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**Maintaining A Low Profile**

Colossians 3:12-13 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; (13) Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. (KJV)

We ended yesterday talking about a heavenly dress code, being clothed with some humility. Today we start out seeing how important it is to put on this new clothing so that we don’t end up naked and exposed to the elements. Similar to the Army, we see all of God’s people having the same uniform, which as we have been seeing all week throughout the Word it involves things like meekness and humbleness also.

2 Chronicles 12:6-7 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous. (7) And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. (KJV)

You see illustrated again that when one humbles themselves before the Lord it puts them in good standing with Him. Just like with the Army, or any other branch of the military, one of the first things that they learn to do is dress themselves with the proper uniform so that they won’t get shot at. Spiritually it is up to each and every believer in Christ to do the same thing, so that they won’t get hit with any of the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Isaiah 5:13-15 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. (14) Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. (15) And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled: (KJV)

God’s own people, who have walked with Him for a season, end up back again in captivity because of their lack of knowledge of what got them into the kingdom of God in the first place, and what it takes to stay in good standing with Him. One way or another there will be a humbling process that takes place in everyone, the question now becomes will you do it the easy way, or experience it the hard way?

Isaiah 57:15-16 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth 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. (16) For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made. (KJV)

This is the day that our Lord has made for us to worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Now is the time of our salvation, where we become humble and contrite before our Lord, so that He can lift us up to the place that He would have us to be in His body of believers.

Acts 20:18-20 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, (19) Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: (20) And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, (KJV)

We see Paul describing his own walk with the Lord, and the mindset that it took for God to use him in the ministry. If you desire for the Lord to use you as well, you will find that some humility and meekness will go a long way toward pleasing our Lord and being a vessel fit and ready for use in His kingdom. God bless and maintain Church.