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Topic: Every Knee Will Bow!

Text: Philippians 2:5-11

1. Both knees shall be on the ground, proclaiming submission to the highest authority- The Lord Jesus Christ, who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. It is an indication of humility. When you look at the powers of the world, none has all knees bowing before them. Only Jesus will have everyone to bow to Him.

2. Jesus Christ was so willing to empty himself of his outward glory, giving up the independent exercise of His divine attributes (v6). The Lord Jesus, who is fully God, became man some two millennia ago. to deliver us from our sins (v7). He walked on this earth for 33 years, and then he was led to the cross to shed his blood for the remission of our sins. It should be us to die on the cross (v8). Yet, He took our place.

3. He is the exalted one (v9). "Christ" means the Anointed One. "Jesus" means Saviour. Only through Him can salvation come to mankind. The sovereignty of Christ is absolute. What earthly powers have is limited sovereignty. Jesus can set up kingdoms, and at His behest, He can quickly end one too. He has also demonstrated His absolute humility. Thus, He is the exalted One.

4. The Bible tells us of Christ's first coming. The Bible also tells us of the return of the Lord Jesus, who will come to reclaim the world for his own. When He returns, it will be a time of great judgement. He will then establish His eternal kingdom. All kingdoms on earth do not last forever. Yet, this King who was born in a lowly manger will have an everlasting kingdom with no boundary. When the time comes, every creature must render glory, laud, and honour to His name (v10-11). Our knees will fall in humble adoration as true believers. Christmas will never end; it will be eternal in the new heaven and earth.

5. There is another group of people whose knees shall bow and confess to the Lord Jesus. These are the fallen angels and unbelievers- one day, the reality will be made known that Jesus Christ is the Creator of this world. They, too, will have to bow down and regret not believing in Him. Let us be in the former group, who will have eternal life.

*Humble ourselves before the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and the Lord of lords!*