESS THE IDEA THAT THERE WAS AN EMPTYING BY ADDITION. THE SON DID NOT SURRENDER HIS DEITY, HE ADDED HUMANITY. FURTHERMORE, THE TYPE OF HUMANITY HE ADDED WAS NOT THAT OF A SOVEREIGN, BUT THAT OF A SERVANT/SLAVE. HE RECEIVED NOT A CROWN, BUT A CROSS. F. F. BRUCE SAYS IT WELL, “HE YIELDED HIMSELF TO THE FURTHEST LIMIT OF SUBMISSION, TO A DEATH RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO CLAIM ON SOCIETY.” HOWEVER, WE MUST MAINTAIN A NON-NEGOTIABLE TRUTH: DEITY CANNOT CEASE TO BE DEITY, SO ANY UNDERSTANDING OF HIS EMPTYING WHICH WOULD POINT IN THAT DIRECTION MUST QUICKLY BE DISMISSED.
3. I BELIEVE JOHN 17:5 IS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL HERE. **“AND NOW, O FATHER, GLORIFY THOU ME WITH THINE OWN SELF WITH THE GLORY WHICH I HAD WITH THEE**

**BEFORE THE WORLD WAS” (KJV).
JESUS DID NOT SURRENDER HIS
DEITY, BUT HE DID SURRENDER HIS
GLORY. HE BECAME IN A SENSE GOD
INCOGNITO. HE LAID ASIDE
WILLINGLY, IN HUMBLE OBEDIENCE
TO THE FATHER:**

- 1) THE PRAISES OF HEAVEN
- 2) THE POSITION OF HEAVEN
- 3) THE PREROGATIVES OF
HEAVEN

**THIS WEDDING OF DEITY AND
HUMANITY WAS PERMANENT. THE
EMPTYING HOWEVER WAS ONLY
FOR THE TIME OF INCARNATION.
CHRIST TEMPORARILY LAID ASIDE
THE FREE AND VOLUNTARY
EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS AND
PRIVILEGES OF DEITY! THE
EMPTYING THEREFORE INVOLVED
SELF-LIMITATION AS WELL AS
ULTIMATE HUMILIATION. CHRIST
PARTOOK OF UNGLORIFIED
HUMANITY. HE VOLUNTARILY
FORFEITED, FOR A TIME, THE FREE
USE OF HIS DIVINE ATTRIBUTES,
DEPENDING INSTEAD ON HIS FATHER
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. SEE HIS
HUMILITY IN HIS INCARNATION.**

3. SEE HIS HUMILITY IN HIS
CRUCIFIXION. (2:8)

1. VERSE 8 CONCLUDES WHAT HAS BEEN CALLED THE “GREAT CONDESCENSION. HEAVEN—EARTH—MAN—SERVANT—DEATH—DEATH ON A CROSS
2. DEATH BY CRUCIFIXION WAS SO SHAMEFUL AND HUMILIATING THE ROMAN ORATOR CICERO ADMONISHED HIS ROMAN CONTEMPORARIES TO NEITHER SPEAK OF IT OR THINK OF IT.
3. YET CHRIST WAS LOVE COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN FOR YOU AND ME, AND IN THE BEST SENSE OF IT, JESUS WENT ALL THE WAY FOR LOVE OF OUR SOULS.

ILLUSTRATION: IF I COULD HAVE ORCHESTRATED THE INCARNATION, HOW DIFFERENTLY I WOULD HAVE DONE IT.

LET HIM BE BORN IN ALEXANDRIA THE INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.
LET HIM BE BORN IN ROME THE POLITICAL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.
LET HIM BE BORN IN ATHENS THE PHILOSOPHICAL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.

LET HIM BE BORN IN JERUSALEM THE SPIRITUAL
CAPTIAL OF THE WORLD.

BUT NO, GOD'S PLAN WAS DIFFERENT FOR OUR
GREAT NEED WAS SO MUCH GREATER.

OUR NEED WAS NOT EDUCATION IT WAS
REDEMPTION.

OUR NEED WAS NOT SOCIAL CHANGE, IT WAS
SALVATION.

OUR NEED WAS NOT RELIGIOUS INFORMATION, IT
WAS SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION.

AND SO LOVE CAME DOWN TO A STABLE AND A
CRADLE IN BETHLEHEM, AND WE TOOK HIM AND
NAILED HIM TO A CROSS OUTSIDE THE CITY WALLS
OF JERUSALEM.

ILLUSTRATION:

CHRIST AND ALEXANDER
(BY CHARLES ROSS WEEDE)

JESUS AND ALEXANDER DIED AT THIRTY-THREE;
ONE LIVED AND DIED FOR SELF; ONE DIED FOR YOU
AND ME.

THE GREEK DIED ON A THRONE; THE JEW DIED ON A
CROSS;

ONE'S LIFE A TRIUMPH SEEMED; THE OTHER BUT A
LOSS.

ONE LED VAST ARMIES FORTH; THE OTHER WALKED
ALONE;

ONE SHED A WHOLE WORLD'S BLOOD; THE OTHER
GAVE HIS OWN.

ONE WON THE WORLD IN LIFE AND LOST IT ALL IN DEATH.

THE OTHER LOST HIS LIFE TO WIN THE WHOLE WORLD'S FAITH.

JESUS AND ALEXANDER DIED AT THIRTY-THREE;
THE GREEK MADE ALL MEN SLAVES; THE JEW MADE ALL MEN FREE.

ONE BUILT A THRONE ON BLOOD; THE OTHER BUILT ON LOVE;

THE ONE WAS BORN OF EARTH; THE OTHER FROM ABOVE;

ONE WON ALL THE EARTH, TO LOSE ALL EARTH AND HEAVEN;

THE OTHER GAVE UP ALL, THAT ALL TO HIM BE GIVEN.

THE GREEK FOREVER DIED; THE JEW FOREVER LIVES;

HE LOSES ALL WHO GETS, AND WINS ALL THINGS WHO GIVES

TRANSITION: OUR GOD DOES NOT LEAVE THE DRAMA UNRESOLVED. JESUS IN HIS HUMILIATION TOTALLY REVERSES THE PRIORITIES AND PRINCIPLES OF THIS WORLD SYSTEM. HIS FATHER IN RESPONSE AFFIRMS HIS PLEASURE IN HIS SON IN HIS EXALTATION.

MAN GAVE JESUS A CROSS BUT GOD GAVE HIM A CROWN.

MAN GAVE JESUS A GRAVE BUT GOD GAVE HIM BACK HIS GLORY.

MAN GAVE JESUS ANGUISH BUT GOD GAVE HIM ADORATION.

MAN EXPELLED JESUS BUT GOD EXALTED JESUS.

MAN GAVE JESUS THORNS BUT GOD GAVE HIM A THRONE.

MAN PIERCED HIM WITH NAILS BUT GOD GAVE HIM A NAME.

VERSES 9-11 THEREFORE, TURN THINGS UPWARD AND AFFIRM A THREE-FOLD EXALTATION OF THE SAVIOR.

V. 9 AN EXALTED POSITION.

V. 10 AN EXALTED ADORATION.

V. 11 AN EXALTED CONFESSION.

III. CELEBRATE THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST **(2:9-11)**

- VERSES 9-11 BEGINS WITH “WHEREFORE” AND NOTES THE CONSEQUENT ACTION OF GOD THE FATHER IN LIGHT OF THE SON’S VOLUNTARY OBEDIENCE AND HUMILIATION BY DEATH ON A CROSS.

1. ACCEPT HIS EXALTED POSITION (2:9)

1. “HIGHLY EXALTED” MEANS TO EXALT ABOVE AND BEYOND, “TO SUPER EXALT.” NO DOUBT PAUL HAS IN MIND HERE OUR LORD’S RESURRECTION, ASCENSION AND SESSION IN HEAVEN. GOD BROUGHT

HIM BACK TO THE GLORY OF
HEAVEN THAT HE PREVIOUSLY
ENJOYED, AND THEN TOOK IT UP
EVEN HIGHER THAN BEFORE.

2. “GIVEN THE NAME” MAY HAVE
REFERENCE TO THE NAME YAHWEH,
LORD OR JESUS. THE NAME JESUS
FITS THE CONTEXT.

ILLUSTRATION: CHORUS

I WILL EXALT YOUR NAME
I WILL EXALT YOUR NAME
I WILL EXALT YOUR NAME
NEVER BEFORE
NEVER AGAIN
WILL THERE BE ONE LIKE YOU.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE HIS EXALTED
ADORATION. (2:10)
THE BOWING OF ADORATION (AND THE
WORD OF CONFESSION) SERVE TO
EMPHASIZE THE DEITY AND UNIVERSAL
LORDSHIP OF THE SON, A REALITY WHICH
GLORIFIES THE FATHER. THE FATHER IS
MOST PLEASED WHEN THE SON IS MOST
HONORED. IS. 45:23 IS ECHOED IN V. 10. IN
ISAIAH, YAHWEH IS IN VIEW, IN
PHILIPPIANS IT IS JESUS. IT IS NO
ACCIDENT THAT JESUS HAS ASCRIBED TO
HIM THAT WHICH IS ASCRIBED TO THE
GOD OF THE OT, FOR JESUS ALSO IS GOD.
ALL WILL BOW (V. 10). THE PHRASE IN

HEAVEN . . . ON EARTH . . . UNDER THE
EARTH SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD
DOXOLOGICALLY NOT
COSMOLOGICALLY. PAUL IS SIMPLY
SAYING,

“NOTHING IN ALL OF CREATION IS
OUTSIDE THE LORDSHIP AND AUTHORITY
OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.”

3. ADOPT HIS EXALTED CONFESSION. (2:11)
 1. F. F. BRUCE NOTES: “JESUS (CHRIST) IS LORD” IS THE QUINTESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN CREED, AND IN THAT CREED “LORD” IS GIVEN THE MOST AUGUST SENSE THAT IT CAN BEAR. WHEN CHRISTIANS IN LATER GENERATIONS REFUSED TO SAY “CAESAR IS LORD,” THEY REFUSED BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT THIS WAS NO MERE COURTESY TITLE THAT CAESAR CLAIMED: IT WAS A TITLE THAT IMPLIED HIS RIGHT TO RECEIVE DIVINE HONORS, AND IN THIS SENSE THEY COULD GIVE IT TO NONE BUT JESUS.”
 2. “WHEN DIVINE HONORS ARE THUS PAID TO THE HUMILIATED AND NOW EXALTED JESUS, THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER IS NOT DIMINISHED BUT ENHANCED. WHEN THE SON IS

HONORED, THE FATHER IS
GLORIFIED; FOR NONE CAN BESTOW
ON THE SON HIGHER HONORS THAN
THE FATHER HIMSELF HAS
BESTOWED.”

CONCLUSION: IT IS NECESSARY THAT CHRIST
SHOULD BE BOTH GOD AND MAN. IT WAS ONLY AS
MAN THAT HE COULD BE A REDEEMER FOR
HUMANITY; AND ONLY AS A SINLESS MAN THAT HE
COULD FITTINGLY DIE FOR OTHERS. IT WAS ONLY
AS GOD THAT HIS LIFE, MINISTRY AND REDEEMING
DEATH COULD HAVE INFINITE VALUE AND SATISFY
THE DEMANDS OF GOD SO AS TO DELIVER OTHERS
FROM SIN. IN THE INCARNATION, THE SON OF GOD
ASSUMED A HUMAN NATURE IN ADDITION TO HIS
ETERNAL DIVINE NATURE. IN THE
INCARNATION/EMPTYING OF THE SON, DEITY AND
HUMANITY WERE PERFECTLY AND PERMANENTLY
JOINED: TWO NATURES IN ONE PERSON. “LOVE
COMING DOWN” RESULTED NOT IN A SUBTRACTION
OF DEITY BUT IN AN ADDITION OF HUMANITY. IN
THE INCARNATION, THE SON OF GOD LAID ASIDE HIS
GLORY NOT HIS DEITY.

THAT BEAUTIFUL NAME

I KNOW OF A NAME, A BEAUTIFUL NAME, THAT
ANGELS BROUGHT DOWN TO EARTH;
THEY WHISPERED IT LOW, ONE NIGHT LONG AGO, TO
A MAIDEN OF LOWLY BIRTH.

I KNOW OF A NAME, A BEAUTIFUL NAME, THAT
UNTO A BABE WAS GIVEN;
THE STARS GLITTERED BRIGHT THROUGHOUT THAT
GLAD NIGHT AND ANGELS PRAISED GOD IN HEAVEN.

THE ONE OF THAT NAME, MY SAVIOR BECAME, MY
SAVIOR OF CALVARY;
MY SINS NAILED HIM THERE, MY BURDENS HE BARE,
HE SUFFERED ALL THIS FOR ME.

I LOVE THAT BLEST NAME, THAT WONDERFUL
NAME, MADE HIGHER THAN ALL IN HEAVEN'
‘T’WAS WHISPERED, I KNOW, IN MY HEART LONG
AGO—TO JESUS MY LIFE I’VE GIVEN.

THAT BEAUTIFUL NAME, THAT BEAUTIFUL NAME,
FROM SIN HAD POWER TO FREE US!
THAT BEAUTIFUL NAME, THAT WONDERFUL NAME,
THAT MATCHLESS NAME IS JESUS!