The Humílity of the INFINITE

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 (2 Timothy 3:16&17)

Isaiah 55:8 & 9

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."

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The Infinite God is fully aware of His impeccably complete, perfect, holy character.

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An unworthy sinner who through pure sovereign grace is now a child of God.

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Practical recognition of the equal status or estate of all mankind.

HUMILITY for the Christian

A Quiet un-presumptuous GENEROSITY to all those possibly in greater need than I in some area.

T This is the story of the gospel in action. Un-presumptuous Generosity on the basis of IMBALANCE in CIRCUMSTANCES, with a view to eliminate that imbalance.

Luke 5:36-39

"No-one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one.

If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old.

And no-one pours new wine into old wineskins.

If he does, the new wine will burst the skins,
the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined."

No, new wine must be poured
into new wineskins.

And no-one after drinking old wine wants the new, for **he says**, 'The old is better."

Matthew 11:25–30 At that time Jesus said.

"I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

Yes, Father, for this was Your good pleasure.

"All things have been committed to me by My Father.
No-one knows the Son except the Father,
and no-one knows the Father except the Son
and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

2 Corinthians 10:5

We demolish arguments
and every pretension
that sets itself up
against the knowledge of God,

and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Romans 8:5-8

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what that nature desires;

but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

The mind of the flesh is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

the mind of the flesh is hostile to God.

It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

Those controlled by the flesh cannot please God.

Luke 2:45-50

When they did not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him.

After three days they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding and His answers.

When His parents saw Him, they were astonished.
His mother said to Him,
"Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You."

"Why were you searching for Me?" He asked.
"Didn't you know I had to be in My Father's house?"
But they did not understand what He was saying to them



Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them.

But His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.

John 1:1–3 (thesis)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.

John 20:30&31 (summary)

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. John 1:31-34

I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that He might be revealed to Israel."

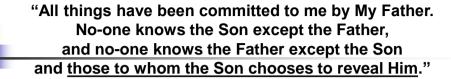
Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on Him.

I would not have known Him, except that the One who sent me to baptise with water told me,

'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is He who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.'

I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

Matthew 11:27



1 Corinthians 2:14

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Matthew 13:10-23, especially 13-15 (See also Mark 4:10-20; Luke 8:9-15; Isaiah 6:9&10)

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see: though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

" 'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

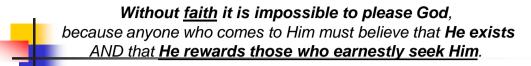
For this people's heart has become calloused:

and turn, and I would heal them.'

they hardly hear with their ears.

and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears. understand with their hearts

Hebrews 11:6



Hebrews 11:1

"faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

KJV perspective on the two elements this verse describes;

"the **SUBSTANCE** of things hoped for" and

"the **EVIDENCE** of things not seen"

Luke 10:38-42 (selected)

Martha had a sister called **Mary**, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said.

and it will not be taken away from her."

Mary has chosen what is better,

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,

a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

Exodus 19:4 - 6

"You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

Now if you obey Me fully and keep My covenant, then out of all nations you will be My treasured possession. Although the whole earth is Mine,

you will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

(Check also Ephesians 4:1–13)

Hebrews 2:17&18

For this reason He had to be made <u>like His brothers in every way</u>, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God,

AND that He might make atonement for the sins of the people.

Because He Himself <u>suffered when He was tempted</u>, **He is able** to help those who are being tempted.

(Check also 2 Corinthians 5:21; & Hebrews 4:15; 5:7–10)

Deuteronomy 8:3 (reflective)

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Exodus 16:4&5 (the History)

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you.

The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow My instructions.

On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

Ephesians 2:1&2

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Hebrews 2:14&15

Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy Him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil —

and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

1 Corinthians 15:25–28

For He must reign until He has put all his enemies under His feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

For He "has put everything under his feet".

Now when it says that "everything" has been put under Him,

it is clear that this does not include God Himself,

who put everything under Christ.

When He has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to Him who put everything under Him, so that God may be all in all.

Hebrews 2:8&9

In putting everything under Him, God left nothing that is not subject to Him.

Yet at present we do not see everything subject to Him.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because He suffered death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

Revelation 11:15

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign for ever and ever."

James, in 4:7



<u>Submit</u> yourselves, then, to God. <u>Resist</u> the devil, and <u>he will flee</u> from you.

2 Corinthians 11:13–15

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen,
masquerading as apostles of Christ.

And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

It is not surprising, then,

if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness.

Their end will be what their actions deserve.

Matthew 16:20; 17:9

Then He warned His disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Christ.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Psalm 91:1&2; 9&10

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD,

"He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

If you make the Most High your dwelling then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.



He, [Jesus] was "led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days He was tempted by the devil.

He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry."

- •It was God's Spirit who took Jesus to the desert,
- •to be tempted,
- •His testing was forty days of it, tested on all points, and
- He was fasting.

Hebrews 4:14&15

Therefore, since we have a Great High Priest who has gone through the heavens,

Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin.

Hebrews 5:8&9
Although He was a son, He learned obedience from what He suffered and, once made perfect,

He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him



Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,

He humbled Himself

and became obedient to death —

even death on a cross!

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

And He is the head of the body, the church;
He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Him,

and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

Hebrews 1:3&4

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word.

After He had provided purification for sins,
He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

So He became as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is superior to theirs.

Revelation 5:5–10 (selected)

"Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.
He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."
Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the centre of the throne,
He came and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

...... And they sang a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Revelation 22:1-4

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

down the middle of the great street of the city.

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month.

And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

No longer will there be any curse.

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him.

They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.