

*"Neither Shalt Thou Go Up By Steps Unto Mine Altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon." Exodus 20:26 KJV*



It is Pharisaical to want to be noticed by men while worshiping; wanting all to know just how spiritual you are. *"The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men'"* You can't be "proud" of humility! You don't "go up" to worship God. You go down to your knees. *"The publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.'"* Jesus said of the publican, *"I tell you,*

*this man went down to his house Justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself Shall Be Exalted.'* For Thus Saith The High And Lofty One That Inhabiteh Eternity, Whose Name Is Holy; *'I Dwell in the High And Holy Place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to Revive the spirit of the humble, and to Revive the heart of the contrite ones.'* One does not rise to humility. Humility is not an attainment; it is an assessment. Humility sees *"others better than themselves."* If you disdain someone either mentally or outwardly, you are not humble. The path to humility starts at Calvary: seeing yourself at Golgotha in a soldier's uniform with three spikes in one hand and a hammer in the other. Remind yourself daily that your sin and guilt crushed the Lamb of God as He Bore all for you. *"He Was Wounded for our transgressions; He Was Bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our Peace Was upon Him; and With His Stripes we Are Healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD Hath Laid on Him the iniquity of us all. For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God."* You are no better than anyone else in God's eyes. Salvation isn't free. It Cost Jesus everything. What have you given Him in return? Satan tries to burden us with the guilt of our sin, and it tears our soul, but all sin's guilt was borne at Calvary. We know the anguish of our own guilt, but can you imagine the torture of bearing guilt of eternity? *"Humble yourselves in the Sight of the Lord, and He Shall Lift you up."* Visit Calvary daily. Contemplate the Sacrifice of God's Lamb as He spoke, *"Father, Forgive them for they know not what they do!"* It will humble your soul, lift your spirit, and strengthen your Faith!

Lest I forget Gethsemane,  
Lest I forget Thine agony;  
Lest I forget Thy love for me,  
Lead me to Calvary. –Jennie E. Hussey, 1921

We need not climb up to God. He Has Already Descended down to us! We must meet Him as the Canaanite woman did, pleading for her child, *"The dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."* Jesus Answered her, *"O woman, great is thy faith: Be it unto thee even as thou wilt.'* And her daughter was made whole from that very hour." Determined Faith will prevail upon God. *"Abraham believed God, and It Was Imputed unto him for Righteousness: The effectual fervent prayer of a Righteous man availeth much. Even the Righteousness of God Which Is by Faith of Jesus Christ Unto all and Upon all them that believe."* If we come in all humility, we'll leave with all ability. *"God Resisteth the proud, and Giveth Grace to the humble."* Even God's crumbs are diamonds!

*"Wherefore He Is Able also to Save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He Ever Liveth To Make Intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25 KJV*