

# Highly Exalted

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Philippians 2:9 (ESV)  
God has highly exalted him!

**This statement is about Jesus.** However, the statement is directed to us indicating God's desire to exalt us. This is **clearly evident** when we look at the verse introducing the section.

Philippians 2:5 (NASB)  
Have this **attitude** in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus!

We are forgiven and full of the power of the Holy Spirit, yet we are also to have an **attitude** like Jesus. Have this attitude for a purpose; God to exalt us!

Look at the **attitude** of Jesus and decisions HE made.  
Philippians 2:6 (ESV)  
Jesus, **though HE was in the form of God**, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped!

Jesus as God set aside, **willingly did not use**, HIS position or power of deity to exalt Himself. HE functioned as a regular man. **This explains "the mystery" of Jesus being fully God and fully man.**

Philippians 2:7 (NIV)  
HE made himself nothing (*emptied Himself or made Himself of no reputation*) by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

**Jesus on earth functioned as a man, **a man behaving as man should behave not exalting Himself.****

Philippians 2:8 (NIV)

And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by **becoming obedient to death—**  
even death on a cross!

**Jesus became obedient!** Before this as God, no one ever told Jesus what to do! **Now Jesus as a perfect man only did the things God told HIM to do, “Therefore, HE became obedient!” Jesus was behaving as a man was supposed to behave!**

**Because of Christ’s total obedience doing only what God told HIM, **God HIMSELF Highly Exalted HIM!****

Philippians 2:9 (NASB)

**For this reason,** God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name, which is above every name!

**God is showing us that when we have an attitude like Jesus, God HIMSELF will exalt us also! Look at the picture from the gospels showing Jesus’ attitude in action when Jesus washed the disciples feet.**

John 13:14 (ESV)

If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you also** ought to wash one another’s feet.



**How does this practically apply to us? The Scripture introducing this section gives us clear application.**

Philippians 2:3–4 (NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

Rather, in humility **value others above yourselves**, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

**Valuing others above ourselves is having the same attitude as Christ, which opens the door for God to exalt us!**

**Important note concerning difficult people:** Valuing people with bad behavior necessitates addressing their bad behavior and establishing boundaries when that bad behavior persists. However our attitude should be one that ultimately desires them to do well. We are only responsible for our attitude.

**God wants to exalt us, but here is the first step we must take to allow God to pour Himself into us!**

2Cor.5:21 (NASB)

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Prophetic Team**

**Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.**