

BOW DOWN



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Warm greetings to this 'SHORTS' edition of the WCF!

SHORTS, but very significant and could change your life, as it is changing mine.

For some of you, this will be a no brainer, or something you may think, **'My Lord, how has it taken this brother so long to realise this?'** and you would be right, 100%. And more power to you who are already doing this message I am going to share.

At the end of this little story, I have included a short Bible study about the phrases 'Bow Down', or 'Kneeling', and why they are so important in our relationship to God the Creator and to our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am almost 72 years old. I have known Jesus since I was 17.6 years old, when He saved me. Since I was 18 years I have been involved in some way or another in preaching the Gospel and helping others who did the same. By God's grace I was able to visit 22 countries over 35 years outside my birth country.

Obviously during this time I experienced many things. **A few events stand out to me and most of them have to do with prayer and singing together with other brethren for a long time and praying in tongues and crying out to God with our whole hearts for a very long time for fruit for His Kingdom and for souls and for our own personal situations.** We were very blessed to

do this and to know this.

I remember an all night meeting among missionary leaders who were 're-pioneering' Wales and wanted to have an all night meeting to ask God to do great miracles. It was an amazing experience, as many true Christian meetings have been in the past in Wales, that glorious country, with so much potential for God. I felt like that brother who fell off the window during Paul's sermon, as the meeting went on sooo long!

Although I didn't fall out of any window, that prayer meeting of bowing down before God on our knees and crying out to Him alone for miracles for many hours left a significant impact on my juvenile brain at the age of 20!

I also remember twice in my life along with others doing a fast for 3 days with no food, just liquids. Around the third days the effects on my body were profound and I felt in my spirit very separated from the world and the town we lived in. I experienced this wonderful consciousness of sensing the heavenly spirit world all around us.

My recent experience!

Recently the Lord spoke to me during a daily devotions, when I had time to be alone and talk with the Lord and read His Word. During this time of devotions, **He impressed upon me the need to 'Bow Down before Me'.**

Since I had not physically done this for some years, although it was more present and regular in my youth, I was immediately challenged and immediately bowed down in my living room before God.



I, who was spiritually lazy and probably surely complacent for many years, obeyed this prompting of the Holy Spirit, and I bowed down on the floor. I rested my aged head upon a small stool in front of me, and began my prayers and thanks to the Lord from or in this position.

All I can say is this: I almost IMMEDIATELY felt the presence of God and the Spirit. I could actually feel it like a spiritual

wave or presence that did not go away. It was so encouraging and I immediately began to thank the Lord for His presence to me in my simple obedience.

I continued the prayers that were urgent to me in my heart and I thanked Him for His answers as I cast my cares upon Him.

I got up eventually, and realised God had shown me something drastically important and something I should have learned very long ago, that is that God is GOD, He is the Creator, and He **deigns** to love us personally and listens to our prayers. What He does greatly appreciate, is that we respect HIM and acknowledge Him and thank Him. Bowing down is a part of that.

So much of this evil and terrible world will do everything it can by the devil's impulses to stop us from doing this holy homage of bowing down to the true God.

This simple experience has changed my life this last month and I hope and pray to continue this godly habit of obedience to God as long as I inhabit this earth! Praise the Lord.

To reinforce this principle through Scripture, let me share with you these amazing verses about bowing down before God and loving Him, thanking Him and presenting our petitions before Him.

IF YOU DO THIS IN SINCERITY, DEAR FRIENDS, THE RESULTS IN YOUR

LIFE, WHOEVER YOU ARE, WILL BE BEYOND PHENOMENAL AND AMAZING.

I close now, but beg you to study the simple Bible study below! Praise the Lord.

Until next week, God willing,

Jerry for the WCF Team

Deuteronomy 26:10

and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him.

Genesis 24:48

and I bowed down and worshiped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son.

EXODUS 4 ³⁰ and Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, ³¹ and they believed. And when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

Psalm 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

Psalm 22:27

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

Psalm 66:4 All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of

your name."

Psalm 72:11 May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.

Revelation 5:8

And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

1 Kings 8 ⁵⁴ When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the Lord, he rose from before the altar of the Lord, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven. ⁵⁵ He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice, saying:

Proverbs 22: 28 for dominion belongs to the LORD

and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;

all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—

those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord.

Ephesians 3:14 A Prayer for the Ephesians For this reason I kneel before the Father,

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