

Jesus' Exaltation and Ours

Sermon Notes from Pastor Dennis Tuuri for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2011

First Draft Chiastic Structure of Philippians 2:6–11 (ESV) (Tuuri)

- ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
⁷ but **emptied himself**,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the **likeness of men**.
⁸ And being found in **human form**,
he **humbled himself**
by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

1. Positive (and Negative) Mimesis
First Panel of Front of Order of Worship, Foot-washing, August Toplady's Rock of Ages
2. The Reversal of the Fall - Put Off Impatient Grasping for Rule
Jesus' humiliation and service are not exceptions to God's character. Ps. 115:8
3. Put on Service and (Sometimes) Resultant Suffering

Philippians 2:7–8 (ESV)

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emptied himself, (see Isa. 53:12)
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being born in the likeness of men.
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Chiastic Outline of Philippians (Barach, Leithart in Omnibus 4, Tuuri)

A. Greetings and grace (1:1-2)

"grace" 1:2 (also v. 7) **"saints" 1:1**

B. Thanksgiving for their partnership (1:3-8)

"Partnership" 1:5

C. Prayer for love to abound in discernment (1:9-11)

"approve what is valuable." "Prayer" 1:9

D. Paul's situation: advance in spite of ill will (1:12-18a) rejoice.

"rejoice" 1:18

E. Paul's expectation and plans (1:18b-26)

"plan" 1:25

F. Conduct: unity (1:27-30)

"salvation"

G. Having the "in Christ Jesus" thinking (2:1-11)

F'. Conduct: unity (2:12-18)

"salvation"

E'. Paul's plans: send Timothy and Epaphroditus (2:19-30)

"plan" 2:19,23

D'. Enemies of the Gospel (3:1-4:4) "rejoice in the Lord"

"rejoice" 4:4

C'. Prayer and discernment (4:4-9) "think on these things"

"Prayer" 4:6

B'. Joy for their partnership (4:10-20)

"Partnership" 4:15

A'. Greetings and grace (4:21-23)

"grace" 4:23' **"saints" 4:21, 22**

You Gotta' Get Low!

Luke 22:39-46 (ESV)

³⁹ And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.

⁴⁰ And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,

⁴² saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

⁴³ And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

⁴⁴ And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

⁴⁵ And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow,

⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

4. God Will Graciously Exalt YOU!