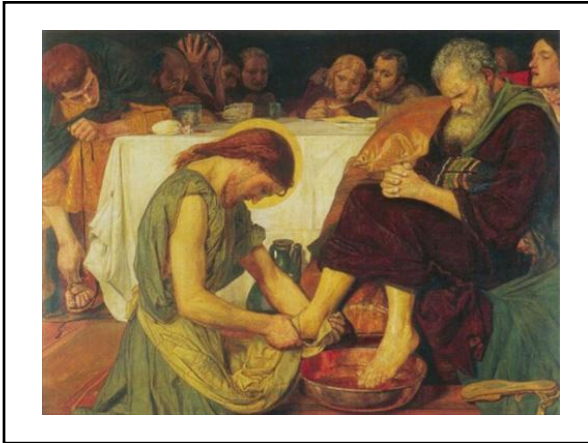


“From a Servant to a Savior”

John 13:1-20



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- 1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.
- 2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;
- 3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;
- 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

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- 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded.
- 6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
- 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, **What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.**
- 8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, **If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.**

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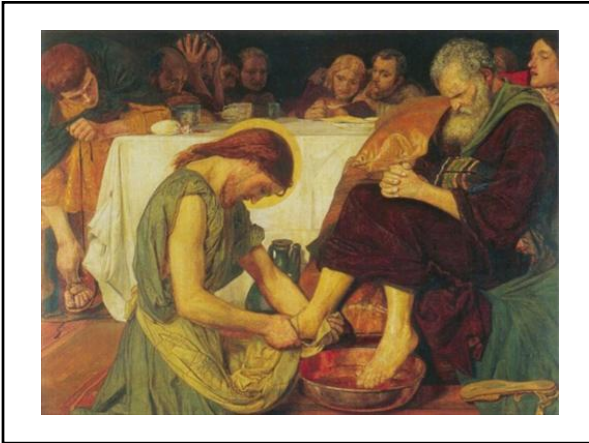
- 9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my hands and my head*.
- 10 Jesus saith to him, **He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.**
- 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, **Ye are not all clean.**
- 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, **Know ye what I have done to you?**

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- 13 **Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.**
- 14 **If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.**
- 15 **For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.**
- 16 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.**

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- 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.
- 18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.
- 19 Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am *he*.
- 20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.



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- Prince of Servanthood

1. Came to Minister

Mark 10: 42-45

- 42 But Jesus called them *to him*, and saith unto them, **Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.**
- 43 **But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:**
- 44 **And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.**
- 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.**

2. Cleansed the Temple

Mark 11:15-19

- 15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;
- 16 And would not suffer that any man should carry *any vessel* through the temple.
- 17 And he taught, saying unto them, **Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.**
- 18 And the scribes and chief priests heard *it*, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.
- 19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.

3. Confirmed the Preparations

Mark 14: 13-15

- 13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, **Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.**
- 14 **And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?**
- 15 **And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.**

4. Called to Peter During Despair

Mark 14:32-38

32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, **Sit ye here, while I shall pray.**

33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

34 And saith unto them, **My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.**

35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

36 And he said, **Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.**

37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, **Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?**

38 **Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.**

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- Principles of Servanthood

“We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes.”

- Charles Swindoll

1. Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:28-31

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, **The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:**

30 **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.**

31 **And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.**

2. Gravest Condition

Mark 12:38-40

38 And he said unto them in his doctrine, **Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,**

39 **And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:**

40 **Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.**

3. Generous Contributions

Mark 12:41-44

41 And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

43 And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, **Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:**

44 **For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.**

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- Perfected Place of Servanthood

1. Position in the Kingdom

Mark 9:33-37

33 And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, **What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?**

34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who *should be* the greatest.

35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, **If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.**

36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

37 **Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.**

2. Privilege of the Kingdom

Revelation 22:3

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

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Philippians 2:5-11

- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Christ Our Cornerstone

David Livingstone once wisely remarked:
"He is the greatest Master I have ever known. If there is anyone greater, I do not know him. Jesus Christ is the only Master supremely worth serving. He is the only ideal that never loses its inspiration. He is the only Friend whose friendship meets every demand. He is the only Savior Who can save to the uttermost. We go forth in His name, in His power, and in His spirit to serve Him."

-Wiersbe & Wiersbe, *Making Sense of the Ministry*
