

Chapter 4

The Unstoppable Force of Humility

The subject we are about to look at is one of the greatest in the Bible. It shows itself in every aspect of the Christian life, and is in fact one of the key factors to understanding the New Testament, and the heart of a true worshiper.

Without humility you have no worship, for to worship or pay homage to one greater than yourself you must acknowledge your own place of lower stature. There is a saying I heard that explains it well and it says “God is God and you are not.” Worship starts from a place of humbleness before God, for God gives grace to the humble and humility is the true spiritual force behind everything we do as Christians.

Whether we know it or not God goes through great lengths to keep us humble. Many times we will complain to God about our circumstances but without them we would lose our humble perspective and miss the greater place that God would have us to be in. You see God is not trying to change your circumstance He’s trying to change you.

In Deut. 8:2 the Lord says

*“And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble thee...**”.*

Imagine that, the Lord led them into the wilderness specifically to humble them. In fact it goes on to say in the next few verses that he caused them to hunger and fed them manna so that they would learn that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. It looks like God went way out of his way and brought man way out of his way to make sure he stayed humble.

As one lives in humility it gives us a spiritual edge or grace that one would not have if there were no humility. There are three aspects of this grace that comes from humility that I would like to address. It is these attributes that make it an unstoppable force.

Jesus said unless we humble ourselves and become as little children we can not even *see* the Kingdom of God. So the first one is **Perspective**.

With a humble attitude we see things differently. It gives us a heart Perspective that sees the behind the scenes spiritual view of what is happening, which is invaluable to the truth seeker. We trust in the Lord with our whole heart and lean not on our own understanding because we are in a place of humility of heart that gives us a heavenly perspective.

The heavenly perspective is as if we were in the heavenly place looking down at ourselves and seeing Gods view of what is happening. I call it seeing the big picture.

Without a humble attitude the information we take in will be tainted by the attitude that we have when we look at the given situation. If we were offended then our perception of the situation will cause us to see it as if we were wronged. When we see from a heart of love we see with compassion to reach another. Whatever attitude we have when we see it will determine our decision on that situation.

With perspective comes the next point, which is **Wisdom**. When we see the big picture we get a clearer view of what is happening. Having this view gives us the ability to make decisions that will cause us to build the Kingdom of God rather than tear it down. That is wisdom that comes from a humble perspective.

The ability to use the information we have to help others and ourselves is wisdom. God calls this type of wisdom very valueable, more valuable than riches, something to be sought after diligently. Psalms 25 Verse 9 says He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His ways. True humility gives us the proper perspective which in turn guides our decisions with Godly wisdom.

The last point is the worshipers true power source, the place from which he draws his strength and life, the presence of God. Without humility you can not dwell in this place.

The English language falls woefully short of words to describe the power available here. We will start this subject in the book of Ephesians, chapter 2, and verses 4- 6.

*“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and **raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**”.*

You see it is stated very clearly that we are the body of Christ and that we are seated in heavenly places **in** Christ.

The blessings, the power, the insight, the authority we have as Christians comes from being in Him.

Lets list the first few things that we have ***in Christ*** according to the book of Ephesians, you can look them up yourself, I will just give you the chapter and verse;

- 1) All spiritual blessings in Him 1:3
- 2) We were Chosen in Him 1:4
- 3) We find Redemption in Him 1:7
- 4) We have Forgiveness of sins in Him 1:7
- 5) We know the mystery of His will in Him 1:9
- 6) We have an inheritance in Him 1:11
- 7) We have the seal of the Holy Spirit in Him 1:13
- 8) We are Raised up together with Christ in Him 2:6
- 9) He makes us sit together with Christ, in Him 2:6
- 10) We have Deliverance from the curse of the law in Him 2:15
- 11) We have Access to the Father in Him 2:18

We could go on much further but you get the point. Being in His presence is Gods intention for us, yet so few of us experience it on a daily basis. His presence is what was supposed to separate the Christian from the world. Yet instead it seems to have separated the true worshipers from the Christians. For with those who dwell under the shadow of the Almighty comes all the other traits that separate us from the world. He desires that we walk in them, for he is seeking such to worship Him.