

OUR REIGNING *****CHRIST
Phil.....2:10

The knee is the connecting link between the lower limb and the thigh. That part of the leg below the knee is not spoken of as connected with religious ceremony. On the other hand the thigh and the knee figure quite a good deal in religious rites. The thigh has long been connected with worship. It was connected with rites that separated the Jews from other people...that is to say Circumcission.

When a solemn oath was to be made such as Gen. 24:2 where Abraham said to the eldest servant..."Put I pray thee thy hand under my thigh; and I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites among whom I dwell: but thou shalt go to my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac"

Now the lower limb, not connected with religious ceremony is connected, as you, with the thigh which is connected with ceremony by the knee. So the knee plays a big part in worship. The poet said, "I have worshipped in churches and chapels ^{in the} under the wide spreading tree but the greatest of all my altars was the shrine at my mother's knee." That indicates love to mother, confidence, willingness to receive her instruction, and to join her in her worship...the bending the knee places you in position for those benefits. *Fraternat orders*

To bow the knee then signifies the following:

1. To worship... In Romans we read, "I have reserved to myself 7000 men who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal." To bow the knee to Baal indicated worship of Baal.
2. To pray....In Eph.3:14 we read, "For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."
3. To be in subjection to...and here is our text...Phil.2:10.
"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth"

"Every knee should bow of things in heaven."At the point where material and spiritual join there should be a bending, a bowing, if you please, An humbling, coming in subjection to, and worshipping of the Christ. "In heaven above," does not likely mean the spiritual heavens...yet it could include that, but the

material heaven, as we see it. Now what things do we have in the heavens above?

1. The distant stars...these however, so far as we know are already in subjection to Christ and obeying His laws to the very letter.
2. Air craft....fills many skies and only a small part is subjecting itself to the service of Jesus...stop and think and estimate how much is really being used for the principles of Jesus. The day will come and must come when all of that must bow in reverence, worship and subjection to Jesus. "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things in heaven above."

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things on the earth....

1. Nature. All things under this head give praise to Jesus.... Mystery in germination and growth proclaim His power. The beauty of nature proclaims His glory.
2. Man and all the mechanics he has been able to make are not all subjected to Jesus and His will. So much man power and mechanical power are used to destroy the beauties of nature and man. But the day will come when the bending of the joint which is now a very stiff joint, between the physical or material and the spiritual will have to come about, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things in earth."
3. "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things under the earth."
 - a. Dead bodies...matters not what they thought of Jesus before death or how they treated Him...they will confess..they will bow...
 - b. That part of the race that works under the ground.
 - c. Minerals and all precious stones...much of this is being used against Christ to day but the day will come when its only use will be to glorify Jesus "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things under the earth."

Now you will notice that there is not a period at the end of this verse but a semicolon. Then the thought goes on, "And at every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God."

The roar of every airplane...the whistle of every ship
The hum of every factory.....the voice of every person
should place its hand under the thigh of Jesus on whose thigh is

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"King of Kings and Lord of Lords" and confess HIM as Lord to the glory of God the Father...

THIS MEANS THE TRIUMPH OF JESUS

RIDE ON OH THOU ETERNAL CHRIST OF GOD

RIDE ON RIDE ON RIDE ON

ESTABLISH THOU FOR EVERMORE THE TRIUMPH NOW BEGUN

A MIGHTY HOST BY THEE REDEEMED IS MARCHING IN THY TRAIN

THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER

AND THOU IN LOVE SHALT REIGN....



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