

## JESUS' SUBMISSION TO JEHOVAH - #6

Welcome back my brothers and sisters to the cog pod. This is your host brother Ed. What we want to do in this podcast entitled, 'Jesus Submission to Jehovah', is to further isolate the bible's testimony regarding Jesus being subject to, and not equal to Jehovah. I know that previous podcasts have scripturally pointed this out, however in this 2-part presentation we will present some additional scriptural support. So, for those who would appreciate additional scriptural support for the bible's testimony regarding this very important point of doctrine, this podcast is for you. Are you ready? OK, let's get started!!!

The bible clearly shows that Jesus willfully and willingly submits to, and bows to Jehovah, though existing in Jehovah's form. Question. Did Jesus ever say he was, or claim to be, Almighty God? The scriptural answer, in context, is always no. Did Jesus ever claim equality with Jehovah? The scriptural answer, in context, is always, no. Did Jesus make a distinction between himself and Jehovah God? The scriptural answer is yes, many, many times over, so says the scriptural record. The son of man and the son of God were the main titles Jesus most used when referring to himself. His preferred title was the son of man. The son of man. Please take note of the fact that Jesus was a son of man through a bloodline in Luke chapter 3 that goes all the way back to Adam, a man. That legally and biologically makes Jesus a son of man. Can you even imagine, Almighty God Jehovah referring to Himself, as the son of man? Nowhere in all the Hebrew Scriptures does Jehovah ever refer to Himself as the son of man. And when you really think about it, isn't that absolutely absurd!!! The creator of all that is, including mankind, referring to Himself as the son of man. But, the title absolutely fits Jesus who at Gen 3:15, was the foretold, seed of the woman, who came through a man, thus actually making Jesus, the son of a man in reality and truth. Never could that be true of Jehovah. Never.

Now regarding the submission of Jesus to Jehovah, Let's just review from previous podcasts what the word of God says about the matter starting with Php 2:5-11 which says; **5Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: 6Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross. 9Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names, 10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. [BSB]** What I'd like for us to focus on here is vs 9 where it states; **"Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names."** This scripture is plainly saying that Jehovah, the Most High, has officially and legally elevated His son Jesus to the unique status as being second only to Him, and that in addition to every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth bowing to

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Jehovah, now, every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth is also required to also bow to Jesus by divine mandate. The fact that Jehovah has always been the Most High and still is, and will always be, was forcefully highlighted by our brother Paul at Heb 6:13 where it states; **When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself. [NIV]** Jehovah here swore by himself. Why? Because in all the universe, no one was higher says the inspired account, and NO one has ever been, nor will anyone ever be higher than our God Jehovah, including Jesus. Jesus bows to Jehovah, as does all creation. However now, by Jehovah's divine decree, all creation also bows to Jesus. This was an unprecedented decree. And now, if any entity does not bow to Jesus, then they will be visited by the reality of Ps 2:12 where it states; **Submit to God's royal son, or he will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your activities— for his anger flares up in an instant. But what joy for all who take refuge in him! [NLT]** Jehovah will simply not tolerate anyone who does not love and respect his son Jesus in His elevated capacity. Anyone in heaven and on earth and under the earth that demonstrates any disrespect for His firstborn son's role and capacity as Jehovah's appointed king, will simply cease to exist, because of Jehovah's hot displeasure, so says the scripture.

In addition to Php 2:5-11 pointing to Jesus' submission to the will of God, Jesus words in his prayer in Gethsemane should come to mind when he said at Mt 26: 39&42; **39**Going a little farther, He fell facedown and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will." **42**A second time He went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cup cannot pass unless I drink it, may Your will be done." [BSB] Also Mk 14:36; **36**"Abba, Father," He said, "all things are possible for You. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will." [BSB] In these passages, Jesus is not talking to himself or reasoning within himself, clearly, he is earnestly praying to his God and Father. In fact, Lu 22:44 describes the intensity and stress he felt in submitting to his Father's will in these words; **44**And in His anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. [BSB] As imperfect humans we know all too well regarding the struggle to deny our fleshly will and submit to the will of God. We agree with our brother Paul when he said at Rom 7:24; **24**What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? [BSB] Now multiply our wretchedness a billion-fold compared to what Jesus felt when having to remain sinless in what he was about to go through.

Jesus many, many times acknowledged his father's superiority, let's consider several instances in scripture. First, Jo 14:28; **28**You heard Me say, 'I am going away, and I am coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. [BSB] The Father is greater than I. How clear is that? Let's review some additional scriptures that show that Jesus was in total submission to His father. Jo 5:19-30; **19**So Jesus replied, "Truly, truly, I tell you, the Son

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can do nothing by Himself, unless He sees the Father doing it. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does. **20**The Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. And to your amazement, He will show Him even greater works than these. **21**For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom He wishes. **22**Furthermore, the Father judges no one, but has assigned all judgment to the Son, **23**so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. **24**Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment. Indeed, he has crossed over from death to life. **25**Truly, truly, I tell you, the hour is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. **26**For as the Father has life in Himself, so also He has granted the Son to have life in Himself. **27**And He has given Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. **28**Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice **29**and come out—those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. **30**I can do nothing by Myself; I judge only as I hear. And My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

[BSB] It's clear that in this section of scripture, Jesus is clearly stating that the superior Father sent His submissive only begotten son on a mission to earth. It is also abundantly clear the Jesus is the prime example of Eph 5:1 where it says, **Be imitators of God, therefore, as beloved children.** Jesus says as plain as day that He is an imitator of his Father Jehovah God. He is clearly saying that He is his Father's subordinate. Nothing here indicates that he is even remotely suggesting that He is the Almighty. Now think for a moment. Can you imagine Almighty God Jehovah saying that He could do nothing of His own initiative? The creator of Jesus, heaven and earth, and all that exists, can't do a single thing of His own initiative. Really? Really? Come on now. Again, let's notice Jesus words at Jo 8:29&29; **28**So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing on My own, but speak exactly what the Father has taught Me. **29**He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, because I always do what pleases Him." [BSB] Clearly Jesus is not talking about himself. He is talking about a separate entity who is his God and Father. When someone called him good teacher, how did Jesus respond? His reply is found at Lu 18:18&19; **18**Then a certain ruler asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **19**"Why do you call Me good?" Jesus replied. "No one is good except God alone. [BSB] When tempted by Satan to do a single act of worship, Jesus quoted Deut. 6:13 and 10:20; **13**Thou shalt fear Jehovah thy God; and him shalt thou serve, and shalt swear by his name. [ASV] 10:20; **20**Thou shalt fear Jehovah thy God; him shalt thou serve; and to him shalt thou cleave, and by his name shalt thou swear. [ASV] Jesus worshipped Jehovah, his God. Jesus made that plain at Mt 27:46 when he called out in

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agony; **46** About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" [BSB] Clearly Jesus is calling out to his God and Father. Or can Almighty God have a God that the Almighty prays to that will raise the Almighty from the dead? Another absurdity. Jesus words at Jo 20:17 provide additional testimony that Jesus without question acknowledged that he has a God and father where he says to Mary; **17** "Do not cling to Me," Jesus said, "for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go and tell My brothers, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'" [BSB] Could he possibly make it any clearer that he has a God and father? OOOH but there's even more scriptural evidence regarding the submission of Jesus to Jehovah and that we will take up in part 2. So, this is brother Ed saying so long for now and we will see you next week in part 2 of Jesus Submission to Jehovah. It's gonna be goooooood!!!!