

Being A Servant 4428

I. Servant Is Divine And Eternal

- A. It started in God
- B. Not in time, but in eternity
- C. Son is servant of the Father; Spirit is the servant of the Son and the Father. Servanthood is in the nature of God
- D. God's Servant: Jesus (Matt. 12:18)
 - 1. Not seeking to be served, but to serve (Matt. 20:28)
 - 2. Father sends His servant, the Holy Spirit (John 14:16–17)
 - 3. Jesus likewise sends His servant, the Holy Spirit (John 16:7)
- E. Angels: all servants
 - 1. Seraphim with six wings, who surround the throne of God (Is. 6:1–3)
 - a. Two wings covering their faces = worship
 - b. Two wings covering their feet = worship
 - c. Two wings flying = service
 - 2. Cherubim = God's chariots
 - 3. Every word for worship in both Old and New Testaments describes a posture of the body
 - 4. Angels—here to serve us (Heb. 1:14)

II. Pathway To Leadership

- A. Whoever desires to become *great* becomes a *servant*; whoever desires to be *first* becomes a *slave* (Matt. 20:25–27)
- B. Primary submission in the body of Christ is to one another (1 Pet. 5:5)
- C. Clothed with humility = an apron worn by slaves
- D. Each faithful servant gained 100% (Matthew 25:21, 23)
One-talent people often bury their talent
- E. Ourselves slaves for Jesus' sake (2 Cor. 4:5)
 - 1. Set aside yourself—you have nothing to give from yourself—not self-promoting
 - 2. Preach Christ Jesus
- F. Paul was writing to fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, sodomites, etc. To these he said, “We are your slaves.”

III. On Into Eternity

- A. His servants shall serve Him (Rev. 22:3)
- B. His name will be on their forehead; they shall see His face (Rev. 22:4).
But contrast:
 - 1. Moses could not see His face (Ex. 33:18–23)
 - 2. No man has ever seen (1 Tim. 6:13)
- C. Turn your back on self