

The Humility of God

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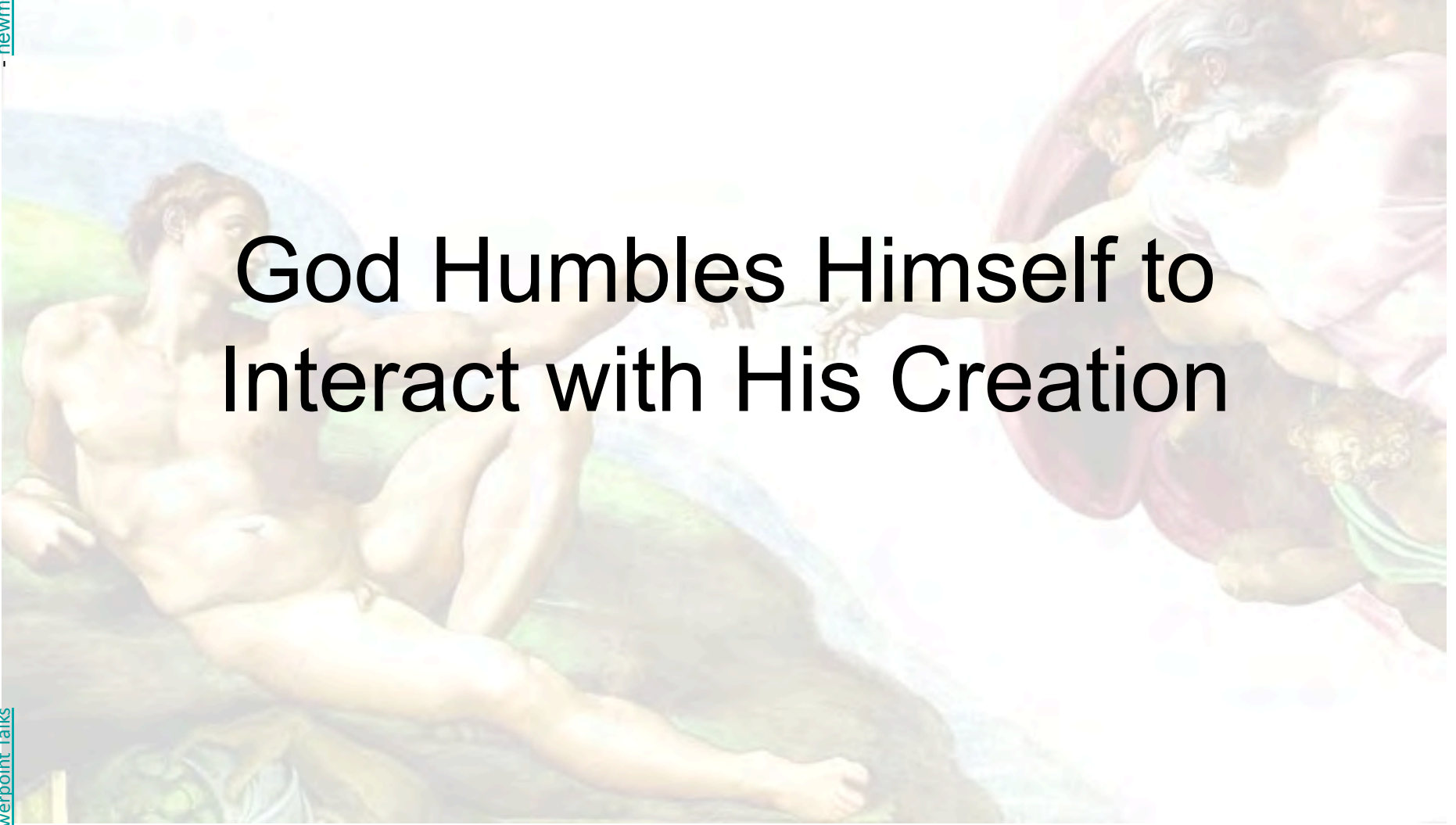
God's Attributes

- God is a Spirit: infinite, eternal & unchangeable in His:
 - Being
 - Wisdom
 - Power
 - Holiness
 - Justice
 - Goodness
 - and Truth.

Humility as an Attribute

- When we recite God's attributes...
- We usually don't think of God as humble,
- Since this quality is not mentioned in most lists.
- Yet in a real sense, God is more humble than any of His creatures.
- Let's see.

God Humbles Himself to Interact with His Creation



Psalm 113:5-7

5 (NASU) Who is like the Lord our God,
Who is enthroned on high,

6 Who humbles Himself to behold
The things that are in heaven and in
the earth?

7 He raises the poor from the dust
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,

To Interact with His Creation

- God, who “fills heaven and earth,” whom even “the heavens and the heaven of heavens” cannot contain...
- Must humble himself to appear even to his angels! (“...to behold the things that are in heaven”)



Jesus Humbles Himself

Zechariah 9:9 (NASU) Rejoice greatly,
O daughter of Zion!

Shout in triumph, O daughter of
Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;
He is just and endowed with salvation,
Humble, and mounted on a donkey,
Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Jesus Humbles Himself

Philippians 2:5 (NASU) Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

The Spirit Humbles Himself

Romans 8:26 (NASU) In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

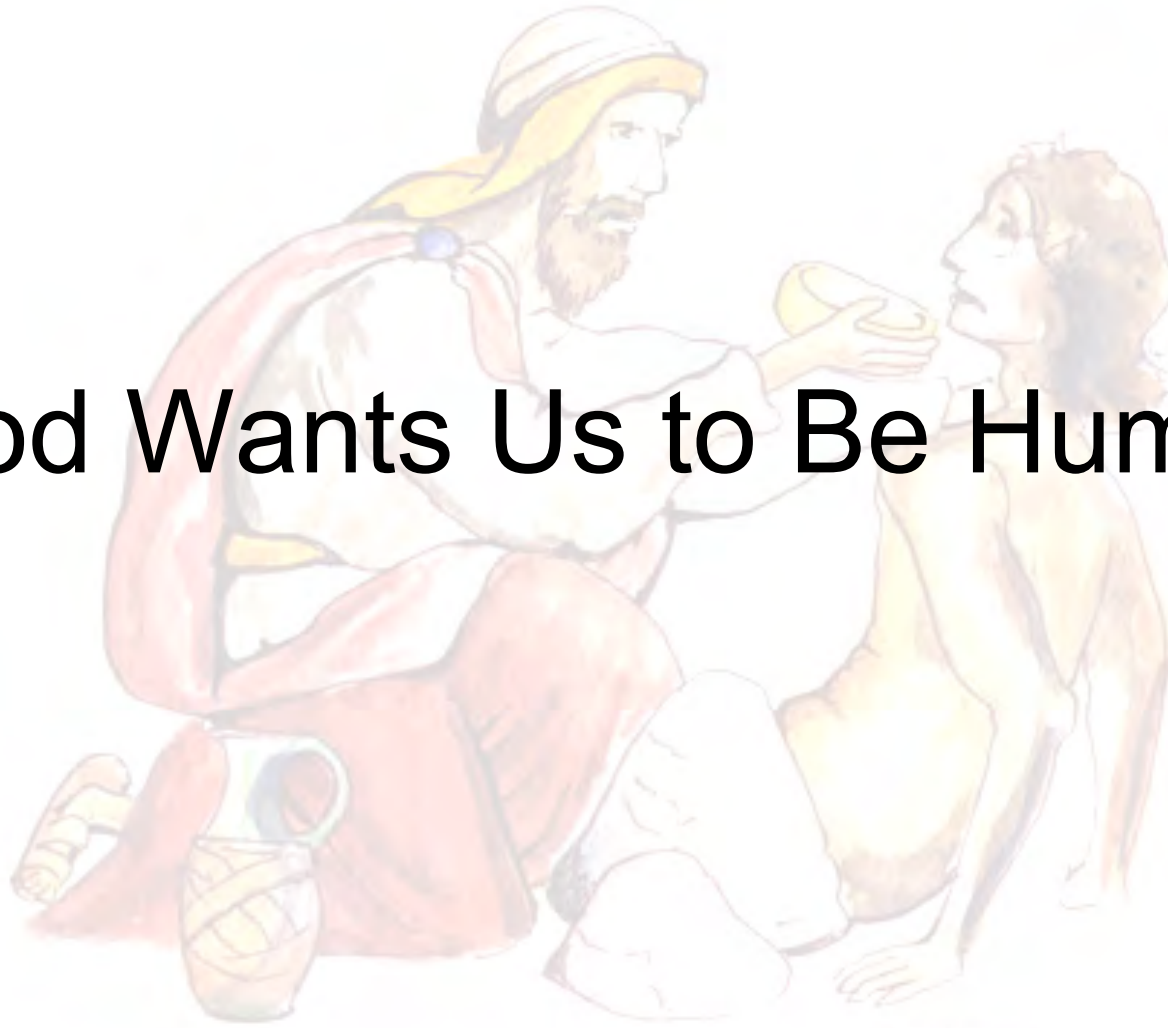
27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Father Humbles Himself

Luke 15:20 (NASU) So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Luke 15:28 (NASU) But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him.

God Wants Us to Be Humble



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He Wants Us to Value Humility as He Does

Jeremiah 9:23 (NASU) Thus says the Lord,
"Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and
let not the mighty man boast of his might, let
not a rich man boast of his riches;
24 but let him who boasts boast of this, that
he understands and knows Me, that I am the
Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice
and righteousness on earth; for I delight in
these things," declares the Lord.

He Only Associates with the Humble

Isaiah 66:1 (NASU) Thus says the Lord,
"Heaven is My throne and the earth is My
footstool. Where then is a house you could
build for Me? And where is a place that I may
rest? 2 "For My hand made all these things,
Thus all these things came into being,"
declares the Lord. "But to this one I will look,
To him who is humble and contrite of spirit,
and who trembles at My word."

He Only Associates with the Humble

Isaiah 57:15 (NASU) For thus says the high
and exalted One
Who lives forever, whose name is Holy,
"I dwell on a high and holy place,
And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit
In order to revive the spirit of the lowly
And to revive the heart of the contrite."

He Wants Us to Imitate His Humility

Matthew 11:29 (NASU) "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

He Wants Us to Imitate His Humility

Romans 12:14 (NASU) Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

In Conclusion

- If humility is an attribute of God...
- It cannot be something that is beneath our dignity to imitate!

