

The Bride Ministers to Christ, the Word

Exodus 23:25,

“And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.”

Listen what God’s Prophet said about it:

Who is your little queen in the home? She ministers food to you. Is that right? **The Bride ministers to Christ, the Word.** "Man shall not live by bread alone, but every Word." (*Matt. 4:4*). See? She ministers the Word to the King, manifesting His promised Word in the age that She's living in. Amen. That was a good one. See? **Ministering in the age, the Word.** [1]

You women, as you serve your husband, you serve God (*Col. 3:23-24; Eph. 5:22-24*). [2]

You must be willing to serve Christ. You must be willing to whatever it is, lay aside every weight that doth easily besets you and run the race with patience (*Heb. 12:1-2*). [3]

And that's the same way it is by making the decision for Christ. The first thing you have to do, is make up your mind whether you're going to serve God and take Him as your Saviour; or, you're not going to do it. **Are you going to serve the world, are you going to serve Christ?** You have to make up your mind. There has to be a decision made. When you make up your mind that you're either going to serve God or mammon, then you take your choice. But the decision has to be made. [4]

The "church," means "the called out, the separated." And two people can't live in you the same time. **You've got to die out to the things of the world to serve God. You can't love God and mammon at the same time** (*Matt. 6:24*). And as long as the love of the world is in the believer's heart, he crowds out and deprives himself from the privileges that God's given him. **God doesn't want you to be underprivileged. He wants you to have every privilege that He died for.** Every privilege He gave the church, He wants you to enjoy it; it's yours. [5]

I believe that this great Spirit that's among us is the Holy Spirit. I believe that He called me for this purpose. Doesn't make me any more

than the man that got saved this morning, just your servant, your brother. **Makes me less than you, because I'm sent to serve you. I am a servant to the public. A public servant is a minister, to serve the public. To be the underdog, to take this knocks and drives of the public,** whatever it is, stand there. And if you haven't got grace enough to smile and take it, then you ought to go back to Calvary and reconfirm your commission. That's what you're supposed to do (*Matt. 20:26-27*). [6]

There's not a person in here that I wouldn't like to take a hold of their hands and set down, go home with you. I just love fellowship, but I can't have it. It's kept back from me, until we cross the border. **I can't be a servant of man and a servant of God at the same time. You've got to keep from man to serve God, and love men, that brings them to the kingdom.** [7]

I think it's the greatest thing that ever happened to me, to have the privilege of serving Him. And I know as I serve you, I serve Him. "For insomuch as you have done unto the least of these, my little ones, you have done it unto Me." (*Matt. 25:40*). And none of His Words can ever fail. [8]

This is a great heavy burden that no one knows nothing about. That's just God and I alone. But when I do get to go to bed, what a wonderful privilege I have to kneel down before God and say, "**Father, I've done the best that I know how today.** I've done all that I know how to make life just a little more pleasant for people." **And I'm sure that His blessings return and return and make life a little more pleasant for me. If you want to do something for God, do something for His people.** You want something good said about you, say something good about someone else. Bless someone else, and as you're blessing someone else, you're blessing God. [9]

And if He will just keep me **healthy**, and in my **right mind**, keep **my heart right with Him**, I want to serve Him as long as I live on earth. I promised Him that from this platform, if He will keep me in my right mind, and keep me healthy and strong, so that I can serve Him, and I love Him, and I promised Him, **that I'll do everything I can that lays within my power for His people. And that's the way we serve God, as we serve each other. That's the only way we can serve God** (*I Peter 4:10-11*). [10]

I've always known this, and I've found this in my life of ministry. **If you want to serve God, serve His people** (*Gal. 5:13; Rom. 14:19*). That's how you serve. **As we love one another, we love God.** And I love His people, and I'm doing all that I know how to try to represent our Lord Jesus Christ to them in a way of His Divine mercies and powers that He has given to the church in this last day. [11]

That's the way we ought to feel towards God, not to buy our way through with something; **but we owe God our life**, for we were dying and sinking in the ditch of sin. God threwed His arms, a robe around me.

I owe Him my life. You owe Him your life. You owe Him your life to serve Him, not to give it, to walk about and brag about your church denomination, not to go about and criticize others; **but to try to serve and to save others**, and to bring them to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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I hate to say this. But so few of professed Christians today in our land know so little about God. Oh, they know all their religions, **but to know God** (*John 17:3*).

Humbled Himself, and that's what makes Him great to me. That's what makes Him real to me is to think that He was willing to come down here and not be some great somebody, take some great name, or something like that. **He made Himself humble and become a servant to all of them** (*Phil. 2:5-11*). **That's my Lord Jesus. That's the One I love; that's the One, I want to give my life entirely to serve Him, and to work for Him**, and do everything I can to get people **to look at Him**, and believe Him, and love Him. He's lovely. He's precious. [13]

He's worthy of the best. What do you do for Him? Give Him the leftover. Oh, yes, you run around all day, and give Him three minutes at night before you go to bed. **He deserves your best, friend. He deserves everything you got.** But what do you do about it? You give Him just anything. He takes it. He takes it, anyhow.

Give Him the best of your life. Give Him the best of your songs. Give Him all your talent. Give Him everything you got. Give Him your feet. Give Him your hands. Give Him your eyes. Give Him your mouth. Give Him your ears. Give Him your soul. Give Him your heart. Give Him your praise. Give Him everything you got. Hallelujah. He's deserving of the best, [14] and minister to Him in Psalms and in prayer, and in thanksgiving. [15]

But thanks be to God, we got hidden Food, spiritual Food, **that we're living on the goodness and mercy of the revelation of Jesus Christ in these last days**, vindicating Himself among His people. Amen!

Elijah went in before the drought set in. Thank God for being in before the judgment sets in. Now is a time of coming out and going in, getting out of those organizations **and getting into Christ, a coming-out and going-in time for all true believers.**

Then he was called, and stayed in there. Remember, he never left that brook until God called him.

And after the drought was about over, He called him out of there, down to a widow's house. Notice, He called to this widow. And this widow had not associated herself with the unbelievers; took the mark of the beast during the drought. So He called Elijah to sustain this widow. They just had one little cake, one little thing she was holding onto. And Elijah said, *"Give that to me, first. For, THUS SAITH THE LORD, that barrel will not go empty neither will the cruse run dry, until the day that the Lord God sends rain upon the earth."* (1 Kings 17:13-14). **Putting God first, His Word first!** ^[16]

Now, it looked like that he was sent to take what little she had, but it was vice versa. **When she was willing to give what she had in support of the Word, God fed her. And if you're willing to give what Spirit you do have, what Spirit that God's given you to support of the Word, then God will keep you alive** (Phil. 3:3). Hallelujah! O glory to God! Do you see it, church? What you have got, what little you do believe in God, what faith you have got, place it on the Word, not on organization. **Put it in God's Word;** He'll keep you alive.

She was ready then, 'cause she couldn't before, 'cause they wouldn't let her. But now she's ready. Will she receive it? God sent a prophet her way. Will she receive his Word? Will she receive this prophet? Yes, she did. And he told her, said, "Now, what little life you have got, place it in here, bring it to me first." And what happened? When the rest of the world was languishing and dying in hunger, her and her children and her household all eat three good meals a day: **Divine revelation on the Word. I hope you see it, friend.**

What went on? He stayed there until the famine was over, living with this woman, this Church, that received him and believed his Word. And he kept her alive, kept the Church alive by the Word of the Lord, because he said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." ^[17]

God is sovereign. And we see here what David has done, in the Scripture reading of First Chronicles 13. His intentions were good. **But**

God does not give us merits on good intentions. There is only one way to serve God, that's by doing His will at His command. And God, being sovereign, there is no one to tell Him what to do or how to do it. He does it the way, He knows the right way to do it. And that makes me feel good. And it ought to make all of us feel good, and I'm sure it does. For, one would have It coming this way, and one have It going that way, and one the other way.

"The Levites' shoulders," **was God's original way to do it.** And they had put it on a new cart. Now, it'll never work. They didn't consult the right way. See? So they got out, about it, and went about it in the wrong way.

And that's what's happened today. When man, no matter how sincere, **try to do Him a service outside of His provided way of revealing it, they always mess it up.** God sets it in His way. Man, no matter how sincere, you try to do it outside of that, you'll mess it up. [18]

There is only one way to serve God, and that's: **We must stay in His way, no matter what our thoughts are. His way!** [19]

I know you think I'm a hard guy. I'm not hard. I'm your brother, and I love you. Flee the wrath that is to come. **Go to the cross and cry until your heart is filled with His Spirit,** that'll turn your back from everything of the world, and walk godly before Him with your heart burning for Him. **Love, not a duty; it is not a duty to serve Christ; it's a love that serves Christ. It strains you, constrains you,** till every pulsation of your life beats with Him (*II Cor. 5:14*). [20]

For I know this: there's a great big door set out in front of me, and it's called death. And it's for each one of us. And every time my heart beats, we are one beat closer to that door. It won't beat that beat again. We're one beat closer. And one of these days, we're coming up to that door. It's called death. And each one of us is going to meet it. And when I get there, I sure don't want to go in there like a coward. I want to go in there with His robes wrapped around me, and His grace, knowing this one thing: that when He calls, I'll come out of there someday. **That's what I live for today, is to do that: to know Him and to serve Him.** [21]

Life comes in the Blood cell; takes sanctification to cleanse that life, to kill the desire of sin; then the Holy Spirit comes into that clean vessel and sets it aside in work, service. The altar sanctified the vessel, but **the filling**

is what put it in service. It was set aside for service, now it's got to be put in service. And the Holy Ghost puts the church in service (*I Cor. 12:13*). [22]

I think, through our ages, has proved this to be true; **water, Blood, Spirit; justification, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Spirit**. That makes an antitype, which takes away from the natural birth. Look when a woman or anything in travail, for birth. The first thing comes to pass, the breaking of the water, a normal birth; second thing is the blood; and then comes life. **Water, blood, spirit**; and that constitutes the normal, natural birth (*I John 5:7-8*).

And so is it in the spiritual realm. **It's water; justification by faith, believing on God, receiving Him as your personal Saviour**, and being baptized. **Second, is sanctification of the spirit, that God cleanses the spirit from all elements of the world and the desire of the world. And then the Holy Spirit comes in and gives new Birth and fills up that sanctified vessel.**

For instance, like this. Now, a glass is laying out in the chicken yard. You don't just pick that up and put it on your table and fill it up with water or milk. No. By picking it up, is justification. Cleansing it, is sanctification, 'cause the Greek word sanctify is a compound word, which means "cleansed, and **set aside for service.**" **Not in service; for service. Then when you fill it, it is put in service.** [23]

The only thing, **I'm just sorry I haven't got more lives to live to serve Him**. Talk about giving up something, oh, there's nothing to give up; **it's all to win; it's all to gain**. And if I had ten million lives, if I could go back to sixteen years old and be king over the world for ten thousand years, or die right now and go to heaven with Jesus Christ, I'd say, "Let me go right now. I'd like to go just to be with Him." **'Cause now I have Eternal Life**. Ten thousand years was up, I'd be gone to hell. But now when ten thousand years go by, I'll have no less time than I were when I entered there. Amen.

He's real. Who made the flowers? Who put the colors in them? The same Man that put the color in the flower put the Holy Ghost in my heart. Glory to God. He's here, yes, sir. Don't be alarmed at Him, **because He's here**. God means worship. God is an object of worship. And I love to worship Him. **He's my All in all. He's my Peace. He's my Father, my Mother, He's All that I ever had, All I ever will be; everything lays within Him**. Oh, my, let's just raise our hands and praise Him. [24]

When I begin to see the years counting up, and begin to see two or three services a day, is beginning to make me get just a little bit tired, where it used to didn't bother me. But then I think, "Well, what difference does it make?"

I want to ask you something. We're just home folks, so I want to. What if you're eighty years old tonight, or you're fifteen years old tonight? If you're eighty years old, and you live till this time tomorrow night, you'll outlive many, many young sixteen-year-old children. Did you ever think of that? You sure will. **You're here for a purpose, to serve God.** So what difference, the age it is to you? **Just serve God** (*II Cor. 3:1-6*).

If God come to me and said, "I want you to go to earth," and I was up there and He said, "go to earth, I'm going to give you a hundred years space of the knowledge, but I want you to lot your years. What years you want to take, the first twenty-five, the second twenty-five, the third twenty-five, or the last twenty-five?"

What would I say? Well, if I'm going to put my time here to be, oh, a football player or an athlete, or something, I better take the first twenty-five. If I'm going to be here to be a carpenter, or some person like that, well, I better take the second twenty-five. **But if I want to take to serve the Lord, I'll take the last twenty-five, from seventy-five to a hundred, because, I've had the accumulation of that much knowledge, I know more about it.** See? As long as I can stand on my two feet and walk around, what difference does it make how old I am? **I'm here to serve the Lord, and that's it.** Amen. That's good enough for me. He promised it.

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When it's in the path of duty of following the Word, stand there and watch it open up. Amen. I'm fifty-three years old, been serving Him for about thirty-three years, **wish I had ten million years to serve Him.** I've never seen Him fail yet, when His Word is kept. That's right. [26]

Lord, in the Light of Your Word, I command every person that's not baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ to hasten to the water quickly while you have a chance. You who have not been filled with the Holy Ghost, I command you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ; fall to your knees **and don't get up until the Holy Spirit has sanctified you thoroughly and filled you with His love and goodness until your soul is so satisfied in the Presence of God that your whole desire is to serve Him and walk for Him and work with Him all the rest of your life.** Grant it, I pray, that God will give you this charge, in Jesus Christ's Name.

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Malachi 3:13-18,

*“Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered. Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; **and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.** Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, **between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.**”*

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