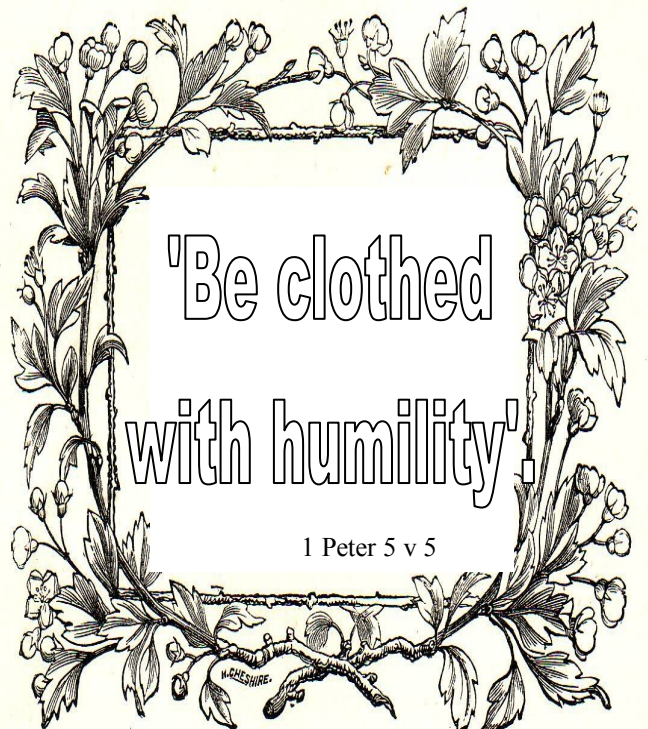


14. CHRIST - TEACHING BY HUMILITY

THE LIFE OF OUR LORD

1. Everything in our Lord Jesus' life teaches us something about h_____.
2. Someone described his humility like this:
 - If he had come to earth like an a____, it would have been an act of humility
 - If He had come as a great k____, it would have been an act of humility
 - But he came as a b____, laid in a m____, and died a cruel death on a c____what an amazing act of humility!
3. In John 13 v 4-15 we read how Jesus w_____ his disciple's f_____.
4. After the r_____ he lit a f_____ and cooked the disciple's breakfast. (John 21v9)
5. Being humble means 'not thinking too highly of ourselves' Pr_____ is when we think too much of o_____.
6. Jesus taught many lessons about h_____.
 - The Parable of not taking the best seats at the w_____ feast (Luke 14v 7-11)
 - The Parable of the Ph_____ and the P_____ (Luke 18 v 10-14).
7. We should be humble because
 - Our Lord has taught us to be humble
 - He has set us an example of humility by his own l_____
 - He has promised us that bl_____s come out of being humble



The Thames Tunnel Teaching Humility.—Formerly most strangers who visited the great city of London went to see the famous tunnel under the river Thames—a large, substantial road, built in the form of an arch, directly under the bed of the river. It is one of the most wonderful works that human skill ever succeeded in making. The man who planned and built it was made one of the gentry of England. His name was Sir Isambard Brunel. He was so humble that he was willing to learn a lesson from a tiny little ship worm. These worms bore small round holes through the solid timbers of our ships.

One day Mr. Brunel visited a ship-yard. An old ship was on the dry dock getting repaired. A quantity of worm-eaten timber had been taken out from her sides. He picked up one of these pieces of timber, and saw a worm at work, boring its way through. If he had been a proud man, he might have thrown the timber aside, and said—‘Get away, you poor little worm. I am a great master builder. You can’t teach me anything.’ And if he had done so, that famous tunnel under the Thames would probably never have been built. But Mr. Brunel had learned the lesson of humility. He was willing to learn from anything that God had made, however insignificant it might be. So he sat down and watched the worm at its work. He studied carefully the form of the hole it was boring. The thought occurred to him, how strong a tunnel would be, that was made in the shape of this hole! And when he was asked whether it would be possible to build a tunnel under the Thames, he said he thought it could be done. He undertook to build it. He succeeded in the work. But in accomplishing the great undertaking that little ship-worm was his teacher.

The Thames tunnel is an illustration of the truth that humility helps to make us useful.

Can you draw a picture to illustrate this story?