

2022 CONSECRATION

Week 3 (Jan 17 – Jan 23)

How to Be Exalted By God

We have been talking about humility and pride. As a Pastor, one of the questions that I have been asked over and over again is, “How can I conquer pride?” The answer to the question is pretty simple. Do what God says is your work which is to humble yourself. That is a part of the assignment for every believer. The second thing is to trust Him to do what He says is His work: to exalt the humble you.

If you have been a Christian for any real length of time, then you have found out what most of us know already, and that is that the humbling of yourself is DIFFICULT to do. Even though the command in scripture is very clear, it is extremely difficult to do. I am not even sure it is fully your work to conquer and cast out the pride that is in your nature and to begin to walk in the humility that Jesus prescribed in the scripture (1 Peter 5:6). God has work that He does in this area of our lives. None of this will come easy at all.



*“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time”
1 Peter 5:6*

I believe that humility is to be your first duty before God. It is the one thing that will always safe guard your soul and set you on a path to blessings. The promise is divine and it is sure. He will exalt you. He says, he that humbleth himself will be exalted. Make sure that you do the one thing that God asks. God will see that He does the one thing that is promised. He will give more grace. He will exalt you in due time.

All of God’s dealings with man can be characterized by 2 stages: A time of preparation when the command and promise are given. Then, there is

the time of fulfillment when faith inherits the promise and enjoys what it so often struggled for. I believe that this principle holds true in every part of the Christian life. Between these two stages, we must learn how inadequate we are; we can't even humble ourselves without God. He has got to help us. We cannot do it by ourselves! Pride will always rise back up in us if we are not reminded of our faults or humbled along the way.

It is funny/ironic that the very beast we are told to crucify (the flesh) will rise up and hinder us from doing the exact same thing that God told us to do. Don't kill me. I am just preaching the truth.

Sacrifices Don't Speak; They Don't Talk Back

Even though we are told to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, the body is still alive. We have to lay our heart on the altar. Sacrifices are dumb; they don't talk. In humility they don't say a

See Isaiah 53:7 and
Acts 8:32-38

word. The reason why we have so much chatter in our thoughts is because our flesh is not dead. It is still speaking to us and has not completely humbled itself to the life God wants us to live. Jesus had to be careful with what He said because He was on the altar of sacrifice. Unlike the sheep, Jesus knew what was about to happen and He had made up His mind to pay the ultimate price in humility. In this, the beginning of our third week, I am sure that we have all heard the cravings from our body telling us what we need. I hope that we are all finding out that there is truth in the fact that Jesus' words are true: "man shall not live bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4). Our fleshly chatter should be quieting and the spirit man should be growing. I encourage you to not give up. Please hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. To continue to make ourselves more likely to hear the voice of God, we are going to sacrifice beef, and all red meats at this time.

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I would love to have you in prayer on Monday and Friday nights, and I know that this too is a major sacrifice. **Our Prayer Objectives** are:

That God will give us a heart to serve and that we will see and know our assignment.

That we will deny ourselves and take up the cross of Jesus and follow Him.

That God will give us a desire to be winners of souls for the Kingdom - it is at the very heart of God that we share our testimony that others would hear, believe, and be saved.

That God will keep us safe in the midst of COVID-19.