

Kneeling Down Part 1

Beautiful things you should not forfeit, which include the kneeling down at the feet of the Lord. The Scriptures are full of examples and stories of people who recognized and enjoyed to be at His feet.

1. “18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.” (Matthew 9:18 KJV) This man was in desperate need for the Lord. He faced the event of the death of his daughter. He was a ruler but the event of the death made him humble and crushed his pride. Even he was in high position but he was not mindful about people seeing him worshipping the Lord. The Hebrew word for ‘worshipped’ is ‘Proskuneo’, which means:

- to kiss the hand of one person, in token of reverence,
- to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence
- kneeling or prostration to do homage (which can mean respect, reverence, service and duty), or make obeisance (which mean to bend), whether in order to express respect or to make supplication

This man came kneeling down at the feet of Jesus. So in the New Testament when we read about men and people worshipped the Lord may means they came to kiss his hands, or falls upon their knees and touch the ground with their forehead, or kneeling to do homage or make obeisance which means to bend.

Many they are those who kneel down in front of idols and statues, but these idols and statues shall take them to hell. How much more to be humble and kneel down at the feet of the Lord who is the Giver of life? Let us see now and read what the fruit was and what that ruler received when he came to the Lord and kneeled and worshipped him **“19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. 23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, 24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. 25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. 26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.” (Matthew 9:19, 23-26)** Jesus went with him and calmed down the people, assured them that she is alive and raised her from the dead. **If you are passing hard trial and facing a tragedy and big trouble, then humble down, come to the Lord and kneel down and ask Him to help you in your life and take you out from that tragedy.**

2. “1 When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. 2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell

no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.” (Matthew 8:1-4 KJV) People with leprosy they were kept outside the towns and cities because they were considered unclean. Leprosy also linked with sin and the spiritual deterioration of the person. They were excluded and cannot go in again and back to the normal social life and be with their families unless they are clean. Therefore that man who was affected by leprosy was looking for God’s mercy, so he came and worshipped before Jesus and said, **“Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.”** The same of what we explained in the previous example. He was begging for God’s mercy and His willingness to heal him. *** If you are in sin and had done wrong, approach the Lord in repentance and kneel down at his feet and beg him for mercy to forgive you, heal you and restore you. * If you are living a miserable life and under trials, then come to the Lord, humble down, ask for mercy and plead with Him to take you out from the misery that you are in, and give you a new start for life, away from what was crippling you.**

3. “14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.” (Matthew 17:14-18 KJV) Another man who was troubled because of his son’s condition having mental condition being demon possessed. He humbled down, came and approached the Lord and knelt before him and asked Him mercy. **You can do the same and approach the Lord with humility and asked His mercy to solve your current serious problem.** **“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16 KJV)**

4. “21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.” (Matthew 15:21-28 KJV) The faith of this woman was tested through the terrible trial of her daughter being demon possessed. She came to the disciples but they did not welcome her; even asked the Lord to send her away. The Lord Jesus Himself was silent to her prayer and request. Even when He spoke to her, told her, **“I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”** But she had great faith, she came and worshipped him by kneeling before him and said, **“Lord, help me”**, and even when Jesus told her, **“It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.”** The woman did not go away but she said **“Truth, Lord”**, she agreed and accepted to be humiliated, and

further added while she was kneeling down, ***"but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."*** ****You can learn good lessons from the life of this humble woman and how she had great faith that enabled her to receive God's grace and mercy through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Kneeling down before the Lord is your willing to break and overcome your pride and submit to his will. * When pride is no more ruling in your life then you will find it easily to overcome the rejection, the humiliation and the isolation.*** You may ask, How that woman was isolated? By not being accepted by the disciples. **** When pride is no more ruling in your life then you will find yourself no more easily hurt, no more easily angered and not stumble with the hard teaching such what the Lord Jesus said to that woman "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs."*** **** When humility ruling and reigning in your life you will find yourself having Heavenly wisdom and your faith will pass successfully the testing, and the Lord shall approved you as He approved the faith of that woman after she told him, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."***

All the above examples about people who came and knelt down before the Lord, they were suffering of terrible conditions that brought humility and faith in their lives to approach the Lord, kneeling down before Him and asked Him for help.

In the following example we will see another person who knelt down before the Lord. This person is the servant of Abraham whom Abraham sent to his own country and relatives to get a wife for Isaac. He was instructed not to take a woman from the Canaanites and not to take Isaac back there. This servant knelt down while he was in that mission. Let us read the story in **Genesis 24** about that servant and what we can learn about that servant sound faith unto God.

5. "10 And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. 11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water. 12 And he said O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. 13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: 14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master. 15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. 16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. 17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. 18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. 19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. 20 And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again

unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. 21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not. 22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold; 23 And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in? 24 And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor. 25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in. 26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD. 27 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren. 28 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things. 29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. 30 And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well. 31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. 32 And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him. 33 And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on. 34 And he said, I am Abraham's servant. 35 And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses. 36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. 37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: 38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son. 39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me. 40 And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: 41 Then shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath. 42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go: 43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink; 44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son. 45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. 46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also. 47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, the daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands. 48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed

the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son. 49 And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.” (Genesis 24:10-49 KJV)

The following we can observe about this servant:

He was not facing a trouble or in dire emergency of his own as others in the previous examples. But he was faithful to the Lord and was keen to do the task that he was entrusted with from his master. *Are you faithful to the task that is entrusted to you by the Lord? God wants you to carry the task and the responsibility of your ministry well as you are doing that unto the Lord.*

All the people in the previous examples were in very terrible situation and were not ashamed of the people to kneel down before the Lord. The other people knelt down out of desperate troubles in their lives, but this man knelt down and worshipped the Lord even in public when the Lord answered his prayers. This man knelt down out of his faithfulness and gratitude unto the Lord who answered his prayers.

His faith in the Lord made him have clear stand to serve God and do the mission task entrusted to him. His faith was manifested in awesome prayer, kneeling down and worship. He even testified to the people that for him to find Rebekah as wife for Isaac is the Lord's doing when he said ***“48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.” (Genesis 24:48 KJV)*** He went further and stood firm in his faith when he challenged the family of Rebekah with the following: ***“49 And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.” (Genesis 24:49 KJV)*** He knew that the Lord had led him to find Rebekah and it is up to them to obey God and comply with His will to give Rebekah to Isaac as a wife.

My Dear and Beloved: Life's trials and various experiences should build up our faith in the Lord. Kneeling down in front of the Lord is not only a way to show our faith and our reverence unto the Lord, but rather is the expression of sound faith and right relationship with the Lord, the Creator of Heaven and earth and the Giver of life and our right respond to Him and to His commands. The Word of God in this message shall help you to understand how to worship God and how to live for Him and serve Him.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that had opened my eyes to see new things.

Let us ask God forgiveness for our sins. Lord forgive me the following sins
_____.

Lord help me and solve to me this problem that I am putting in your hands
_____.

Lord increases my faith in you and helps me learn more from the circumstances that you allow to pass into my life. Lord reminds me always to kneel at your feet to ask you mercy and grace in times of need and to show my gratitude to all your favour and grace.

Lord I commit myself to serve you and be faithful to the task that you had entrusted to me to do in my life. Lord help me to deny myself and my own will in life. Lord I commit myself to reproduce more fruit of the Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, goodness, self-control, patience, perseverance and long-suffering, that people will see the character of Jesus in my life.

Lord, I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who accepted your Word and are willing to live their lives and serve you according to your Word. Lord protect them and provide all their needs. Lord deliver them from all persecution and the attacks of the devil.

Lord bless us and sustain us as a church. Lord help us, protect us, and provide for us to go on in serving you and do your work and your will. Lord we pray that you will help us to solve this issue _____, and save us from this problem _____. Lord, we pray that you will refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and enable us to serve others with love. Lord lead us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church and fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in Peace with Implementing the Whole Will of God'. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.

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