

# The Humility of God

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# God's Attributes

- God is a Spirit: infinite, eternal & unchangeable in His:
  - Being
  - Wisdom
  - Power
  - Holiness
  - Justice
  - Goodness
  - and Truth.

# Humility as an Attribute

- When we recite God's attributes...
- We usually don't think of God as humble,
- Since this quality is not mentioned in most lists.
- Yet in a real sense, God is more humble than any of His creatures.
- Let's see.



# God humbles Himself to Interact with His Creation

# Psalm 113:5-7

5 (NASU) Who is like the Lord our God,  
Who is enthroned on high,

6 Who humbles Himself to behold  
The things that are in heaven and in  
the earth?

7 He raises the poor from the dust  
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,

# To Interact with His Creation

- God, who “fills heaven and earth,” whom even “the heavens and the heaven of heavens” cannot contain...
- Must humble himself to appear even to his angels! (“...to behold the things that are in heaven”)



# Jesus Humbles Himself

Zechariah 9:9 (NASU) Rejoice greatly,  
O daughter of Zion!

Shout in triumph, O daughter of  
Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
He is just and endowed with salvation,  
Humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.



# Jesus Humbles Himself

Philippians 2:5 (NASU) Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

# The Spirit Humbles Himself

Romans 8:26 (NASU) In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

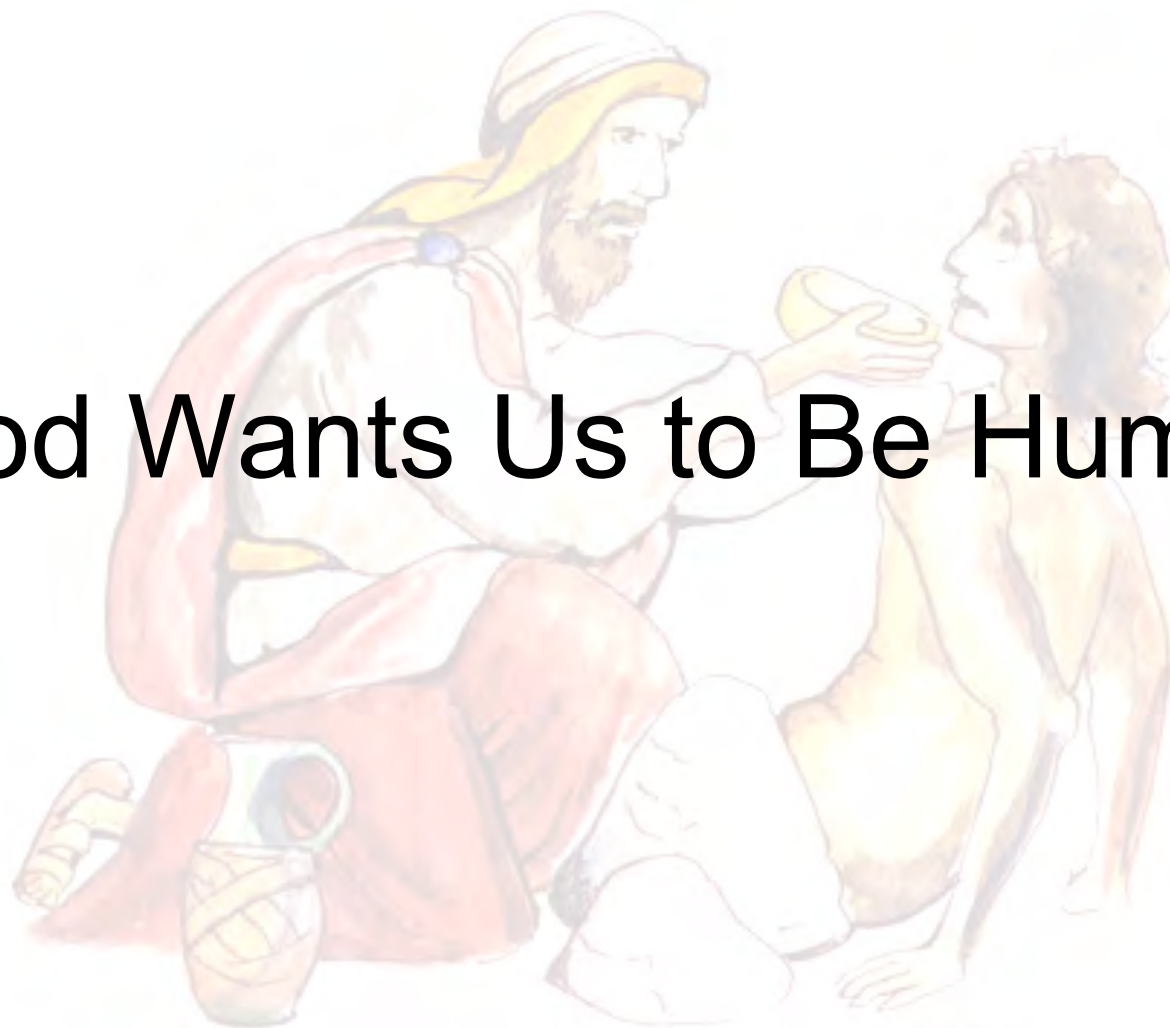
27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

# The Father Humbles Himself

Luke 15:20 (NASU) So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Luke 15:28 (NASU) But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him.

# God Wants Us to Be Humble



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# He Wants Us to Value Humility as He Does

Jeremiah 9:23 (NASU) Thus says the Lord,  
"Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and  
let not the mighty man boast of his might, let  
not a rich man boast of his riches;  
24 but let him who boasts boast of this, that  
he understands and knows Me, that I am the  
Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice  
and righteousness on earth; for I delight in  
these things," declares the Lord.

# He Only Associates with the Humble

Isaiah 66:1 (NASU) Thus says the Lord,  
"Heaven is My throne and the earth is My  
footstool. Where then is a house you could  
build for Me? And where is a place that I may  
rest? 2 "For My hand made all these things,  
Thus all these things came into being,"  
declares the Lord. "But to this one I will look,  
To him who is humble and contrite of spirit,  
and who trembles at My word."

# He Only Associates with the Humble

Isaiah 57:15 (NASU) For thus says the high  
and exalted One  
Who lives forever, whose name is Holy,  
"I dwell on a high and holy place,  
And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit  
In order to revive the spirit of the lowly  
And to revive the heart of the contrite."

# He Wants Us to Imitate His Humility

Matthew 11:29 (NASU) "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."



# He Wants Us to Imitate His Humility

Romans 12:14 (NASU) Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

# In Conclusion

- If humility is an attribute of God...
- It cannot be something that is beneath our dignity to imitate!

