

Weekly Devotions: TO LOVE GOD IS TO OBEY HIM 13

Who is your Master?

It is sad that many believers see Jesus as their Savior but not their Lord and to them faith is just believing in Christ but not submitting to His Lordship. So, what do we mean when we call Jesus, 'Lord' and how is He the Lord of our lives?

True worship is to give God His rightful place in our hearts and in the Church and to serve Him alone. As God's people, we need to honestly ask ourselves who do we truly serve and obey; the God who has redeemed us from eternal death or the gods of the world; wealth, self-indulgence, materialism, human achievement and intellect, erotic love and sexuality?

Read Matt 6: 19-24

Jesus said clearly that we can't serve two Masters; we either hate the one and love the other or vice versa. It must be one or the other. In bible times the word "master" refers to a slave owner who owns and has absolute control over the slave. The slave has no right and exists only to do what the Master commands. Who or what we serve is our 'Master'; that person or thing has total ownership & control over our lives, our attention, our time & our energy.

Jesus warned that in pursuing material wealth & success, our hearts will be divided and we will soon reject God and hate His Lordship over our lives. God expected us to have unswerving loyalty to Him. We are to put our total trust in Him, to be absolutely faithful, to obey what is important to God and to fix our eyes on Him alone. God's word and will must take first place in our hearts and lives.

Questions to ponder

1. Give examples of 'treasures in heaven' and how do you 'lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven' (20)? Why is it important to pursue heavenly treasures instead of 'treasures on earth' (20-21)?
2. What did Jesus say about serving two masters (24)? How can we be diligent and responsible in our work or the things we do but not become a slave to it?
3. How can Jesus be the Lord / Master of your life; your work, family, leisure and social life?

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