

BOWING DOWN BEFORE GOD

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PSALMS 95:6-7a

Bow – To bend the body or kneel in reverence, or submission before God.

Kneel – A sign of submission and reverence.

When people humble themselves, bow down and surrender themselves to God, they position themselves to experience God's mighty power and glory.

THREE EXAMPLES

1. MATTHEW 17:14-18

- A. The man came to Jesus for help. He knelt down before Jesus as a sign of reverence and respect.
- B. Jesus rebukes His disciples for their unbelief, then tells the father to bring Him his son.
- C. The father approached Jesus using his faith to ask for mercy. Jesus began to work on his behalf.
- D. Jesus rebuked the devil, and the child was cured.

2. MATTHEW 15:21-28

- A. The woman got Jesus' attention when she bowed down and worshiped Him.
- B. Her faith moved Him to meet the need by unleashing miracle working power.
- C. When did the miracle happen? After she approached him in reverence and released her faith.

3. MARK 1:40-42

- A. The first two were on the behalf of children. This situation is for the individual himself.
- B. Jesus was moved with compassion and healed him.
 - In all three accounts, the individuals knelt down before Jesus and sought Him in the same way. They knelt down, worshipped Him and expressed their faith.
 - Jesus responded the same way in each case.

TWO IMPORTANT POINTS

1. How we approach God.

- A. **HEBREWS 10:19-23** – We have access to God's holiest presence by the precious Blood of Jesus.
- B. We approach the throne with reverence and holy awe, bowing down, worshiping Him and showing great respect.

2. What we say.

- A. We bring sincerity of heart and true faith, knowing the faithfulness of God.
- B. Jesus never turned away anyone who went to Him for help.
- C. That same power is available to everyone today, just as it was then.
- D. We must believe: **MARK 9:22-23** – Jesus reveals what it takes to make all things possible.