

## Sept 26 Sermon Notes on Luke 14:7-11

Luke 14:11 – “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Lenski from Commentary on Luke: Verse 11) “All this would be little more than a sarcastic dig at the Pharisees at table with Jesus if he had not added: Because everyone exalting his own self shall be humbled, and the one humbling his own self shall be exalted. Compare the same dictum in 18:14 and in Matt. 23:12, and similar statements in Ps. 18:27; Prov. 29:23; James 4:6.

“We now see that all that precedes is a parable, and this is the great truth it is to convey. These future passives have God as their agent. This business of putting oneself up high by rudely crowding oneself into the foremost place or getting a higher place by hypocritically dropping into the very lowest one is not just a matter regarding men, whether it succeeds in the one or the other way, but one that God takes note of. Before him all such selfish pride and arrogance, whether they are open as in the case of the rude fellow or sneaking as in the case of the hypocritical fellow, are an abomination which he will most certainly punish, perhaps already in this world, but surely in the next. With God only genuine humility counts, which neither pushes itself forward nor cunningly schemes to get itself pushed forward; and this God invariably rewards, perhaps already in this world, but surely in the next.”

### I. Competition is the world’s natural way

- a. The devil tempted Adam and Eve to compete against God
- b. Natural inclination to be better than others – why?
- c. Is self-betterment meant to put me above others, or to help me serve others better?

### II. Jesus teaches humility not before fellow humans, but before God – which includes our thinking.

- a. U.S. society seems largely not to care what God thinks – God is not in the picture.
- b. Jesus teaches, God IS in the picture.
- c. God judges our sinful motives.

### III. Our Hope is Based in the Humiliation of Jesus for Us – Philippians 2:5-11

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was 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.

- a. Though He was God, Jesus was willing to be born as a human, and in a life of humility.
- b. Willing to serve others and suffer greatly bearing others' sins, even death on a cross
- c. Therefore, God exalts Jesus' name above all others