

The Form of a Servant

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Christ's sermon highlights His dual nature as both God and a servant, demonstrating humility and willingness to serve others.

Scripture: Psalm 24:1, Matthew 17:27, Mark 4:35, John 2:1, Philippians 2:5

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Description

John Gifford Bellett emphasizes the humility and servanthood of Christ Jesus, who, though in the form of God, took on the form of a servant and became like man. Bellett illustrates how Jesus, despite His divine nature, concealed His glory and performed miracles in a humble manner, such as paying tribute with a miraculous provision, quietly attending a wedding feast, and calming a storm as a tired man. Through these actions, Jesus demonstrated His true identity as the Creator and Lord of all, hidden beneath His humble exterior.

Transcript

"Christ Jesus: who, being in THE FORM OF GOD, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him THE FORM OF A SERVANT, and was made in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:5-7).

In His life, Christ hides His glory "the form of God," under the "form of a servant" as illustrated in the gospels. When asked for tribute, He pays the custom for Peter and Himself by commanding a fish from the sea to bring Him that very piece of money needed. On another occasion, He was the unnoticed guest at a marriage feast, yet as the very Creator of all He furnished it. Observe Him again in the vessel on the lake during a storm. He was there as a tired laboring man whose sleep was sweet. Such was His manifested form.

But underneath lay "the form of God." He arose and rebuked the sea into a calm. Who was He? None less than He of whom it had been written "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof."

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