

Jesus. Discipleship is, we believe, the blessed level on which we all are; and if any one has more strength of body to serve the brotherhood, or a greater share of mental capacity, or enlarged opportunity, or more of that proud something men call learning, he is obligated by heaven's truth and by the Lord's love to employ that strength, that mind, that opportunity, that learning, in honor of the Master, the benefit of his cause, and the good of the church and the world. There is no official grace—there are no high and low places—there are no lords and underlings in the Saviour's spiritual court, and hence 'every high thing that exalts itself' must be cast down, when it is against 'the knowledge of God.'

We may lawfully speak of many gifts and duties, and of chief brethren, because, from capacity and fitness, they are qualified for extended servitude; and those who serve most are the greatest *servants*; but this is not lifting up and making men TALL to look down on others, but making them BROAD to serve men. In the work of the Lord we are fond of seeing brethren busy in making themselves broader, still realising that they occupy the temple basement of discipleship; but we cannot and will not bear them when they strive to make themselves higher: for it is written as well as decreed that he who exalts himself is certain to be brought low by the same Lord who went into the lowest place himself to raise us all up as high as heaven, if we only accept of and work by, his directions.

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We have noticed already that remarkable era in the history of the world when first the glad tidings of salvation resounded throughout the romantic regions of Jerusalem and Judea preparatory to a more universal promulgation. If, instigated by motives of benevolence, we adopt a theory enthroning the Son of God before his ascension, it will not tally with the teachings of the scriptures; and if we proclaim a kingdom of Christ before the notable day of Pentecost, it will be deficient in one of its most essential elements, since our dear Redeemer wore not the crown of triumph until after his resurrection from the dead—gave