

## Serving God — “Our God whom we serve”

Daniel 3:14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? If it be so, **our God whom we serve** is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

Growing up in church, many of us have been taught to believe that serving the Lord is down to us doing something(s) for the Lord. While there is a place for that and we should, there is more to that than is obvious to the natural eye. There is more revelation to serving God. First, serving the Lord is actually more of a heart thing than it is a physical thing.

### What does it mean to serve God?

I would submit to you that serving the Lord, first and foremost is **Worshipping the Lord**. When we do things for the Lord, not as worship unto the Lord, we are not serving the Lord at our core.

A) Daniel 3:14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

B) Deuteronomy 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to

- a) fear the LORD thy God, Note: Proverbs 8:13 the fear of the Lord is to hate evil, which includes pride, arrogancy, the evil way, and the froward or lying mouth.)
- b) to walk in all his ways,
- c) and to love him,
- d) and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

So, Deuteronomy 10:12 defines Worshipping God in detail to include serving God while Daniel 3:14 brings worshipping and serving God together.

Using the biblical principle of scripture interpreting scripture, we can safely say, that Daniel 3:14 and Deuteronomy 10:12 reveal that **Serving the Lord = Worshiping the Lord.**

This is quite encouraging because some of us do not do specific things or actions in church and it can appear as if we are not serving God, yet we are—if we are worshipping Him.

There is no need to feel condemned for not doing what everyone else might consider serving the Lord and can see.

I've personally done almost everything in the church to serve the Lord such as cleaning toilets, playing instruments in the worship team, security, ministering of the Word, and prayer team, camera operator, Usher, Greeter, and so forth. So, I'm not giving any excuse or pass for anyone, but pointing out the unknown yet very powerful.

Again, when we worship the Lord, we are serving the Lord. Another word used in scripture for "Serving" the Lord is "Ministering." Now, you see, serving (ministering to the Lord) is worshipping the Lord.

It is fine to go on and do all the other things in the church like singing in the worship team, setting up, helping with the camera, cleaning the church, and so forth. All these are forms of serving the Lord including giving, living a godly life, being a godly witness, and serving others such as ministering to the needy. Again, the list goes on and on.

### **Other verses about serving the Lord:**

Psalms 100:2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Joshua 24:14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. 16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;

In conclusion, there are benefits to serving the Lord. Noah was the only one whom the Lord had seen as righteous before Him, yet the Lord allowed Noah to bring all of his family with him into the ark. There are benefits to our families when we serve (minister and worship) the Lord (Isaiah 54:13; Genesis 7:1).