

High and Lifted Up

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John 20:32-36 - And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

In the verses above, Jesus is showing us the great design to draw all men unto Himself. **In Matthew Henry’s Commentary – he puts it like this. It is to Christ that we are drawn. “I will draw them to Me as the center of their unity.” *The soul that was at a distance from Christ is brought into an acquaintance with Him, he that was shy and distrustful of Him is brought to love Him and trust in Him, In this world of mixture and change we must expect damps upon our joy, and the highest degree of comfort to be the next degree to trouble. When Paul had been in the third heavens, he had a *thorn in the flesh.****

He is also showing us that He can relate to struggle and pain and He says that even though He could pray for God to save Him from the agony to come, His focus was on glorifying God and in doing so, we look at His life, death, and resurrection and for those of us who are forever changed and for those of us who by believing have a void that is finally filled with this understanding – the tables are turned and the completed work that Christ did at the cross and in His resurrection – we understand THAT MUCH MORE – and we desire to give Him praise and lift Him up and worship Him and Him alone – and when this earthly/heavenly exchange happens – we become His body – and it’s not done by force, but by His drawing us.

Jeremiah 3 1.3 – The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you

I hear the Lord saying – “Come to Me – and I will give you what you need, I will answer your questions and calm your fears – worship Me – Lift My Name up in your house, at your job, in your schools, in your streets, in your goings and comings – lift My Name up and watch – I will draw people unto Me – it’s My desire for ALL to come. I am the God Who supplies every need. I will complete that which concerns you – I alone have the power to do so – lift up My name in your house and in your streets – call unto Me and I will do great things and because You have lifted Me up and shared My name with these people, I will acknowledge you before My Father. Come to Me and let My presence start to penetrate those things that concern you. When I am exalted in your midst, My kingdom principals override all earthly functions. These mysteries are to be revealed to all who would seek Me with all their heart! Stop looking for the temporary fix. My love and all that I have, all that I AM is waiting for you. Come... “

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