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OBEDIENT TO DEATH ON THE CROSS

LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN **CHRIST JESUS**: WHO, BEING IN THE FORM OF GOD, THOUGHT IT NOT ROBBERY TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD: BUT MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION AND TOOK UPON HIMSELF THE FORM OF A SERVANT, AND WAS MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN. AND BEING FOUND IN FASHION AS A MAN, HE HUMBLED HIMSELF, AND BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS.

AS MEN WE EXERCISE OUR BODIES TO CONFORM TO THE SHAPE AND STRENGTH WE NEED. IN THESE VERSES PAUL IS INSTRUCTING THE GREEK BELIEVERS TO EXERCISE THEIR MIND IN THE THINGS WE LEARN FROM **JESUS CHRIST'S OWN EXAMPLE OF HUMILITY**.

JESUS THE MESSIAH, WAS THE WORD OF GOD FROM ETERNITY, AND **HE** EXISTED IN THE FORM OF GOD BEFORE **HE** CAME INTO THE EARTH. **HE** BEGAN UNDER GOD'S NATURE, AS HIS DIVINE **WORD**, THAT SERVED HIS EVERY PURPOSE.

THE WORD EMPTIED HIMSELF OF THE GLORY **HE** HAD WITH GOD SO **HE** COULD TAKE ON HUMAN FLESH AND BLOOD.

FROM HIS POSITION WITH ALMIGHTY GOD **HE** TOOK ON THE ROLE OF **THE SUFFERING SERVANT**. **HE** BECAME SUBSERVIENT AND SUBJECT TO THE TREATMENT FORTH COMING FROM MEN.

JESUS LIVED IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MANKIND, AND HUMBLED HIMSELF BEFORE MEN, EVEN ENDURING THE HUMILIATION OF A SHAMEFUL CRUCIFIXION.

CONSEQUENTLY GOD HAS ALSO HIGHLY EXALTED **HIM**, AND GIVEN **HIM** A NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY OTHER NAME:

THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, OF THINGS IN HEAVEN, AND THINGS IN EARTH, AND THINGS UNDER THE EARTH;

AND THAT EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS **THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD** TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER. —Phil 2:5-11.

GOD, THE SUPREME DIVINITY, HAS ELEVATED **JESUS CHRIST** ABOVE ALL, AND GIVEN **HIM** THE HIGHEST POSITION, ON HIS RIGHT SIDE.

GOD GAVE **HIM** THAT EXALTED NAME '**JESUS**' EVEN BEFORE **HE** WAS BORN INTO OUR WORLD. WE HAVE NOT YET REALLY BEGAN TO SEE THE TOTAL POWER OF THAT 'NAME. AT THAT NAME '**JESUS**' EVERY CREATED BEING IN HEAVEN, ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH, EVEN THE WORLD OF DEPARTED SPIRITS, THAT INCLUDES THE DEVIL AND ALL HIS DEMONIC HOSTS, MUST BOW THE KNEE IN SUBMISSION AND CONFESS THAT **JESUS IS THE LORD CHRIST**. AND ALL OF THIS BRINGS GLORY TO GOD **HIS FATHER**.

LET'S GO TO THE REVELATION:

AND THEY SING THE SONG OF MOSES THE SERVANT OF GOD, AND THE SONG OF **THE LAMB**, SAYING, GREAT AND MARVELOUS ARE THY WORKS, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY; JUST AND TRUE ARE THY WAYS, **THOU KING OF SAINTS**.

HERE WE SEE THAT MOSES, THE LAW-GIVER, IS BEING CELEBRATED AS GOD'S SERVANT.

IN HEAVEN **JESUS CHRIST, THE LAMB** OF GOD IS NO LONGER CALLED A SERVANT. **HE** HAS RESUMED **HIS** STATUS WITH GOD IN GLORY.

ALL THE MIGHTY AND WONDERFUL WORKS THAT **JESUS THE KING**, COMPLETED ON THE EARTH ARE NOW CELEBRATED IN HEAVEN BY THE SAINTS. HERE **JESUS** IS TITLED

Lord WHICH MEANS SUPREME IN AUTHORITY.

ALMIGHTY = THEE ALL RULING, ABSOLUTE AND UNIVERSAL SOVEREIGN.

WHO SHALL NOT FEAR THEE, O LORD, AND GLORIFY THY NAME? FOR ONLY YOU ARE HOLY: FOR ALL NATIONS SHALL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE THEE; FOR THY JUDGMENTS ARE RENDERED APPARENT TO ALL.
Revelation 15:3-4.