

SERVICE THAT PLEASES GOD

LUKE 17

Text: Luke 17:7-10

(Luke 17:7-10) "But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? {8} And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? {9} Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. {10} So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

Introduction:

1. WE DO NOT BELONG TO OURSELVES (HIS SERVANT)

(Luke 17:7) "But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?"

(1 Corinthians 6:19) "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

2. THE MASTER DOESN'T SERVE THE SERVANT BUT THE SERVANT SERVES THE MASTER

(Luke 17:8) "And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?"

A. We think God owes us something, and when we think we are slighted it makes us bitter.

B. We think after we do our part that God must pay.

C. God takes care of us (after).

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3. MOTIVES (DOES HE THANK, I TROW NOT)

(Luke 17:9) "Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not."

A. Nobody appreciates me, acknowledge me

(Philippians 2:3) "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

(Philippians 2:12-16) "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. {13} For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. {14} Do all things without murmurings and disputings: {15} That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; {16} Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."

(1 Samuel 18:9) "And Saul eyed David from that day and forward."

4. AFTER WE'VE DONE ALL IS THAT OUR ONLY DUTY

(Luke 17:10) "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

Martha was rebuked in her service because it was in the flesh.

We all serve; the question is who or what.

(1 Corinthians 1:9) "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

(Matthew 20:28) "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

(Mark 10:45) "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."