**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17 & Philippians 2:1-11

**Singing:** 348:1-4 – 431:3-4 – 304:1-3 – 4:3 – 292:5 – 125:1-3, 7

## Let Us Study Philippians (#17)

Intro: Phil. 2:5-11 is one of richest descriptions of glory of Jesus Christ

A. Why did the Holy Spirit guide Paul to exalt Him? (vs. 2-4)

## THE MIND OF GOD THE FATHER

I. What He did to Jesus? II. What He calls us to do to Jesus?

## I. What He did to Jesus?

- A. God's action reveals His mind towards Jesus
  - 1. "Wherefore" in vs. 9 links to vs. 5-8
  - 2. This 'wherefore' is in line with Jesus' teaching: Matt. 23:12; Luke 14:11
- B. Upon witnessing His Son's spotless obedience, the Father did 3 things
  - 1. He highly exalted Him: G: He super-exalted Him
    - a. see Heb 4:14; Heb. 7:26; Eph. 4:10; Eph. 1:20-22
  - 2. He gave Him a name which is above every name:
    - a. a name in Bible is revelation or designation
    - b. what was the name?
      - some refer to name Jesus, God, or Jehovah
      - best seen as a reference to Jesus' honor given by His Father
    - c. none in our universe is greater than the Lord Jesus Christ
  - 3. He made Him the object of universal submission & worship (vs. 10-11b)
    - a. this does not teach universal salvation but universal submission

Reflection: Where are you <u>now</u> in this picture?  A. Have you already learned to echo the Father's mind towards Jesus  1. Are you exalting Him? Is He to you the Name above every name	
2. Are you delighting in Him as the Father does?	
3. Are you exalting and crowning Him in all His offices?	
B. What brings us to <i>such bended knee and confessing tongue?</i> 1. Nothing less than the powerful hand of Jesus stretched to save	you
2. But what if my knees are struggling to bend and my confession a. Let Ps. 2:12 comfort all who kiss the Son as the Father did	is weak?

C. The Spirit's aim here is to be *likeminded to God the Father and His Son!*