

## **8—The Humble Exalted**

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### **INTRO:**

#### **I. → Matthew 23:1-12**

*23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: 2 “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. 3 So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. 4 They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.*

*→ 5 “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; 7 they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.*

*→ 8 “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. 9 And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah.*

*→ 11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

#### **II. SITTING IN THE LOW TABLE—INVITING THE POOR**

#### **III. PHARISEE AND TAX COLLECTOR**

### **BODY:**

#### **I. One Teacher**

*8 Do not be called Rabbi, for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers.*

A. Christ teaches us to see ourselves as servants first.

1) **QUAKERS—YOU ARE ALL BROTHERS**

2) **Philippians 2:3-4**

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

- 3) Rabbi (*rabiy*) my chief, was not a title in the HB  
Moses transferring authority to the 70 elders  
Members of the Great Sanhedrin  
Their role was to teach and to judge

B. If we want to grow we have to remain teachable.

1) **Isaiah 54:12**

*All your children will be taught by the Lord,  
and great will be their peace.*

2) **JIGARO KANO ASKING TO BE BURIED IN A WHITE BELT**

## II. **One Father**

*9 And call no one Abba on the earth, for you have but one Father in heaven.*

A. There is one Father in heaven who is above us all.

- 1) The Av Beit Din—the Father of the court  
Second in command to the Nasi  
The Hall of Hewn Stone on the north wall of the Temple
- 2) **1 Corinthians 8:6**  
*Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.*
- 3) John Adams advocated for the style of “Highness”  
Madison and Washington insisting on “Mr. President”

B. We have a heavenly Father we can call on night and day.

1) **Romans 8:15**

*The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."*

2) MY FAVORITE TITLE—GRANDPA

### III. One Master

*10 And neither be called Nasi, for you have one Master, Christ.*

A. Sometimes we need humility to exalt those who need it.

1) Heb (*nasi*) exalted one, prince of the Sanhedrin

Beit Shammai vs. Beit Hillel  
Shammai bind, Hillel looses

2) **Galatians 3:26-29**

*So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith . . . There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

3) HIDDEN FIGURES—WE ALL ARE ONE COLOR

B. When our lives are in God's hand, we leave our glory to him.

1) **Mark 10:45**

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

2) Mother Teresa called humility the mother of all virtues. She said: "If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed you will not be discouraged. If they call you a saint you will not put yourself on a pedestal."

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Mark 14:36

“Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Luke 14:13-14

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Luke 18:13

13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

1 Corinthians 6:12

“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything.

James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.