

Humble Yourselves to Greatness

MATTHEW 18:1

- » 1 † ¶ At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- » 2 † And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
- » 3 † And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- » 4 † Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

JAMES 4:10

- » 10 † Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

59-1115 MY.NEW.MINISTRY_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-18 † How many times we look at men who climb up in great ranks, like, and get high names. But sometimes, that's not what God calls high. Do you remember when John went--came preaching? The Bible foretold that every mountain would be brought low, and every low place would be lifted up. See? And when it come, you would think it would be coming out of heaven with fiery chariots. But what was it, but a poor man dressed in a piece of sheepskin wrapped around him; and out on the banks of Jordan, preaching, on the muddy banks, not even in the church. But God called that great.

And when Jesus said to the disciples that there wasn't one borned of a woman as great as John the Baptist... You take all the kings, and David, the prophet, and all of his great splendor, and Solomon; they didn't even touch John. And yet, he didn't even have a place to lay his head. So you don't have to be rich and mighty in this world to be great in the sight of God. You only have to be humble in your heart. And God calls that greatness. He that's great enough to humble himself. That's a great person that'll--that'll take the blame for everything, that'll humble himself. That's greatness.

I PETER 5:5-6

- » 5 † ¶ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.
- » 6 † Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

63-0412E GOD.HIDING.HIMSELF.IN.SIMPLICITY_ ALBUQUERQUE.NM FRIDAY_

« 57 † You know, God is so great, He hides Himself in simplicity, and then reveals Himself in the same thing He hides Himself in. And God is so great, He can make Hisself simple. That's what makes Him great. So many miss Him in the simplicity, simple ways that He hides Himself. Now, we know that man cannot do this. Man cannot make hissself great enough to be simple. See? Now what makes God so great, is because He can be so simple. And God does not reveal Himself in greatness, as we call greatness.

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GOD.HIDING.HIMSELF.IN.SIMPLICITY.THEN.REVEALING.HIMSELF.IN.THE.SAME_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« 129 † Now, we're going to take a few characters here for a few minutes. Let's notice in the days of Noah. Noah's day, God seen worldly wisdom so greatly punctuated and respected, He sent a simple message by a simple person to show them His greatness. Now, we know that in the day of--of--of Noah, they claim that a civilization was so mighty then until we have never reached that spot yet in our modern civilization. And I believe that it will finally be reached, because our Lord said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of man." And He gave some illustrations.

56-0115 THE.JUNCTION.OF.TIME_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-13 † Now, as we see that the time that Nimrod had brought all the confederations together, and made all people come to Babylon, and come into this great confederation, and at the time of all the evil going on between the women, sexually and so forth, at the same time God had a witness on the earth: Enoch, who walked with God blameless. And at the same time that evil was appearing, angels appeared on the earth. Angelic beings moved in to men. Very beautiful type of today, also; as the evil is appearing, so is good appearing. And notice, back there in that evil day just before the destruction, when God had a man out preaching the Gospel, a poor man, humble man, not very much of the world, but a man who had a heart to listen to God: Noah. There was Noah and Enoch preaching at the same time. And if you notice over in Revelations 11, it said, "I'll give power unto My two witnesses in the last day." Two witnesses again in the last day, Revelations 11... And they performed signs and wonders among the people.

62-0401 WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-17 SUNDAY_

« 440 † Well, Abel's children were humble, farmers, shepherds; pastors, you know. Shepherds, farmers, humble, didn't claim to be smart, but they just stayed with the Word. What did they produce at the end time? A prophet. It did. A prophet, what for? The last time-signs. 441 When Noah stood in that door, building on that ark, he said, "It's coming, a rain." He was called a fanatic, but he was a prophet. Amen. What did he do? Brought salvation to them that believe, and them that wanted to escape. That's what the humble, uneducated race brought forth, that believed in faith. Others believed in knowledge, they brought forth death, to the whole race. What did--what did the humble do with faith? Brought forth salvation, a prophet of the Lord, who gave them a sign that the end time was there. 442 Do you think the educated would believe it? Snarl their nose and walk away, say, "Where is the rain coming from? Scientifically prove to me where there's any water up there." That scientists, bunch of smart alecks, trying, scientific prove there's no God. Try!

62-0628 A.GREATER.THAN.SOLOMON.IS.HERE_ SANTA.MARIA.CA THURSDAY_

« E-83 † Then after while, Pastor Solomon come walking out. Oh, how everybody loved him. My, wouldn't it be wonderful if our people just loved the Holy Spirit when He come down like that? We'd just obey, and be in--so submissive to Him. Pastor Solomon walked out very quietly, bowed himself to the people. And the... Well yet a king, but in his humility, sweet and humble, didn't pray for great things, just to have wisdom to lead his people.

And she begin to notice the prayer line as it was that morning, that the secrets of the people's heart was being made known. I imagine she stayed up all night long reading those scrolls. "I seen it with my own eyes. I seen it with my own eyes. I watched it."

63-0318 THE.FIRST.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN MONDAY_

« 109 † There stood the--the judgment, the queen of--of Sheba of the south stood there in the judgment, and her own testimony... Not even a Jew came up with that generation that was Jews, and they were blind and missed Him, because they were looking for Him; but He come so simple that they went plumb over the top of it, like that. **And there that great queen humbled herself, and come and accepted the message. "And she'll stand in the judgment," He said, "and condemn that generation."**

JOHN 1:25-34

- » 25 † And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?
- » 26 † John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;
- » 27 † He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.
- » 28 † These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.
- » 29 † ¶ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- » 30 † This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.
- » 31 † And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.
- » 32 † And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.
- » 33 † And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
- » 34 † And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

63-0825M HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-12 SUNDAY_

- « 99 † One time, he or she was young and fair, beautiful. They had a lot of temptations to go through, but they overcome that. See? They overcome. Now they're expressing the real beauty of Christ in their life. Notice, expressing, through the mud.
- 100 **Jesus gave us the example, how to do it. Now we want to know how to overcome. Jesus told us how to do it. See? Humility! Girded Himself, took a towel, and washed the disciples' feet and wiped them. The very God of Heaven humiliated Himself.**
- 101 We don't want to be humiliated. That's the reason women don't want their hair to grow out; the reason they don't want to dress like ladies should dress. Like, men don't want to, see, it's the same thing. They don't. They, they get humiliated.
- But, Jesus, constantly! Look Who He was. Greatness! I'm going to say something. Greatness humiliates itself. Great humbles itself. Greatness!**
- « 102 † I've had the privilege of getting, meeting some great men. And it's these guys that got a change of clothes, and fifty cents in their pocket, and to rattle, that's the guy that thinks he's something when he's nothing. But I stood by great men, I mean great men with ragged sleeves, cuffs. They make you think you're the great person. See?
- Greatness is humility. Don't forget that, Church. Greatness is expressed in humility, not how fine you can be.**
- I don't mean dirty, now. I--I mean humble in spirit. See? I don't mean just get--get out and... Go to wash and clean up. That, you should do that. You know that. See?**
- But I'm talking about humility, genuine humility, not something is put-on. Something that is, that's real humility.**

59-1231 AND.FROM.THAT.TIME_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN THURSDAY_

« 78 † As Brother David duPlessis was telling us awhile ago about Saul of Tarsus, a murderer, who held the coat of the murderers that--and witnessed, and give witness to the death of Stephen, the martyr. He had letters in his pockets to go down to the--the head councils of the churches, and arrest the people that were making too much noise, shouting and praising God. He was a great man in the sight of the Pharisees. He was a Pharisee of the Pharisee. But one day he was on his road to Damascus, and he met God. A Light shined around him, and from that time on, he was no more Saul of Tarsus, but he was Paul, the humble one, the meek one, because he met God and it changed him.

62-0908 PRESENT.STAGE.OF.MY.MINISTRY_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-11 N-2 SATURDAY_

« 87 † Demas, loving this present world, popularity of men. "Hello, Doctor Demas. I know you got your Ph.!"

88 Oh, sure, they love that. Jesus said, "How you like to stand in synagogues, and be called 'Rabbi,' and so forth." Said, "You only receive more damnation." See?

89 Now, we know when they seen this doctor following him, or with him, and Paul took Luke, said, he said--said here, "Luke is--Luke is the only one hadn't forsaken. And Luke is--is good to him. But, Luke is prosperous to him. He needs Luke for his ministry." And this doctor following a man around wherever he went, and preached Divine healing. And a man that preached Divine healing could heal the crippled and raise up the dead, and everything else, and see mighty visions, and speak things that would come to pass, and left his own co-worker sick. And could have had a million dollars and built buildings worth tens of thousands of dollars, and big schools and things like that, and didn't even have but one coat to put on his back.

« 90 † Demas said, "I ain't associating with a guy like that. He's just... He's a low class of person. I'll go up with the denominational brethren. I'll go up where I'll be somebody." If it was such a thing, I'd like to walk, and right after Baxter gets through, see, for leaving that poor little guy in that shape. He ought to have been standing by him. Paul was the one led him to Christ. But, you see, it's without knowing the Spirit, knowing what the will of God is, then doing the will of God. See? Now, but there he left him in that condition. Left him! All men had forsaken him.

« 91 † How I think of that! How a servant that'll stand true to the Word, sooner or later, just remember, the people are going to forsake him. Now, we want to strike that just for a few minutes, and I won't keep you too long now, 'cause I want you here in the morning. Always when God's servant stands true to the Word, all forsake him. And it... Now, just take anywhere you want to, anytime in the Bible or in history, that when a man stayed true, no matter how popular he was, when he stayed true to the Word, the time come when the religious world forsaken him and cut him off. Now, just read it, if you take the Bible from Genesis over to the Book of Revelation, and pick up in the Pre-Nicene Council and take down to the Nicene Fathers, and every man, every saint, every prophet, every true servant of God that stayed with the Word, was forsaken by the ecclesiastical thing and cast down. And Paul was one of them.

« 92 † And if there'd be one today, it'd be the same thing. It's exactly the truth. You have to hit that place. It has to come. They think that a man that would have a ministry like that, he ought to have the world right under his thumb. He should, but they won't come under his thumb. See? And a man like that wouldn't put a ministry, or a world under his thumb; he'd put it under his Master's thumb, 'cause he's not here representing himself, he's representing his Master.

« 93 † You know, men try to seek honor one from another, and they honor one another, and dishonor God by doing so. See? We try and make big people among us, and when we're no big people and little people, we're all little people. There's only one big One among us, and that's our Lord. See? And we make our organization so much bigger than God, "the great holy church of this, that, or the other, the great holy bishops," and so forth. There's no such things as that. That's the honor of man. There's only One holy, and that's God. And the Holy

Ghost, which is God, is among us. It's not us that's holy, it's the Holy Spirit that's in us. It's not... When we see things done, it isn't us doing, it's the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "It's not Me that doeth the works, it's My Father. He dwelleth in Me, and He's the One that does the works." And it isn't him that--that's doing it. All right. But we find them true servants down through the time.

« 94 † Now here is the thing I want to kind of exercise on for a few moments. Now, it's usually at such a time as this when men has stayed true to the Word and all men have forsaken him until God steps in in defense of that person and crowns his ministry. That's right. What a consolation. Our consolation is built in the promise of God's Word. No matter what the world says, what the world does, that's not our hopes, is not built in what the world is doing.

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GOD.HIDING.HIMSELF.IN.SIMPLICITY.THEN.REVEALING.HIMSELF.IN.THE.SAME_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« 429 † You love Him? My, isn't He wonderful? I hope and I trust that the message will produce what it was intended to do; that it'll get you to a place that you don't look for flowery things or some... When you see God in greatness, look how humble it is, and then you'll see God. Don't look for Him...

« 430 † When Elisha was back in that cave, the smoke went across, blood, thunder, lightning, and (See?), all these kinds of sensations we've had--blood in the face and in the hands, and sensations and everything, they never bothered that prophet. He just laid there, but he heard a still small Voice. What was it? the Word. Then he covered his face and walked out. See, that was it.

« 431 † Remember, friend, don't look for great big... You say, "God." He speaks of great big things. There'll come a time there'll be this, that, or the other, great big things... I hope you're catching what I'm talking about (See?), great big things... See? And oh, when this comes to pass, it'll be great, big like this, and it'll be so humble you'll miss the whole thing and just go right on. See?

You'll look back and say, "Well, that never did come to..." See? Passed right over the top, and you never even seen it, just...?... See? It's so simple. See? God lives in simplicity, (See?), to manifest Hisself in greatness. What makes Him great? Because He can simplify Himself. A big great man can't simplify himself; he's got to be a dignitary. See? But he ain't big enough yet. When he comes big enough, then he comes down like this (you see?), can humble himself.

EPHESIANS 2:19-22

» 19 † Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

» 20 † And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

» 21 † In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

» 22 † In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

JUDE 1:3-5

» 3 † ¶ Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

» 4 † For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

» 5 † I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

JUDE 1:17-21

- » 17 † But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- » 18 † How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.
- » 19 † These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.
- » 20 † But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,
- » 21 † Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

- » 12 † ¶ Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
- » 13 † Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
- » 14 † And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
- » 15 † And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
- » 16 † Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- » 17 † And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

ISAIAH 55:6-11

- » 6 † ¶ Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
- » 7 † Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- » 8 † For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
- » 9 † For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- » 10 † For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
- » 11 † So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.