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The Bridge Bible Fellowship  
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Phil. 2:9-11

**“The Heavenly Mindset – Maintaining Unity In The Body” Part Four  
“Whatever Happened To Heaven?”**

- I. CONDITIONS FOR UNITY [DOCTRINE] - v. 1 – Why?
- II. COMMITMENTS FOR UNITY [DUTY] - v. 2 – What?
- III. CONTRASTS FOR UNITY [DO'S AND DON'TS] v. 3-4 – How?
- IV. COMMAND FOR UNITY [DEITY'S EXAMPLE] v. 5-8 - Who?
- V. \_\_\_\_\_ OF UNITY [\_\_\_\_\_] v. 9-11 – Where?
  - A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ v. 9

“For this reason also”

“God highly exalted Him”

“and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name” (cf. Is. 42:8; Jn. 17:5)

**PRINCIPLE** = Jesus was a humble servant and God highly exalted Him. Keep that ATTITUDE in yourselves! (Phil. 2:3-5; cf. Mt. 23:12; Lk. 14:11; 18:14; Lk. 1:52; James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5; Ps. 73:24f; Jn. 17:24; 2 Cor. 5:8; Heb. 12:18-24)

**BUT there is a special level of exaltation that is eternally reserved for Jesus = SUPER-EXALTATION** (Heb. 2:9 cf. 1:3; 12:2; 4:14; 7:26; Eph. 4:10; Mk. 16:19; Acts 2:33; 5:31; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20-23)

**10 PRINCIPLES:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ leads to Rewards! Mt. 5:12; James 1:12; Rev. 2:10
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Service = No Reward! Mt. 5:46; 6:1, 2, 5, 16; 25:31-46
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Service Leads to Reward (Big or Small)! Mt. 10:41f; Lk. 6:35
- 4. Rewarded for \_\_\_\_\_ Work! 1 Cor. 3:8, 14; 9:17; Col. 3:24
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ are a Reward in Heaven! 1 Thess. 2:19
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith = Reward! 2 Tim. 4:8; Heb. 10:35; 11:6
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Church Leaders will be Rewarded! 1 Pet. 5:4
- 8. Rewards can be \_\_\_\_\_! 2 John 8; Rev. 3:11
- 9. Rewards are \_\_\_\_\_! Heb. 11:26; Rev. 22:12
- 10. Rewards are determined by \_\_\_\_\_ to opportunity (Mt. 20:1-16; 25:14-30; Lk. 19:11-17)
  - a. Not determined by time expended (Mt. 20:1-16 - Parable of the Vineyard)
  - b. Not determined by gifts and talents (Mt. 25:14-30 - Parable of the Talents)
  - c. Not determined by productivity (Lk. 19:11-17 - Parable of the Money)

**Five “I Wills” of Satan - Is. 14** (what Satan arrogantly sought to take from God, God freely gives to those who are humble)

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| 1. “I will ascend to heaven”                        | 1. “Our citizenship is in heaven” - Phil. 3:20    |
| 2. “I will raise my throne above the stars of God.” | 2. Angels sent out to serve us - Heb. 1:14        |
| 3. “I will sit on the mount of assembly”            | 3. “We shall also reign with Him” - 2 Tim. 2:12   |
| 4. “I will ascend above the heights of the clouds”  | 4. We can go to “the throne of grace” - Heb. 4:16 |
| 5. “I will make myself like the Most High”          | 5. “We will be like Him...” - 1 Jn. 3:3           |

**B. THE \_\_\_\_\_ v. 10-11** (Why Jesus was super-exalted after His humiliation)

**1. UNIVERSAL \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10) – \_\_\_\_\_**

“IN HEAVEN” (Eph. 1:21; 3:10; 1 Pet. 3:22; Rev. 4:8-11; 5:8-12)

“ON EARTH”

“UNDER THE EARTH”

**2. UNIVERSAL \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11) - \_\_\_\_\_**

“every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Acts 2:36; Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 11:23; 12:3; 16:22; cf. Is. 45:18-25; Rom. 14:11; Jer. 23:6; Ps. 110:1; Lk. 2:11; John 13:13; Acts 10:36; 1 Cor. 8:6; 2 Cor. 4:5; Rev. 17:14; 19:16)

**FOOTNOTE:** all this happened & will happen in fulfillment of prophecy (Gen. 3:15; 2 Sam. 7:13; Ps. 2:7-9; 8; 47:5; 68:17-19; 72; 110:1; 118:22f; Is. 9:6f; 53:10-12; Micah 5:2; Zech. 9:9f; cf. Lk. 24:26; Rev. 1:7)

JESUS has experienced the reversal of his humiliation! King = ruling the universe; Prophet = leading His people into all truth; Priest = interceding on our behalf.

- **Worship must lead to service!** Same word used for both in NT and OT. **Worship** (Phil. 3:3; Heb. 10:2); **serve** (Mt. 4:10; Lk. 1:74; 4:8; Acts 7:7; 24:14; 26:7; 27:23; Rom. 1:8; 2 Tim. 1:3; Heb. 9:14; 12:28; Rev. 7:15)

**3. ULTIMATE \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE FATHER (v. 11)**

Jesus carried out the Father’s will & brought Him glory. When God glorifies Jesus, Jesus glorifies the Father (John 17:1, 4f).

- Our unity will ultimately bring glory to God (John 17:22-24)
- Our salvation was ultimately to bring God glory (Eph. 1:5f, 12-14)
- When Jesus is glorified, the Father is glorified (Jn. 5:23; 13:31f)
- When Jesus is rejected, the Father is rejected
- When we are humble, selfless servants united in Kingdom work God and Jesus are glorified! (1 Pet. 4:10f)

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How will meditating upon heaven help you to persevere in your service when nobody seems to care or give you recognition? What blessings will you receive from God for your faithful service?
2. Is heaven “real” to you? Are you really living in light of eternity? What in your life might be dulling your senses to the reality of heaven? What is keeping you from fixing your thoughts on things above? What will you do about these things this week?
3. How will understanding this passage impact the way you worship? How can you come to our worship service next Sunday ready to proclaim the glory and Lordship of Jesus and serve Him in His body? What practical things can you do to encourage others in the church to do the same thing?