

Speak, Thy servants hear. That Thou may be served, and Thy work be done. We ask in Thy precious name.

Amen. In the morning, we fellowship on this matter of the blueprint of spiritual service. We thank God that He has called us to serve Him.

Every time when you think of service. We realize that what an honor that God has given to us. Who are we that He should desire us to serve Him.

We do praise and thank Him that unless He has made us worthy. We will never be worthy to serve Him. We do praise and thank Him that it is all by His grace.

There is nothing that we can boast of. If we want to boast, we boast of the grace of our Lord Jesus. But when we are serving, the first and foremost question we have to ask, is there any blueprint for spiritual service? Is there any spiritual requirements? How can we serve Him to the extent of really satisfy His heart? Because we are not just doing anything.

We are serving our Master. We need to know what is it that our Master really desires. So our Lord Jesus tells us, if anyone desires to serve me, let him follow me.

Where I am, let him be. And if anyone serves me, my father will honor him. So dear brothers and sisters, the first thing in the matter of service, is to follow the Lord.

Wherever the Lord is, there we must be. And only in that situation, we are able to serve him. So brothers and sisters, what is the blueprint of our service? It is none other but our Lord Jesus Christ.

He is the perfect servant of God. And as he serves, so shall we serve. He calls us to bear the yoke with him.

And learn of him. Because he is meek and lowly in heart. And we shall find rest in our soul.

We mention that as we serve the Lord, we need to check ourselves again and again before him. Whether our service has departed from what God desires. We mention that we need to check whether our service is according to the nature of God.

God is a living God. Unless we serve him in life. Our service will not be accepted.

By life it doesn't mean our natural life. It means the life of our Lord Jesus. His life within me is the only way to serve him.

mention that when we serve him, ████████████████████, we have to serve him according to the vision that he has given us. ████████████████████ Thank God that our God is a God of purpose.

████████████████████, ████████████████████ Even before the foundation of the world, ████████████████████, he purposed in himself according to his good pleasure. ████████████████████ ████████████████████ And this is the eternal purpose of God. ████████████████████ In other words, this is what God desires.

████████████████████ This is his heart's delight. ████████████████████ This is what he wants. ████████████████████ And according to that purpose, ████████████████████, he will work for our believers.

████████████████████ Brothers and sisters, ████████████████████, when we talk about vision, ████████████████████, we are not thinking about some nebulous, mysterious thing. ████████████████████ ████████████████████ We are talking about the very heart of God. ████████████████████ ████████████████████ We are talking about what God desired even before the foundation of the world.

████████████████████, ████████████████████ Before he created anything. ████████████████████ God already had a purpose. ████████████████████ And that purpose is ████████████████████ that his beloved son should be everything.

████████████████████ He has given all things to his beloved son. ████████████████████ And he wants his beloved son to have the first place in all things. ████████████████████ That everything in the universe will reveal, will manifest, will express his beloved son.

████████████████████, ████████████████████ That is reason why he put all his fullness, all his richness into his beloved son. ████████████████████ ████████████████████ That his son may have the preeminence over all things. ████████████████████ And together with this, ████████████████████, he loves his son so much.

████████████████████ He says it is not good for man to be alone. ████████████████████ It is not good for his son to be alone. ████████████████████ So even before the foundation of the world, ████████████████████, God has purpose, a purpose in his son.

████████████████████ ████████████████████ That he wants to give his son a bride, a wife. ████████████████████ ████████████████████, ████████████████████ And that is the church. ████████████████████ The fullness of him who feels all and in all.

████████████████████ So brothers and sisters, ████████████████████, in God's heart, ████████████████████, there is this purpose. ████████████████████ And all his works are according to that purpose. ████████████████████ ████████████████████ And it is in that purpose that we are called to serve.

████████████████████, ████████████████████ You know brothers and sisters, ████████████████████, the greatest problem among God's people, ████████████████████, in this matter of service, ████████████████████, is that we are ignored of the eternal purpose of God. ████████████████████ ████████████████████ In other words, ████████████████████, we are lacking in vision. And because we are lacking in that heavenly vision, ████████████████████ ████████████████████, so our service is departed from God's purpose.

████████████████████ ████████████████████ We may be very busy engaged in working. ████████████████████ ████████████████████ And we are working for God. ████████████████████ But it is not working with God.

████████████████████ Because it is not according to the heavenly vision. ████████████████████ ████████████████████ Every work, ████████████████████, that is done according to the heavenly vision, ████████████████████, is a service that will

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ The more I serve the Lord, ■■■■■■, the more I realize ■■■■■■■■■■ how little my service is really according to God. ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ I realize that I am a failure before God. ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ Brothers and sisters, ■■■■■■, I do not know how you feel.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ But as we look into the situation today, ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■, if you look into yourself, ■■■■■■■■■■, under the light of God, ■■■■■■, or if you look at the churches around the world, ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■, or if you look even at the local assembly that you are with, ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■, Brothers and sisters, how is your reaction? ■■■■■■,■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■? Are you well contented? ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■? Whether your contentment shows that you are in darkness? ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ Or do you really feel that you have to humble yourself before the Lord day by day? ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ Lest your service is unacceptable to God. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ Brothers and sisters, ■■■■■■, I realize one thing, ■■■■■■■■■■, that among God's people today, ■■■■■■■■■■, especially those who really want to serve God, ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■, there is a common feeling, ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■, and the feeling is, we have failed. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ So brothers and sisters, this morning we would like to consider together this matter, the way to recovery.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ How can we be recovered to what God originally desires? ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■? For the last two days, ■■■■■■, we have been talking about service. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ But you find that when we are talking about service, ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■, it seems as if the main emphasis ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■, is on the people who serve, ■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ Rather than on what is the work that we do. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■ You know brothers and sisters, ■■■■■■, we are called to serve.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ But when we are serving God, ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■, there is a definite work to be done. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ But the thing is, ■■■■■■■■■■, in God's work, ■■■■■■■■■■, it cannot be separated from the person. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ Because, it is not a technical thing.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ It is not an earthly thing. ■■■■■■■■■■ It is a spiritual thing. ■■■■■■■■■■ It is a living thing.

we find that there is such a relationship between the person who serves and the work he does. ■■■■■■■■■■, ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ As the man is, so is his service, his work. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ That's the reason why the emphasis in the word of God is always upon the being and not on the doing.

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■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ Now you want to serve Him. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ And what will you do? You say, what am I going to do? ■■■■■■,■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■? What should I do that I'm serving Him? ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■? Our emphasis is always on doing. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ But strangely you find God's emphasis is always on being.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■,■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ You know, one day, the day after our Lord Jesus fed the five thousand with five loaves and two fishes. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ These people want to force our Lord to be king. ■■■■■■■■■■, ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ Because our Lord could solve their food

problem.

And the next day, they found the Lord. And they said, How do you come? And our Lord said, Work not for the food that perishes. But work for the things that are eternal.

And they began to ask the question. Now they said, what is the works of God that we should do? That is in John chapter 6. They said now, what are the works of God that we should do? You see, their whole idea is of undoing. And our Lord Jesus said, That you believe on him whom God has sent.

Brothers and sisters, do you understand what the answer is? Their question is, What are the works that we should do that we serve God? And the Lord said, Believe on me, this is the work of God. Why? Because in the work of God, the being is the foundation. If the being is not right, no matter what you do, they may appear very religious, and very successful, as if it is of God, and yet it is opposing God.

It does not serve God's purpose. ...

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