


God Gives Grace to the Humble

Chapter 6 Unshakable Hope



Pride ends in
humiliation, while
humility brings
honor.

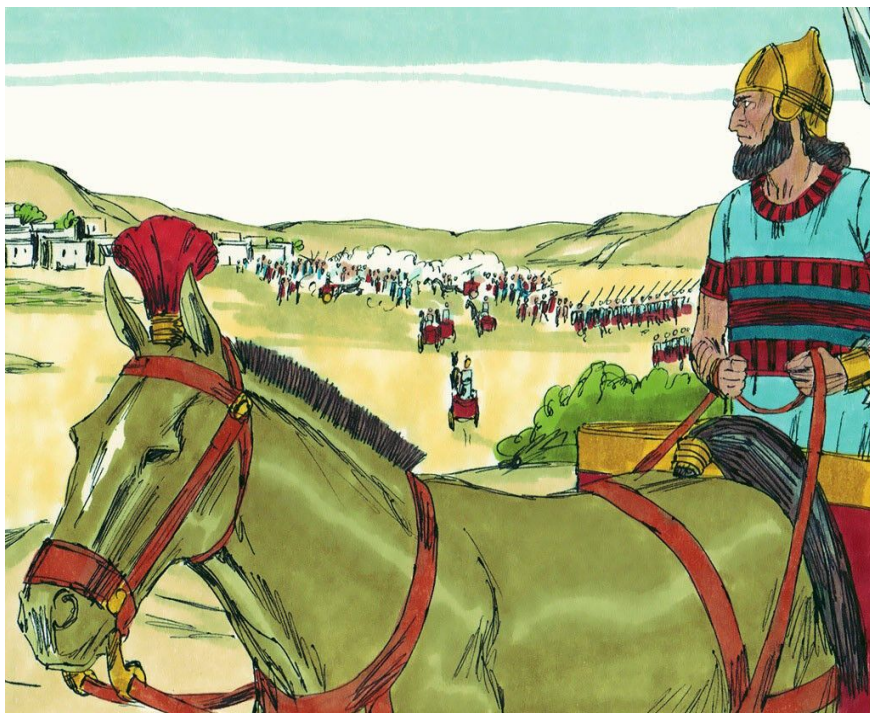
Proverbs 29:23
NLT

MICAH 6:8

He has told you, O man,
what is good; and what
does the Lord require
of you.....
*but to do justice, and to
love kindness,
and to walk humbly
with your God?*



True humility
and fear of the
Lord lead to
riches, honor,
and long life.
Proverbs 22:4



In 587 BC King Nebuchadnezzar was one of the most powerful people on the planet. He destroyed Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem and took most of the wealthy Jews captive. He selected the young men with the most potential and had them schooled in the wisdom of Babylon. Among those that he captured were the prophet, Daniel, as well as Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah—who are better known by the names Nebuchadnezzar gave them: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.



**King Nebuchadnezzar's
Dream Statue
Daniel 2**

Head

Made of Gold
Represented
King Nebuchadnezzar

606-561 BC

Chest & Arms

Made of Silver
Represented
Persia

538 BC

Belly & Thighs

Made of Bronze
Represented
Greece

330 BC

Legs

Made of Iron
Represented
Roman Empire

146 BC

Feet

Made of Iron & Clay
Represented
Divided Roman Empire

Birth of Jesus

Rock

Represented
Kingdom of Jesus Christ

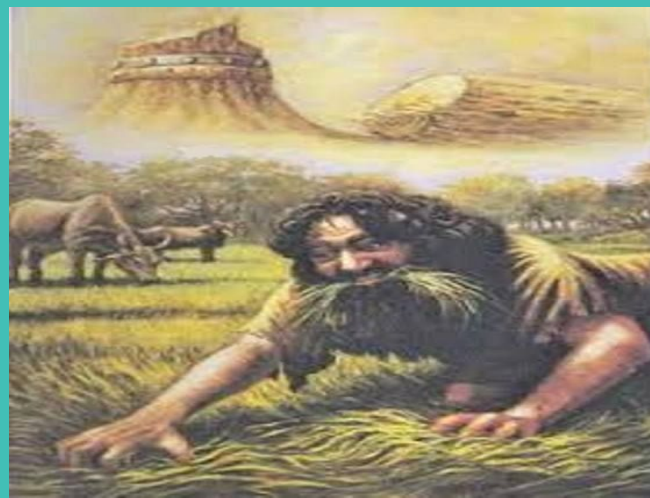
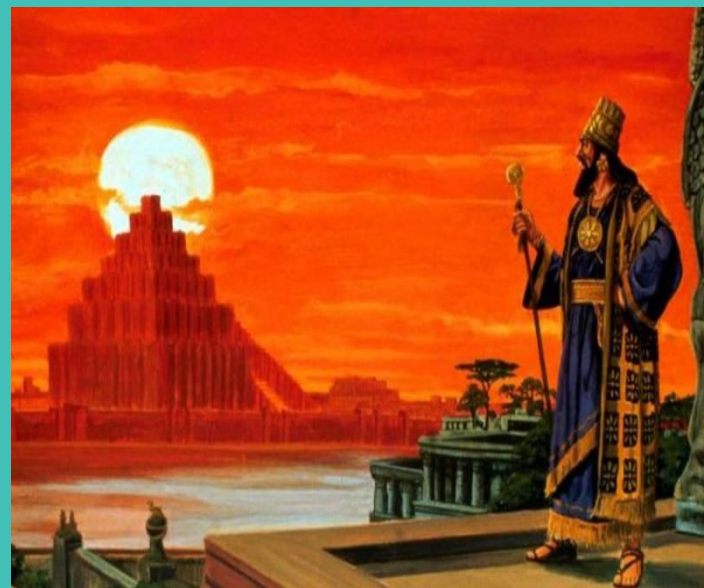
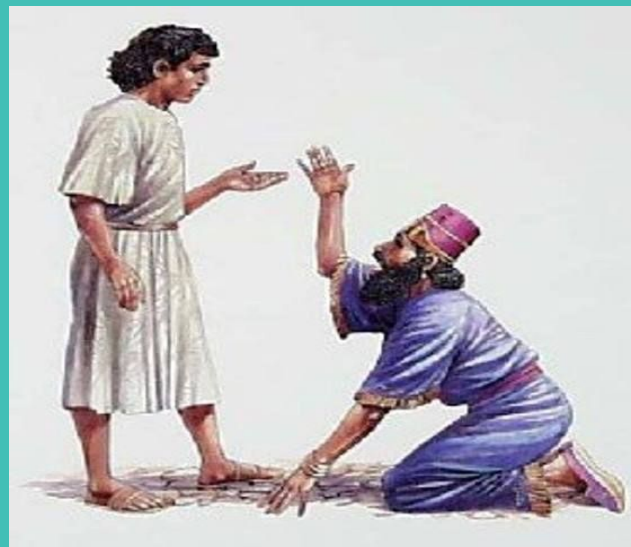
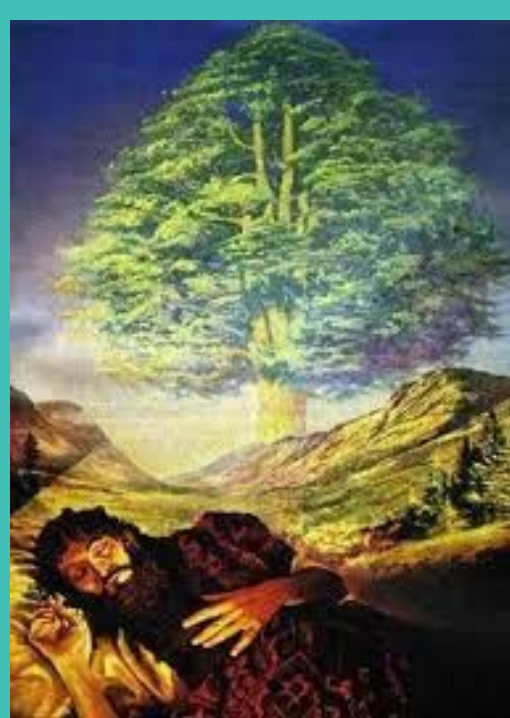
Daniel 2:44 NIV

44 "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.



The Book of Daniel is a series of stories about Daniel, the ideal Israelite exile who humbly lives by his faith in the God of Israel. But it gives plenty of attention to Nebuchadnezzar, a powerful, prideful foreign figure whom God eventually humbles.





How did God give Nebuchadnezzar an opportunity to demonstrate humility?

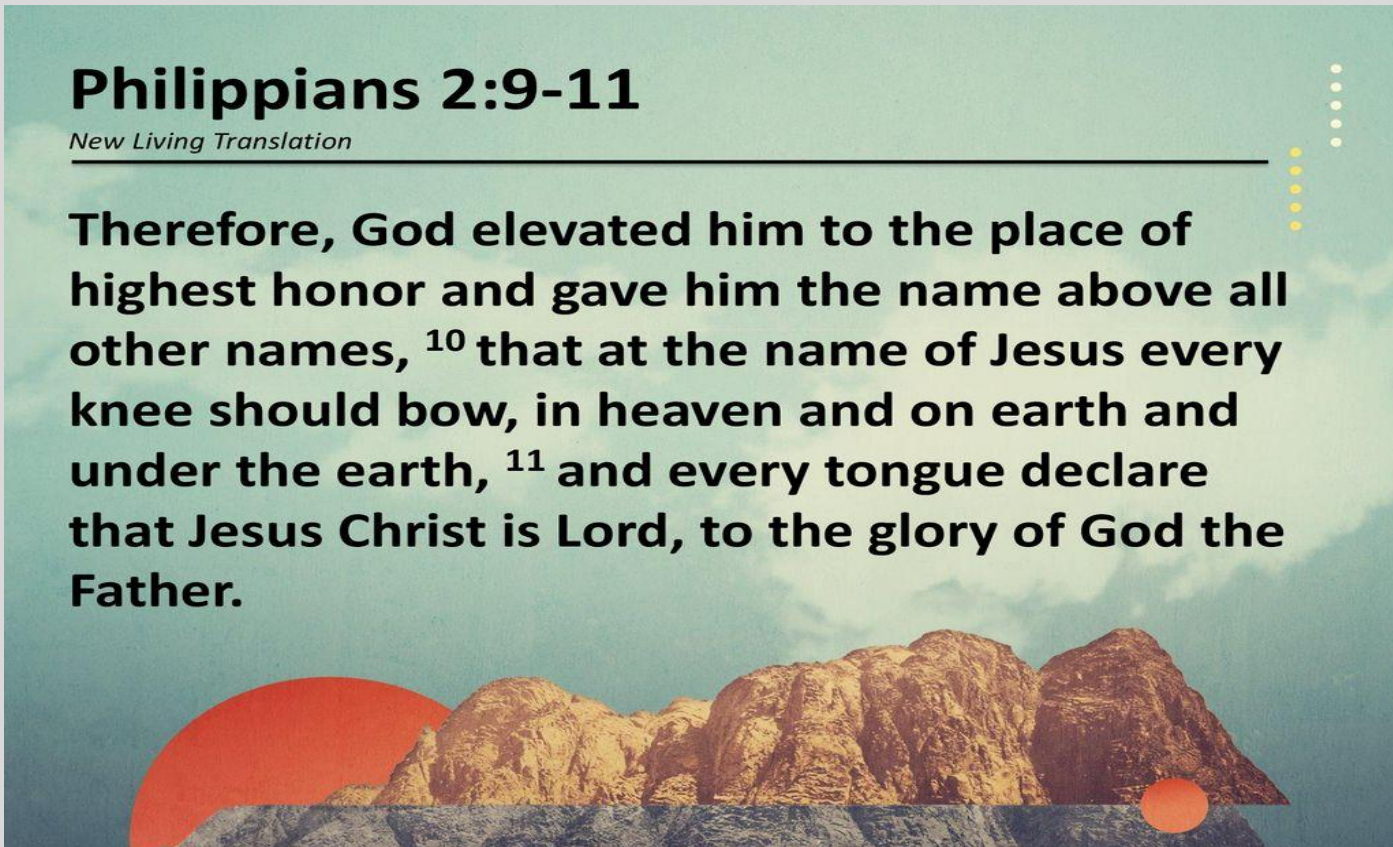
Lucado speaks of Bernie Madoff and King Nebuchadnezzar? How are their stories similar? How are they different?

Why did God give Jesus the name above all names?

Philippians 2:9-11

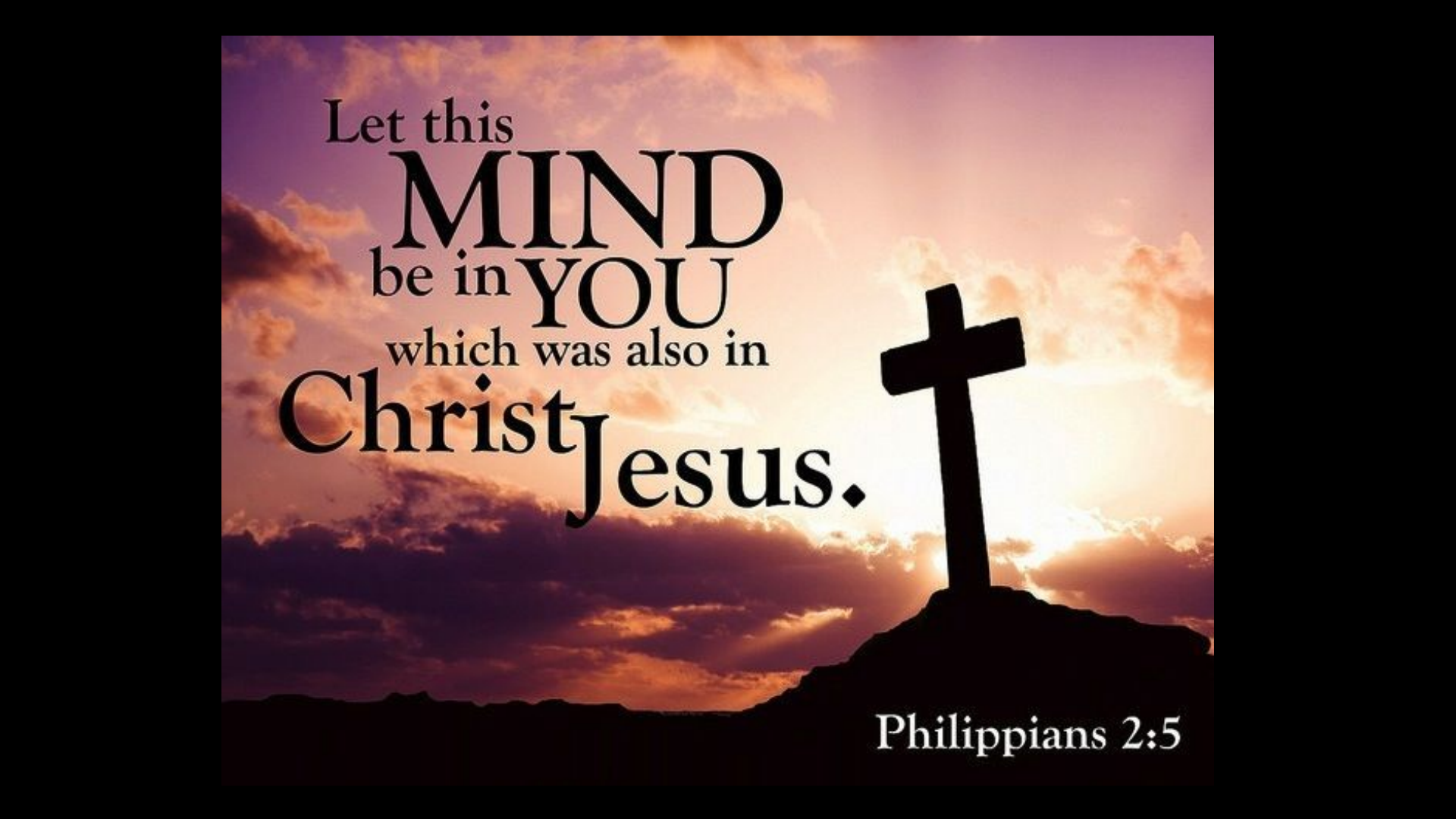
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Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Philippians 2:6-9 NLT

“Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross. Because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name that is above every name...”



Let this
MIND
be in **YOU**
which was also in
Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5

Philippians 2:1 ESV So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, **2** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

What does Jesus say about being humble?

Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9–14)





Therefore,
as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with
compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness
and patience.

Colossians 3:12

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THEREFORE BE
IMITATORS OF GOD,
AS BELOVED CHILDREN

and walk in love,
just as Christ also
loved you and gave
Himself up for us, an
offering and a sacrifice
to God as a fragrant aroma.

EPHESIANS 5:2

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