

Space for God Humbled or Exalted

PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord.
Romans 14:8

WORSHIP

Let them praise the Lord for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them.

Let them exalt him publicly before the congregation and before the leaders of the nation.

Psalm 107:31-32

CONFESSION

"Stop acting so proud and haughty! Don't speak with such arrogance!
For the Lord is a God who knows what you have done; he will judge your actions.

1 Samuel 2:3

MEDITATION – Luke 14:1,7-14*

One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching him closely.

When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: "When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? The host will come and say, 'Give this person your seat.' Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table!

"Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, 'Friend, we have a better place for you!' Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Then he turned to his host. "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet," he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you."

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

ANCHORING PRAYER

I humble myself before You.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

When was I humble?

When did I exalt myself?

WISDOM

Human pride will be brought down, and human arrogance will be humbled. Only the Lord will be exalted on that day of judgment.

Isaiah 2:11

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "Take off your jeweled crown, for the old order changes. Now the lowly will be exalted, and the mighty will be brought down.

Ezekiel 21:26

Though the Lord is great, he cares for the humble, but he keeps his distance from the proud.

Psalm 138:6

Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor.

Proverbs 29:23

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.

1 Peter 5:5b-6

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites.

He will judge or reward you according to what you do.

So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time

here as "temporary residents."

[Amen]

1 Peter 1:17

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.