

Yeshua - - Our amazing Servant King

The Servant of servants, the Servant King of kings

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*[Note: for those of you new to this site, I use the Biblical name for our Savior – **Yeshua** – Salvation – the name his Hebrew/Jewish mama was told to call him. He IS salvation, and that's what "Yeshua" means. I also use the **original YHVH** wherever our English Bibles say "the LORD" – with LORD in all caps. YHVH is his name. It's not a title. There should be no "the" before his name. YHVH has the distinctive meaning of "I AM who I am, and always have been, and always will be." He who IS, and was, and is to come. He is our ever-present God. Sometimes I say "Yah" – also used in the Bible, as the shortened form of YHVH, as in Hallelu YAH – let us all praise Yah.]*

Greetings and welcome to Light on the Rock, sons and daughters of the household of the One true God Most High, the Father of our Savior Yeshua the Messiah. Welcome to all of you from around the world, wherever you happen to live.

2 Peter 3:18 – we are to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In coming to better know our Savior and our Lord, I'm spotlighting several key attributes of our Savior. Last time I spoke of coming to better know Yeshua as our anointed High Priest. I strongly urge you to hear that sermon if you've missed it. Let's come to know Him better, especially as we get closer to Passover.

The Apostle Paul said his one overriding desire and goal in life was to come to know him (Yeshua) and the power of HIS- Christ's-- resurrection (please read **Philippians 3:8-11** slowly). That was his #1 intention in life. I'll certainly speak more about the power of the Messiah's resurrection right around and after Passover.

Also read what Job says in **Job 42:1-6** after his long bout with boils and losing everything he had – and after his face to face encounter with his Maker. He confesses to YHVH that he (Job) had heard about Him, "but now my eyes see you"; i.e., "Now I get it! Finally." Job was ecstatic to come to know His Maker. We know from scripture that all things were made by the One we now know as the Word of God (**John 1:2-3; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2**) and that no one has heard the Father's voice – so Job was speaking to the One who came to earth to be born as a human – Yeshua, the Son of God.

Some Christians seem to focus only on God the Father – and leave out Yeshua. Most – focus on Yeshua, and leave out His Father. Then of course many of the Catholic or similar faiths focus on Mary – and yet there is no Biblical basis for focusing on Mary. In this website, we put our focus on both God the Father and His Son in whom He is so well pleased, Yeshua.

Now those of you who speak of, focus on, and relate only to God the Father – I have this thought for you. **We hope to MARRY Yeshua, right?** That puts the Church in the role of a wife. Ladies, think about the man you had fallen in love with before you got married. **Ladies, did you want to primarily get to know the man of your dreams – or his father?** Now it would be wise to get to know the Father too, of course – but your heart's desire was to spend time with and get to know the man you were going to marry, right?

So of course we want to spend time with and get to really come to know Yeshua! We need to not just learn more about our Savior, but grow in a profound love and appreciation for Him.

So I hope the case is made that we gotta get to really know Yeshua, or Jesus Christ as much as we desire to come to know God the Father. The whole Bible actually points us to the Redeemer we have. HE is our tree of life. He is our ark of safety in Noah's day. Yeshua is what every piece of furniture in the tabernacle pointed to – the altar, the bronze basin of washing, the menorah, the table of shewbread, the altar of incense, and the holy ark -- **all of it pointed to Yeshua!**

So in this sermon, we'll continue that trend to come to better know YESHUA, the Son of God – this time, as Yeshua the Servant King. You and I need to know all about this because if we're going to be part of His team as he sets up his millennial reign, we'll have to have his heart and know His mind and His way. His way is to lead by being a Servant King. So much more on this in a few minutes. . .

“SERVANT KING” – almost sounds like an oxymoron. The 2 words don't seem to fit together. We are used to Kings being the ones served, barking out orders, being in charge, letting others do the dirty work. Well, we are being called to serve alongside our Master, Yeshua the Messiah, who IS the Servant King. Let's focus on Him today.

Yeshua – the Son of God and King of Kings – came to serve

We know Yeshua is the coming King of Kings. We are the “kings” that He will be the king of! In this message, we learn what our Master says will be one of the hallmarks of the kings and leaders of the coming world order under His kingship.

Mark 10:41-45

‘And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. 42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

43 Yet it shall NOT be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave /Greek doulos/ OF ALL.

45 For even the Son of Man did NOT come to BE served, but TO SERVE, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Luke 22:27 adds another couple statements:

“For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.”

Our king says HE came to serve – not to BE served. AND—if we think we might be called to rule with Him, WE must first learn to serve - - HIS way -- before we can ever be allowed to rule and have authority over people in the Millennium. We must be known as great servers, great servants – before we will be allowed to rule in His kingdom.

King David for example – before he was put in charge of anyone or anything – was appointed as **King Saul's armor-bearer** (1 Samuel 16:20-21). They were the ones taking the hits, blocking the arrows and spears coming in as they held up the heavy full body shield for their master. They were servants who were like the squires of the knights, doing whatever needed to be done.

The greatest leaders, greatest bosses, greatest dads, greatest prime ministers – should be great servants. And yet, we see even in our very titles for “higher-ups” their desire to be exalted: PRIME (#1) minister, ARCH-bishop, Cardinal (#1), President (the one who presides) and so on.

And the real #1 leader under God the Father as Supreme – says HE came to SERVE. He is the Servant King. He is the Son of God's House -- but nonetheless, Yeshua came also to serve. **He has the HEART of a servant.** You and I will also have to have this same heart of a servant.

Philippians 2:5-11 (Holman version)

Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus,

6 who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage.

7 Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave (**Greek- *doulos* – slave**), taking on the likeness of men.

And when He had come as a man in His external form,

8 He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.

9 For this reason God also highly exalted Him

and gave Him the name that is above every name,

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow—

of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth—

11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Yeshua as King of Kings, certainly will oversee and exercise authority. But when he came the first time, he came to serve and die for us. If need be, he will rule the nations with a rod of iron even when need be – *but a hallmark of His authority will be that He serves*, works for everyone's good, and he'll focus on forgiveness and the healing of the nations. *And that must become our hallmark also.*

In fact, let me digress for a moment and ask - WHY do we have 4 gospels? Let's talk briefly about this and then I'll come back to Yeshua our model of the perfect servant.

Why four gospels

MUCH of what each gospel account says – especially in the Synoptic gospels (the first 3) – seems very similar to the others. John's gospel is quite different from the first three. Let me just say these few things for now, and a full sermon on it will have to come later.

Each gospel focuses on a different aspect of Yeshua, so we get the whole picture. Remember that around the throne of God were these 4-winged living creatures or cherubim which had

different appearances or “faces”. One was like an eagle, one like a man, one like an ox, and one like a lion. You can read about this in Ezekiel 1:10; 10:14 and Rev. 4:7. These 4 representations are depicted in one of the gospels.

- **Matthew** – points to **Christ the KING**, Yeshua as our King, as the Son of David who was prophesied to come. So Matthew also inserts a genealogy going back to King David. The symbol of kingship is the lion.
- **MARK** – focuses on **Yeshua as Servant** of God and who serves us. People don't care about the genealogies of servants –so there is none in this book, except to say his earthly parents were Joseph and Mary. This book just immediately gets into the stories of Christ working, serving, healing, serving some more... right from the get go. The ox is the symbol of the hardworking serving animal.
- **LUKE**: this gospel focuses on Yeshua as the prophesied “Son of Man”. So the genealogy in this book goes all the way back to Adam, the first man. And the cherub feature was a man as well.
- **John** – focuses on **Yeshua as GOD, who came as the Son of God**. John tells us from the get-go that Yeshua is the Word of God who was God from the beginning. It is in this gospel also that we read the great “I am” statements. That was the name YHVH gave to Moses – he is who he is, the “I AM”, He “who is, was and is to come”. So in John we get the powerful “I am” statements, and it starts with “in the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God.” The cherub symbol is the flying eagle – from the heavens.

So my point is – **one whole gospel, the gospel of Mark, is devoted to pointing to Yeshua who came as a SERVANT.** In the very first chapter of Mark, we see a very hard working, serving, healing servant Messiah. If you skim-read Mark 1, you'll see words like “immediately” or “straightway” – as servants don't waste time! We see his FAME spreading – in Mark 1:28. In our culture, when someone becomes famous, they certainly forget about serving. But not Jesus. So right after it says he started becoming famous in Mark 1:28- it goes on to immediately tell us he worked all the harder to heal, preach, cast out demons – and even to heal a LEPER with His touch.

Matthew 8 implies the leper must have heard the Sermon on the Mount (incognito, hiding) and heard about how we shouldn't worry and all that, and how eager God is to give us the joys of our heart... so he asked to be cleansed, and Yeshua TOUCHED him, a LEPER, and cleansed him. Read Mark 1:40-45. He even told him not to broadcast the news – but the leper did anyway.

Our Messiah has power over the unclean – and uses it! He wants to make you and me cleansed as well – from our filthy past, our filthy sins. The leper is a physical symbol of spiritual uncleanness.

But my point is, Mark's focus is on Yeshua the SERVANT. Combine that with the other gospels and we have the picture of Yeshua coming as the complete Savior: He is the very Son of God, Immanuel – GOD with us (gospel of John) - to be our KING (Matthew) who serves (Mark), and who is the perfect MAN (Luke).

Today we're going to learn how Yeshua is the perfect model of being a Servant King – and HOW we must become servants just like he was. We must become known as a great servant who serves all people BEFORE we will be allowed to lead.

I have to admit to all of you that this sermon “spoke” mightily to ME – and that I have a long ways to go in this regard. I found it very corrective to myself – and so I share it. I have to serve more, better, more effectively and more humbly. I hope and pray it has the same effect on you. **If all of us would learn to serve like Yeshua did and does – what a MIGHTY, powerful body we would be. Now instead of just one Man walking the earth as the Servant – we could have scores of thousands of Yeshua-led servants walking the earth. That sends shivers up my back!**

Remember Mark 10:44 says we must be a slave of ALL. Of everyone. Let that sink in. Whether it's serving a nobody – the least of these my brethren – or a child that we give a cup of water to – or to a great person, we are to serve everyone. So think of this: ruling – God's way, in the Millennium – is going to be known as a time when the rulers really do care and serve!

In our culture, the very last thing we would want to be identified with is someone serving everyone else, especially if the serving involves doing the dirty work: the garbage collector, or the guy who empties septic tanks, the person who makes the coffee in the office, the one who cleans up the lunch room. And so we give janitors a fancy name – environmental engineer, or something like that—because we think “janitor” is too demeaning.

Or at church services, we look UP to the preacher. But we don't look up to the man who runs the dust mop over the dirty floor afterwards. Why?

There are 2 main words used in the New Testament for “servant”.

- **Diakonos** – where get the word “deacons” – a server, a table waiter, someone whose entire purpose is to be sure everyone is taken care of, served, and things flowing smoothly. It is NOT an office, but a position of servant. They were often employed servants, and sometimes not. The words “office of” – a deacon – are not in the original, by the way – in 1 Tim. 3:10, 13 in the KJV version. No “office of” in the original!
- **Doulos** -- The other word commonly translated as “servant” is “*doulos*” – which really is a SLAVE. The NKJV often translates this word as “bondservant” though they use “slave” some of the time.

It's defined as: “One in a permanent relationship of serving someone else; his will is consumed in the will of his master....Generally one serving, bound to serve, in bondage (Romans 6:16-17)” – from The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament © 1992; revised edition 1993)

Jesus came as a DOULOS and a diakonos. The verses we read in Mark 10 use both words.

Mark 10:43-44 – “whoever shall be great among you shall be your **minister (KJV) – (diakonos - servant) and whoever shall be chiefest among you shall be **servant (doulos – slave)** of all.”**

Philippians 2:7 – which we read earlier said he came in the form of a DOULOS – a SLAVE. The folks at KJV had to translate it “servant” and NKJV “bondservant” – as “slave” just seemed too demeaning of our Lord. But the word Paul was inspired by God's spirit to use was *doulos*, a slave. Someone totally taken up with pleasing others.

We're going to learn from our King Yeshua. He came as a slave – totally consumed in the will of HIS master. And who was that? Why – God the father of course.

- Did not come to speak his own words, but Father's words
- Neither did he come to do what *he* wanted, but what Father wanted (did not come to seek my own will..) – John 5:30; 6:38.

Compare that to the present examples we see of human kings, presidents and prime ministers, and congressmen, mayors and governors – even many pastors and priests.

Yeshua said it: they do what they want. **They exercise authority over others. They lord it over.** They have to be in charge. Like President Obama said recently to a visiting head of state – “That’s what I like about being president; you get to do what you want.” You know who the boss is! And everyone else better get in line.

Present day bosses, rulers, presidents, leaders – do what? Motorcades, entourage, advance people go out to be sure everything is safe and without glitches.

- They are served hand and foot by attendants, pages, couriers, secretaries, and more.
- Kings and royalty don't even dress themselves!
- Famous people and famous religious leaders often feel they have to dress up in royal garb, or in special robes! Do you think Peter and Paul ever did that? I assure you – NO!
- Lifetime pensions paid for by the taxes of the common people.
- They expect to be served. **Even pastors and ministers** – are served by the church too often. They've forgotten that “minister” means servant! So they have someone park their car, carry their briefcase, do lots of chores without pay for them, whether it is babysitting, building or painting their house. I know some ministers pay for these things and are gracious about it, but many aren't. Any request is quickly provided by willing brethren eager to serve, or eager to impress. The one we must impress is God himself – and not worry about impressing anyone else.
 - Stories – carry my own briefcase; parking spot for women with 2 boys in wheelchairs.
- **The biggest chair, highest seat.** In the president's cabinet, president highest-backed seat. King Louis XIV was short – so wore high heels, had a high throne. Their meetings are called “summits”. Even ‘ministerial summits’. They have special parking areas, and valet parking, and huge corner offices – bigger than most people in the world have as their entire living quarters! When they put on a party – all the big glitzy names are invited.
 - But WE are taught by OUR servant King – *DON'T* take the best seats. (See Matthew 23:4-12). Give up the best parking spots. When YOU put on a dinner, invite the ones nobody else will be inviting....those who can't invite you back.

Luke 14:12-14

12 Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. 13 **But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.** 14 **And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you;** for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

And then, if you keep reading in Luke 14:15-24 – you'll see that Yeshua himself will practice what he preaches and invite for HIS own wedding supper – the not-so-great people of the world, like you and me!

Praise our SERVANT KING, who invites *servants* to his great supper!

KEY POINTS ON SERVING LIKE YESHUA, the Son of God

If Yeshua is really living in us, we will serve and live like He did – as a SERVANT AND SLAVE OF ALL.

As we go through these scriptures about Yeshua, remember you and I have been called also to be bondservants/slaves or servants of our Lord Yeshua – and to one another. This is something we should be instilling in our children and grandchildren from an early age.

The kingdom of God will be ruled by SERVANTS. Rulership in the kingdom will not be a matter of “SUPERVISING” all the time.

The Kingdom of God is not a spectator sport or spectator environment – but active involvement.
(Story of Washington – corporal – call the commander-in-chief...full story in the audio version)

Let's strive for balance here. YES, rulers and pastors are overseers. Yes. But they must have the HEART of a servant even as they oversee. And they must never be above getting down in the dirt and doing whatever needs to be done.

This attitude of serving will be HUGELY appreciated in the coming kingdom. We are impressed when we see royalty roll up their expensive arm sleeves and help someone fix a tire. How will it be in the kingdom when they see rulers and overseers helping rebuild, healing, giving back sight and hearing, healing the burns, healing the land... even as we pitch in everywhere we can?

Who would be thought of as the greatest servant in your home – the dad, or mom? If fathers are the head of the house, we dads should be the ones serving the most.

I realize there are **FUNCTIONS**. Dads do certain things and moms do certain things. In our home, I look after the pool, I mow our 2 acres, I pull up the weeds and look after the cars as well as do the lion's share of earning the income to pay the bills. My wife does the cooking, dishes, and most of the housework and also works hard in our business. But I do help with dishes, mopping, making beds, cleaning bathrooms and sweeping floors too.

So there are functions, but when I say the dad should serve the most, here are examples I'm working on:

- If there's no salt on the table, just get up and get it yourself, for everyone, rather than asking your wife to do it. I think it's OK to ask one of the children from time to time, so they learn to help too. Teach them the Heart of our Servant King.
- If you want a drink while watching TV – get up and get it yourself. And ask if anyone else would like a drink.
- Offer to clean up the dinner table and do dishes if you see your wife has had a hard day. (Yes, I know we men have very hard days too – but if we want to be the head of the house, we have to also be the head server.)

Some of you in certain cultures around the world will have a hard time with this. But I'm teaching what the Messiah taught us.

My biggest point in this FIRST point is this: if we fill our minds with the mind of Christ, inviting Him to live in us, inviting him to teach us – we WILL serve more and more. Yeshua will use your body for His purposes. And he promises to provide our needs when we put him first – but that's more for the next point.

Remember Mark 10:44 says we've been called to be a "slave of ALL" – of EVERYONE. Folks, "slave of ALL" does not just mean just church brethren! I want you each to think about that? Do you make a habit of helping people generally – whether a part of the church or NOT? Are there people you know outside your congregation who badly need a word of encouragement or some form of help? After all, did Yeshua come to die just for his friends, or just for the Jews? NO – for everyone in the world! He came and gave his life as a ransom for MANY, for all and any who would accept his offer!

Later Yeshua said this to describe the ultimate service:

John 12:23-26

But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground **and dies**, it remains alone; *but if it dies, it produces much grain.* 25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 *If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.*

We have to die to the self and live for Christ and for others. In return, God will reward us openly and grant us great honors for all eternity (Mathew 6:1-4). If Christ is filling our hearts and minds, He will be wanting to serve through us – through our words and actions! And we will be there with him, serving. We'll be letting him use our arms and legs and body to serve others.

And don't forget, we serve HIM. **James**, the "half-brother" of Yeshua, who wrote the book of James didn't boast about being a half-brother of Yeshua. His boast, if you will – his statement – was that he was his brother's slave, or bondservant – *doulos* to his older brother Yeshua.

James 1:1

"James, a bondservant (*doulos*- slave) of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ..."

PETER, perhaps the leading apostle, did not start his epistles by stating "DO you know who I am? I'm the leading apostle!". No.... Peter had the heart of a servant too, the heart of our Servant King.

2 Peter 1:1 --"Simon Peter, a **bondservant** and apostle of Jesus Christ..."

Paul also called himself a slave. Perhaps he could have boasted how he got 3 years 1-on-1 with Christ in personal training. But no. Paul had the heart of a servant. In **Romans 1:1, Philippians 1:1** and other places he simply calls himself a bondservant of Jesus Christ.

Have YOU ever referred to yourself as a bond-slave of Yeshua? Of God our Father?

OK folks, in our culture we don't talk about being a servant or slave – but perhaps we need to start. *For you and I have been called to be servants of God, slaves of God, slaves of righteousness.*

Romans 6:16-19

"Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to

righteousness? 17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 ***And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.*** 19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, **so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness”**

Like Christ, who knew who he was, and where he was going, and did not need to impress mankind – we also must simply serve, and Father will honor us in His due course and in his own way.

Let's read that again: where I am, my servants will be there too! Where will Yeshua be? Always looking for ways to serve. And if you are REALLY a part of his body, you will be too.

- If you serve ME – who is Yeshua? He's every disciple who is in him. When you did it to the LEAST of these my brethren, you did it unto ME!
- And then HE will my father honor.

(Bonus section) Ask those around you – whether at home, at work, or at church – “*what can I do to help more?*” What would be helpful to everyone if I started doing certain things?” Teach your children the same thing. BE A SERVANT EVEN IN ‘LITTLE THINGS’ and it will catch on.

- Pick up after yourself; hang up towels and anything that shouldn't be on the floor
- Changing out the toilet paper roll when you end the roll!
- Taking the dishes back to the sink after dinner, pushing the chairs back to the table
- Putting dirty clothes in the clothes hamper, rather than just leaving them on the floor
- Teach the children to put their toys away, to make their beds, to tidy up their room
- Teach children to help weed, to help with yard work, housework – to pull their own weight

Then ask the pastor or church leaders what could be helpful. But be ready for the response! Most of us just go and take in what others have worked tirelessly to prepare for us. Maybe they need someone to:

- Clean the toilets, mow the yard, sweep the walkways, shovel pathways in winter
- Ushering, helping with video and PowerPoints, sound system back-up.

I always believed there should be back-up personnel who can do essential tasks so the Sound system fellas, or others who were there early every single sabbath – could also have a break.

*****In the Father's House, we are CHILDREN of the House of God – but even as sons and daughters of the Most High, we SERVE one another and everyone.**

The Kingdom of God is going to be a kingdom of kings and priests – a royal priesthood --that **SERVES** constantly. Children in a normal household are not the servants. But in a household that is training their children properly, the head of house and mother will be leading by example, and be teaching children to find ways to pitch in. Can they do the dishes? Can they sweep the floor? Or take out the garbage?

Galatians 5:13b – “....through love, serve one another.”

A true servant/slave of God knows He is a child of God – and that is **WHY** we are able to serve without feeling like we're being demeaned. We absolutely know who and what we are – redeemed

children of the Highest – so it doesn't bother us to do “demeaning” work. We're coming up to the Passover this year, when we wash feet. Let's look at this passage again.

The footwashing mentality should not be limited to an hour at a Passover service – but should be an ongoing way of life! Here's what happened with Yeshua – who has the heart of a servant – our King!

John 13:2-17

2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, 3 **Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. [Look at the self-knowing here – and therefore OK to do the job of the lowest servant – the foot washer]**

5 After that, He poured water into a basin **and began to wash the disciples' feet**, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" [Realize the PICTURE here: Yeshua –GOD IN THE FLESH -- on his knees before each disciple!]

7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"

10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 **If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.** 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 **If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.**

IF we don't let Yeshua SERVE us – wash our feet, cleanse us, we will have no part WITH him.

That leads us to THIS NEXT POINT IS FOR THOSE on the other extreme: the non-stop servants, those constantly working, never resting, as they serve the church and others.

We must FIRST receive our Master's service to us before we can fully serve HIS WAY. Read that again. We must let our Master serve us – when he's serving – and then we'll have something to give to others. We'll also be hugely inspired by the example he set.

The STORY of Mary and Martha is all about *Philippians 2:5 – LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS IN Christ Jesus...*

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at

Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to **serve** alone? Therefore tell her to help me." (Martha didn't want just a TV dinner but something better.)

Martha was trying to serve, while the Lord was serving. **MARY, on the other hand, sat – rested – and let her Master serve her and the others. She took it all in; she received.** Before we can truly serve effectively, we must receive from God. It's hard to give what you don't have.

True serving, true ministry – is giving back what HE FIRST gave US; it's pouring out what HE first poured into you! We let him wash our feet FIRST – then we can go wash others' feet. We let Him fill our minds with HIS mind first – then we have the right mindset and information to share with others.

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about MANY things. 42 But ONE thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

This is why it is SO important to do the ONE THING – seek God FIRST, daily, in your life – THEN you can do the many things. I cannot just start preaching. First I have to ask Christ to pour into my heart and mind what HE wants me to hear – and then I share that. It takes time, but the best teaching is sharing what you are first being taught. But see Yeshua also in the menial tasks! He'll be there too.

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. Seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness each morning – and everything else we strive for will be given to us freely (Matthew 6:33). How many of us still have the habit of praying and studying first thing before we go to work?

Martha was troubled by many things. Let's face it. We are ALL "Marthas" most of the time – troubled by a lot of things. She had a lot on her mind, a lot to get done. She forgot the ONE thing: to come let Yeshua serve us first; then we can serve Him better. She even accused him of not caring!! This story, out of the thousands that could have been told, is recorded for us – because it is IMPORTANT.

What my dad said as he saw me working non-stop 30 yrs ago, to get ready for a church youth canoe trip: "Don't be so busy serving the Lord that you forget the Lord." There's a lot of depth in that statement. Read it several times and apply it.

SO many get so involved in so much church serving, that they don't make time to pray, to study the Word of God, or to listen to sermons – to first be a MARY, sitting at the feet of our Master.

- Story of the security crew in one church area. Couldn't hear the sermons. Had never been a problem of anyone disturbing anything – but they were assigned to "guard" the doors. From what? For what purpose? And how did those sabbaths help these men grow?
- Others go extra early to set up services all the time. So I rented a hall that was already set up. And I'm constantly urging pastors to be sure to let their brethren have a restful sabbath.
- Counting the offering money during the sermon. Why?

We have to get ourselves on proper footing first – THEN we can serve properly.

What Paul said to the Elders in Ephesus – Acts 20:28 [more details in the audio]

Acts 20:24-29 – you can read for yourselves – v. 28 especially – "take heed to yourselves [first] AND to your flock...

Airlines – “put YOUR mask on first, then on child” . We have to let Christ WORK IN US and then actively FOLLOW those urgings He gives us to serve:

Colossians 1:27-29

To them God willed to make known what are the **riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory. 28 **Him** we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we **may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus**. 29 To this end **I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily**.

So we start with faith in Yeshua –that’s the start. But true godly faith is evidenced by action proving that faith! We DO have to start serving!

James makes that abundantly clear about Abraham and Rahab proved their faith by their works (James 2:14-26 – faith without works is dead!)

Paul says the same thing throughout **Hebrews 11**, the faith chapter. He says in faith, or by faith, they took action – Noah by faith built his ark, Moses by faith did something – he led them thru the Red Sea, etc. etc. Sometimes we are called to walk on water to be with our Lord – who is out there doing the impossible.

If we keep our eyes on him and learn from Yeshua when He is serving us, you’ll be able to serve in powerful ways beyond your wildest dreams, but you will have to step out in faith.

Let yourself be filled with Christ’s mind. Study his word. Seek him first thing. Read His book. Talk to him often. Listen to Him even more often! Have you ever done a study on the word “HEAR” in the word of God? Acknowledge and proclaim him as Lord.

In this point, I’m saying we must focus on MESSIAH in ALL things FIRST. LET HIM serve us. LET him wash our feet. THEN – do what He leads us to do.

HOW do we become more and more like Yeshua? Is it by us trying and trying to copy him, by our works? *Or is it by faith, as we keep focused on Him, studying Him – and let His SPIRIT transform us over time?* We have to let the Spirit move, we can’t block or hinder or grieve the Spirit – but it’s the SPIRIT that does it, as we’re about to read. Let’s be a MARY, sitting down first to TAKE HIM IN – then we’ll have something to share.

2 Corinthians 3:14-18- -speaking about the Jews reading Scripture

“But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But **WE** all, with unveiled face, **beholding** as in a mirror **the glory of the Lord, into the same image are being transformed from glory to glory, just as BY the SPIRIT [how? By the SPIRIT] of the Lord.**”

Paul is inspired to say – BEHOLD HIM, HIS GLORY. FOCUS ON HIM. SATAN wants us looking at OURSELVES. Result? Either self-righteous pride – or severe self- condemnation. We’re never measuring up. NO – we have to look to Yeshua to help us serve like HE does.

We cannot do anything spiritual properly without Him. Yeshua himself said EVEN HE could do nothing of and by himself. NOTHING! HE needed His Father’s help and example – or he could do

nothing! *Are WE any better than Yeshua?* Why would we think WE could do anything spiritually without HIM – just as Yeshua could do NOTHING without His Father?

John 5:19

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son can do NOTHING of Himself, but what He sees the Father do**; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

So what do we see in HIS example: He would pray for hours and be filled with His FATHER's mind before major decisions or tests. He fasted 40 days in the wilderness before beginning his ministry. He wanted to be FILLED BY HIS GOD, HIS FATHER – GOD THE FATHER – before He served others. *And WE need to be attached to, and filled up by, Yeshua before we will serve or grow.*

John 15:5-8 can we expect any more than Jesus expected?

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that **you bear much fruit**; so you will be My disciples."

Philippians 1:11 says we bear the fruit of righteousness *by Jesus Christ!* NOT by our own efforts.

We can do nothing without Him, but with Him we can do ALL things! Philippians 4:13
Now let's move on. How does a servant think?

*****The MINDSET OF GODLY SERVANTS:**

- We say to ourselves—"I want Christ to live in me, not my own selfish, self-centered life;
- I'll submit to everyone and therefore serve everyone, for they are worthy of my hard work and service, no matter who they are." Let me confess: I'm still learning this one.
- I will esteem others as being better than myself and worthy of my service
- I will start caring about others' needs too. I will care about how I make others feel.

Philippians 2:3-5

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in **lowliness of mind** let each **esteem others better than himself**.

4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

5 **Let this mind be in you, which was in Jesus Christ.."**

Instead of:

- Complaining about the smelly diaper – YOU get up and change it. YOU take the toddler to the bathroom, even if it's to do "#2", if you know what I mean. OK men – when *was* the last time *you* took the 2-3 year old to the bathroom? Or is it always mom's job?
- complaining there is no coffee – next time YOU bring the coffee maker and YOU make the coffee next time. Or ask if you could.
- Instead of complaining there's nothing for the kids, raise your hand and ask if you could organize some activities for the young people.

- Instead of wondering where the senior socials are – ask if you could plan some. This is not a spectator sport kingdom – but a serving kingdom!
- Instead of wondering why breakfast isn't ready yet – YOU get it done! You serve the others.
- How about this one? Instead of wondering why I can't produce more blogs and sermons, how about you starting to help me put some of them together? How about *you* writing a blog for Light on the Rock? I could use some help. Or how about you offering to do transcripts of the audio? Even if you think you're not a writer, at least PRAY for this site. *And where's your faith? You can do ALL things – if you first let Christ fill you and let HIM work in you.*

1 Peter 5:5

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, *all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility*, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

You can also read Romans 12:10-16; Eph 5:20-21.

- **The heart of our SERVANT KING is one of COMPASSION to the needy.** He saw the hungry crowds, and had COMPASSION. He FED THEM. (Not Marie Antoinette's "let them eat cake.") Mark 6:33-34

NO JOB should be beneath our dignity to do.

HELP-MEET (KJV), HELPER -- DEMEANING?

A true servant does not consider any job beneath Him to do. Some women feel demeaned by the fact that **Genesis 2:18-20** says God created Eve to be a helper (or KJV help-meet) to Adam – and that men are the heads of the household. So being a help-meet (Hebrew: *ezer*) is seen as something demeaning. Is it?

Did you know that even Yehowah (YHVH) takes on the role of the first created woman – created to be a helper to her husband (Gen 2:18-20). The word for "helper" is *ezer* in Hebrew. Would we consider the *ezer* greater – or the one being helped? And yet notice THIS:

Almighty God himself says HE is our ezer – our "help-meet", OUR helper. PONDER that!

That's hardly a demeaning role therefor! Let that sink in and learn what that means! I thought the wife (church) was to be the *ezer* or help-meet for the man, or for Christ. *And yet Yehowah, GOD – is OUR "ezer", OUR helper! Yah likes helping out. Yah likes pitching in. He likes solving problems. He likes staying busy in our behalf. Yah LIKES serving! Are we getting it?*

The name ELEAZAR means "God is helper" - EL - EZER. GOD is helper. GOD is serving. GOD is there pitching in. Let that sink in! God CARES enough to help; HE has the HEART of a servant.

Psalms 54:4 – ELOHIM is my AZAR – MY helper.

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. (Elohim)

I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help (azar) you,

I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' (Who is the RIGHT HAND? YESHUA!)

****ANOTHER MINDSET of the Christ-like servant: we should never serve to get noticed, or mentioned in the church bulletin. Neither do we get upset when others are mentioned and we're not. OK – still learning this one too. But having said that, WE should tell people how much they ARE appreciated, and mention them to others whenever we can.**

Matthew 6:1-4 – DON'T LET YOUR LEFT HAND KNOW WHAT YOUR RIGHT HAND...

Matthew 6:3-4

“But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; **and your Father** who sees in secret will Himself reward you OPENLY.”

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OTHERS should give you recognition when you do good, but even if you don't get it – keep serving. Father knows what you're doing and Yeshua tells us our Father HIMSELF will reward you OPENLY. See **Matthew 6:4, 6, 18.**

Proverbs 27:2

“Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.”

So many times Yeshua actually told people NOT to broadcast that Yeshua had healed them.

So – frankly I'm working on this too – I still like being noticed or recognized for things that were my ideas or my efforts. But that's not God's mindset. But I thought if I admit I still have a problem with that, maybe some of you will admit it too and repent of it and seek the mind of Christ.

****The GODLY SERVANT CONSIDERS THE FEELINGS of others and restores relationships.**

(Yep, still working on this one too!)

Yeshua – even on the cross –was thinking about others.

- “Father forgive them...” – even as they taunted him, spit on him, derided him. Luke 23:34.
- Looked after his mother and asked John to be “her son” John 19:25-27
- **On the cross – “behold your son; John, behold your mother”... in all that pain?**
- **Restoring Peter after he had denied his Savior 3x.** (We've ALL denied our Savior countless times by our acts and words, by the way.)
 - 1 Cor. 15:4-5 says Christ rose the 3rd day and that he was seen by PETER (Cephas) THEN by the 12. (also Luke 24:34). There's no record of that very private moment – of where or when it was, or what Yeshua said. It must have been quite the moment. What do you think Yeshua would have said to Peter? How did it end up?
 - So somewhere between John 20:18 and meeting Mary Magdalene – and John 20:19 - when he appeared to the 12 minus Thomas and Judas Iscariot, he first saw Peter! But

we're not told how and where or what was said. What would YOU have said to Peter – who had just denied you violently three times while you were being scourged?

On your own, ponder John 21:1-8. This is now some time after the resurrection. We find – once again – the RISEN Messiah serving: cooking fish at the shore while Peter and company were fishing, with no success. Then Yeshua told them to try the other side of the boat, John recognized it as the Christ, and then Peter dove into the water to swim as fast as he could to shore and be with his Messiah and king.

What does that tell us about Yeshua? What does that tell us about how that 1-on-1 meeting before might have gone?

John 21:7

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

That tells us a lot. Peter was EAGER – couldn't WAIT – to be with his Savior again. You don't rush to see someone you're afraid to be with again or who makes it unpleasant! This is the HEART of the Servant King we serve. WE have to ask Him to come into our hearts and minds and LIVE THAT WAY in us. We can't just make it happen – we ask in faith and let Him fill us. And then step out – in faith – even if it looks like we're stepping out to have to walk on water!

Oh Yeshua – fill me up, fill us all up – with YOU, your mind, your attitude, your spirit dear Master, fill us with your Way, your humility, your righteousness, your life, your thoughts, your kindness, your love, your compassion... fill us... fill us Master, fill us!

There's so much more one can say.... But let's wrap this up.

Our King of kings, Yeshua the Messiah, is also our High Priest. He is also our Servant King. Hallelu YAH! Let's be less critical of others and just start pitching in and getting things done... but FIRST, fill your mind with HIS mind.

What a PROFOUNDLY CHANGED world it is going to be when world leaders and local city leaders – truly serve with the MIND OF CHRIST; Are in it for the good of others. Wow. We're serving a GOD-MADE-INTO-MAN who got on his hands and knees and washed feet. Who touched lepers and cleansed them. Who fed 5,000 and later thousands more – because he had compassion on them. Who went everywhere healing and doing good, even when he was tired and hungry himself.

Nobody was beneath his dignity. No job was too lowly. Even on the cross He was serving and thinking of others. That was his ultimate service – dying for you and me, paying our penalty for us, and thinking of us as he did! Wow, wow, wow! Wow, Yeshua!!! Be turning to Luke 12:35.

The Wedding Supper

And when we are changed to spirit, and in AWE at the awesomeness **of the Wedding Supper**, in the grand Hall of heaven, with powerful spirit beings coming and going in the midst of bright lights and thunders and awesome angelic choirs – as we sit there waiting, we will see an AWESOME site. Yes, there probably will be a head table (Luke 22:30) – with Yeshua, probably the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Moses and Elijah, the 12 apostles, probably Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel/Leah, Rahab, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Yeshua and Joseph, ... but then, when we look again, some of

us will notice that now there's an empty seat at the Head table. And where's our King? Where'd he go? What's he doing?

Luke 12:35-38

"Let your waist be girded [be serving!] and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. **Assuredly, I say to you that HE will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and [he] will come and serve THEM."**

(Talking to Jesus Christ, my King) WOW Yeshua! You're simply amazing, Master! You never stop serving! Even at the Wedding Supper in your honor – You get up and serve your Bride. Wow, Yeshua, wow! Please fill us with your mind. Please bring your body together to forgive one another where we need to, to wash/cleanse one another, to once again love one another and serve one another. Fill us with your mind, Yeshua. Come into our lives. We accept you as our servant King, and want to be just like you!

WE want to be servant kings under you, Master -- THE Servant of servants, the Servant King of kings. To you be praise, honor and glory forever and ever, Amen.

And then when Father comes down to a new earth – we will see You set the example once more, Yeshua, as you bow your knee – YOUR knee – to God Supreme, God Most High, our Father and your Father. Hallelu YAH, hallelujah! (1 Cor. 15: 25-28).

1 Corinthians 15:22-28

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," **it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.**

28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, **then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.**

Wow, we'll see the King of kings get down on his knees and bow to the Father of us all. Wow. And then we all will follow his perfect example. We have an awesome Savior folks. He's an awesome servant of servants, awesome king of kings who serves.

OK –future servant Kings. Start serving with the mind of Christ. FILL yourself with HIS thoughts, put Him FIRST in your day, ask him to come into your lives – to the glory of God the father, God Most High.

Closing blessing: *May Yehowah bless you and keep you, may he watch over you and preserve you for His kingdom and service in the world to come. May your life so please Him, as you fill your minds with Yeshua, that our Father's face BEAMS with joy when He sees you and thinks of you. May his angels watch over you and your family. May He bless your health, bless your spiritual growth, bless your family, bless your home, bless your business, bless all that you touch – in Yeshua – in Yeshua's name, Amen.*