

**Mat 4:1** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

**Mat 4:2** And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered.

**Mat 4:3** And the tempter came and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.

**Mat 4:4** But he answered and said, *It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

**Mat 4:5** Then the devil taketh him into the holy city; and he set him on the pinnacle of the temple,

**Mat 4:6** and saith unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, *He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and, On their hands they shall bear thee up, Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

**Mat 4:7** Jesus said unto him, *Again it is written, Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord thy God.*

**Mat 4:8** Again, the devil taketh him unto an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

**Mat 4:9** and he said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

**Mat 4:10** Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, *Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.***

**Mat 4:11** Then the devil leaveth him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

“Worship” and “Serve”

Luke 4:8

“Worship”  
is **only**  
properly  
directed to  
God –  
**never to**  
**men** or  
even **to**  
**angels**

- **Men** (they are like us),
  - Acts 14:8-15
- **Angels**, though higher than man, are still not worthy of worship
  - Deuteronomy 4:15-19 (Cf. II Kings 21:3)
  - Colossians 2:18
  - Revelation 22:8-9

We do not  
“serve” God  
as if He  
needs  
anything we  
can supply

The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; **neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything**, seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things... (Acts 17:24-25 ASV)

***How, then can we serve Him?***

## Worship, G4352 *proskuneo*

- 1) to **kiss the hand to (towards) one**, in token of reverence
- 2) among the Orientals, especially the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence
- 3) in the NT by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication
  - a) used of homage shown to men and beings of **superior rank** (Jewish High Priests; God; Jesus; heavenly beings; demons)

## • Serve, G3000 *latreuo*

- 1) to serve for hire
- 2) to serve, **minister to**, either to the **gods or men** and used alike of slaves and freemen
  - a) in the NT, to render religious service or homage, to worship
  - b) to perform sacred services, to offer gifts, to worship God in the observance of the rites instituted for his worship, **used of priests, to officiate, to discharge the sacred office**

# Priests **Serve the People** Making Sacrifices

The **killing took place in the court of the Temple, and might be performed by a layman**, although the **blood had to be caught by a priest**, and rows of priests with gold or silver cups in their hands stood in line from the Temple court to the altar, where the blood was sprinkled. These cups were rounded on the bottom, so that they could not be set down; for in that case the blood might coagulate. The priest who caught the blood as it dropped from the victim then handed the cup to the priest next to him, receiving from him an empty one, and the full cup was passed along the line until it reached the last priest, who sprinkled its contents on the altar. The lamb was then hung upon special hooks or sticks and skinned; but if the eve of the Passover fell on a Sabbath, the skin was removed down to the breast only. The abdomen was then cut open, and the **fatty portions intended for the altar were taken out, placed in a vessel, salted, and offered by the priest on the altar**, while the remaining entrails likewise were taken out and cleansed.



And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for **Jonathan's sake**? And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him unto David; and the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he. And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the **kindness of God** unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, who is lame of his feet. And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar. Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. And Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came unto David, and fell on his face, and did obeisance. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold, thy servant! And David said unto him, Fear not; for I will surely show thee **kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake**, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. And he did obeisance, and said, **What is thy servant**, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

...the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore of sound mind, and be sober unto prayer: above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covereth a multitude of sins: using hospitality **one to another** without murmuring: according as each hath received a gift, ministering it among yourselves, as **good stewards of the manifold grace of God;**

I Peter 4:8-10

He that **oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker**; But he that hath mercy on the needy **honoreth him**.

Proverbs 14:31

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto **Jehovah**, And his good deed will he pay him again.

Proverbs 19:17

He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward: and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Matthew 10:40-42

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? or athirst, and gave thee drink? And when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? And when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, **Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me.**

Matthew 25:34-40

# Characteristics of Meaningful Service

- As God supplies
  - II Corinthians 8:1-5
  - II Corinthians 9:6-15
- Unfeigned
  - I Timothy 1:3-11
  - Luke 14:12-14
- Timely
  - Proverbs 3:27-28
  - II Chronicles 24:5