

EVERY KNEE WILL BOW:

Philippians 2:10-11;

10 “That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Many reject Jesus today. They use His name inappropriately. Some are eager to receive His blessings, they even ask that they be prayed for when they are faced with sickness or tragedy, but they refuse to accept Him as their Savior and certainly not their Lord. They accept the blessings but not the blesser. Some are proud and credit their success to their own abilities and efforts, at the same time they refuse to acknowledge God and the part He plays in their accomplishments. Life is all about them, who they are, what they have, what they are doing and what they will do in the future. They give no thought to what their future will be when they depart this life. In fact some think that the life they live now is all there is, and all there will ever be. They claim that you have one life to live, therefore; live for yourself now, acquire as much as you can, I will fulfill the desires of the eye and I will do things my way, but there is no place for Jesus in their lives.

Jesus gave an illustration of two men, one was very rich he lived in luxury and lived for the present, making this world his home; the other a poor beggar. Please note, there is nothing wrong in being rich. Many men in the Bible were rich, men such as Abraham, Job and Solomon. We should not allow our riches to take the place of God in our lives. The story in Luke 16:19-31 said both men died. The rich man was buried and was tormented. The poor man was carried in

Abraham's bosom and comforted. This tells us that after one departs this life, there is the consciousness of the soul that does not die, it lives on. What we do in this life determines the state of our soul when we depart this life.

Man was created by God to worship Him. He gave man a free will and gave man the ability to make choices. One of those choices is to acknowledge Him now as Savior and Lord and bow and worship now when he can do so freely, or if he does not now, he will bow later when he has no choice. Philippians 2 :10a says that at the name of Jesus "EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW".

Today, not every knee is bowing. Some bow because of their love and reverence for Him, but others refuse to do so for many reasons, some because of pride, others because they hate Him, some because of selfishness, regardless of their reasons, they refuse now when they are able to choose not to do so, but there is coming a day when they will have no choice. The Bible says every knee will bow at the name of Jesus. Bowing is part of worshipping God. It shows humility and reverence.

It is declared in the Psalms that there will be a time when there will be UNIVERSAL WORSHIP, this is what it says in Psalm 22: 27- 29; "27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. 28 For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations. 29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul." Here we notice that the scripture is referring to when Christ returns. He makes reference by saying that those who are alive and those who went down to the dust shall bow before Him. The dead will not bow, but the resurrected soul will, when Christ returns to gather His bride, the church those who slept, who were His followers while they lived, will rise to be with Him. They will join the rest and bow as

they join with others who will bow as they worship and say Holy is the Lord God almighty.

The prophets declared that universal worship would take place someday. It will be a glorious day when all believers of the Old and New Testaments, those who suffered for their faith and persevered, those who preached and those who were persecuted along with all the faithful who ever lived join in worshipping their Savior and Lord who was slain for our redemption before the foundation of the world.

The prophets spoke of such a day. This is what Isaiah wrote in the book that bears his name, in chapters 45:22-23, 49:7 and 66:23;

22 “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.”(Isaiah 45:22-23). Isa. 49:7; “ Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Isaiah 66:23; “ And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

The prophet Zechariah wrote in Zec. 14:16; “ And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Rome that the days that the prophets spoke of will come to pass, (Rom. 14:11)

To the believers at Philippi this is what he told them,

“9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

The apostle John declared in Revelation 3:9 and 15:4;

9 “Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.”(Rev.3:9) In this verse, The apostle John had a revelation of Jesus as He looked in the church at Philadelphia. That was a church that kept the faith, Jesus commended them for their loyalty and purity, He had no complaints against them. He said in that day, those who claimed to be following God, when in fact they worshipped the devil, they go to his synagogue; they will come and bow their knees before those who live holy righteous lives. This verse says that there are those in the churches who pretend to be followers of Jesus Christ, when in fact, they are devil worshippers.

Early in Jesus’ teachings He told the disciples to allow the wheat and tares to grow together until the day of harvest when He will separate the wheat from the tares. There is a day coming when all these who pretends, will be exposed.

God is a merciful God who extends mercy to all. It is not His wish that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Therefore, He extends His mercy to those who claim to be His followers but are not. The mercy that is extended has a time limit on it. It is giving those

pretenders time to repent. The time to do so is today, tomorrow will be too late. If you hear His voice today, do not harden your heart. There is coming a day when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord.

He saved us so that He can be both our Savior and Lord. For some, He can be their Savior, but not their Lord. There are no negotiations in this area. To be one of His followers, He must be both Savior and Lord. Those of the synagogues of satan claim Him as savior but not Lord. Him being Lord means total and complete surrender to Him. He is in charge in every area of your life. Are there areas of your life that you have not surrendered to the Lord and allow Him to be Lord of all? What about your family? Your Plans? Your finance or relationship? Have you surrendered them.? What about the areas in which you struggle? Your mind is it consecrated to the Lord? What about your past, have you surrendered it to God? When you accept Jesus' gift of salvation, He forgave you of all your past. If any person is in Christ that person is a new creation, declares the Scripture.

The enemy will remind you of your past; when he does, remind him of his future. Declare that he is reminding you of someone who does not exist. Speak the word, declare what the word says. Surrender it to the Lord.

The apostle John concluded in Revelation 15:4; this is what he wrote;

4 "Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest".

In the last book of the Bible, the apostle John concluded that all nations will come and worship before God. They will come because of their fear and reverence for God.

The ones who made this declaration were those who came triumphantly through the great tribulation. They overcame the mark of the beast, his name and his number. They asked" Who

shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? They showed reverence just before God poured out His final judgment on those who would not bow down and worship Him; (Rev. 15:1-

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