

Every Knee Shall Bow

Christmas Sunday Morning, December 25, 2016



One of my favorite scenes in our Back to the Nativity Christmas Play last week occurred when everyone bowed before baby Jesus.

This was definitely a humble and reverent historical event, but also prophetic. Even the Wise Men who found the toddler Jesus at His mother's house **(Matthew 2: 11)** fell down and worshipped.

11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and **fell down and worshiped Him**. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

They offered up prophetic gifts, as well. The gift of gold represented Jesus' Deity. The gift of frankincense prophesied of His intercessory mediation for mankind as our High Priest. The gift of myrrh prophesied of His death and burial.

The bowing of all those who came is a prophetic picture of what will happen at the very throne of Jesus during the Millennial Reign. People will acknowledge Jesus on their knees for who He is before His throne.

(Daniel 7:22)

until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

(Matthew 19:28)

So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

There is also another time when all will bow before Jesus. Let's look at **(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, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

You see the manger scene at the birth of Christ our Lord was the beginning of honoring Jesus as our Lord and King. In this passage, we see a picture of the humility of God, the Messiah and the Christ, being honored as our Lord and King!

(Philippians 2: 7 – 8a)

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What great humility Jesus has, to come from Heaven's glory and to be born into the poorest of man in a stable meant for livestock! We are to reflect on that manger scene and heed Christ's example by being a humble people, not raising ourselves above anyone, from any class of people, because Jesus came to live, to die and to be raised for all people. Each of us have been created in His likeness for His glory!

(Philippians 2: 8b – 9)

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9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

Just as those who have bowed before Jesus honoring Him as Lord they did so with the knowledge of who He is, with humble hearts as seen with their humble knee bowed before Him.

But know this that you will bow before Him as I will too. In fact, all will bow before Jesus Our Lord. Look at

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Dr. James Merritt a Lead Southern Baptist Pastor of 3 Church Campuses in towns outside of Atlanta Georgia expounded on these verses:

“Every knee is going to bow whether by choice or by force. Every knee above us in heaven whether it be angels or humans, every knee around us whether it is a believer or unbeliever, and every knee under us, the devil and every demon is going to bow and surrender to His Lordship. It won't be done silently. You can avoid God all of your life, but you cannot avoid God forever. Jesus Christ is Lord and one day you will bow your knee and you will confess that He is the rightful ruler of the entire universe.

What a joy it will be, when we as believers in Christ as our Lord and Savior will bow in the presence of Jesus Himself!