

The Humility of the King Matthew 20:20-28

We all desire greatness. We want to be important, respected, and significant. We are tempted to manipulate our circumstances in order to achieve earthly greatness. But Jesus says that greatness in His kingdom can only be found through humble service. Will we follow the example of Christ, who willingly became a servant for the sake of God's kingdom?

We all want greatness (20-21).

Greatness is not what we think it is (22-28).

- True greatness requires suffering (22-23a).

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

James 1:12

- True greatness comes from God (23b).
- True greatness is for servants (24-28).

[Jesus] emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant.

Philippians 2:7

Are we willing to be humble servants for the sake of greatness in God's kingdom?