



10-MINUTE BIBLE LESSON

Humility Hymn

Philippians 2:1-11

Before watching the video: What do you already know about Paul's letter to the Philippians? What verses or passages from it might you know already? What are you most curious about regarding this letter?

Now read the passage twice. Take time to notice every sentence and phrase. What stands out to you?

²If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – ***Philippians 2:1-11***

After watching the video: Paul wants to show the relationship between unity and humility, and how critical a component the latter is to the former. His main way of doing this is sharing what is thought to be an early hymn about Jesus, which can be divided into two parts: the humility and obedience he showed in his earthly life (vs. 6-8) and God exalting and glorifying him afterward (vs. 9-11).

How do you see the relationship between unity and humility? What are ways you can see or remember when they've worked well together in the church? Where do you see opportunities for Christian communities to learn or re-learn this lesson?

Conclude in prayer. Thank God for blessings, ask forgiveness for wrongs done, request help for uncertainty. Close with "amen."