

Session 2- The Path of the Master

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:5-8).

I. To follow the Lord is to join Him on His path.

- A. The first question: What is His path?
- B. Three points of consideration.
 - 1. Jesus' Attitude- The Servant of His Father - Philippians 2.
 - 2. Jesus' Motivation- The Glory of His Father - John 12.
 - 3. Jesus' Provisions- The Presence, Power, and Protection of the Father.

II. Jesus' Attitude on the Path- The Servant of His Father.

- A. Have this attitude in yourselves- This mindset.
- B. Philippians 2:
 - 1. Who being in the form of God-emptied Himself.
 - 2. Made like a man.
 - 3. Became a servant.
 - a. Only did those things that pleased the Father.
 - b. Followed the Father's plan all the way to death.
 - 4. None of this was required.

“Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again” (John 12:27-28).

III. Jesus’ Motivation on the Path- The Glory of His Father.

A. John 12:27-28.

1. Jesus is speaking about the cross.

a. Unless the corn of wheat falls into the ground and dies -

Speaks here of Himself.

b. Experience of the cross was not easy -

Now my soul has become troubled.

c. Jesus addresses the crowd- **What is the right response?**

(1) Possibly- “Save Me from this hour?”

(2) Jesus - “Father glorify Your name.”

(a) It does not matter what happens to me.
I will trust you with that.

“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD” (Luke 4:18-19).

So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me” (John 11:41-42).

IV. The Father’s Provisions.

- A. What He did not supply.
1. No special social situation.
 2. No special education.
 3. No connections.
 4. No money.
 5. No wife.
 6. No special appearance.
- B. What He gave.
1. His own protection and daily provision.
 2. Enabling of the Spirit - Luke 4:18-19.
 3. Prayer- Fellowship with the Father - Jn. 11:41-42.