I. Servanthood: An Expression Of Submissiveness

A. A spiritual attitude, not a set of rules
   Submissiveness is not necessarily submission

B. Eternal in the Godhead (Gen. 1:1)
   1. The Son
      a. Perfect submission—never initiated anything (John 5:19, 30; 8:28–29; 15:10)
      b. Eternal submission (1 Cor. 15:28)
   2. The Holy Spirit
      a. Submitted to Father and Son (John 15:26; 16:13–14)
      b. Holy Spirit never initiates or seeks glory for Himself

C. Manifested on earth
   2. The Holy Spirit—self-portrait in Gen. 24: the servant

D. Pattern of Paul
   1. First a slave, then an apostle (Rom. 1:1)
      a. Apostles: the bottom layer (Rev. 21:14)
      b. Job description of apostle (1 Cor. 4:8–13, NIV)
   2. First the Word, second the Church (Col. 1:23–25)
      Moses vs. Aaron
   3. Attitude in ministry
      a. Slaves for Jesus’ sake (2 Cor. 4:5)
      b. Live what you teach (Phil. 4:9)

E. General aspects of servanthood
   1. All are servants (Gal. 5:13 [compare 1 Pet. 5:5–6; Eph. 5:21])
   2. Humility is a decision (Luke 14:7–11)

F. The dove and the lamb (John 1:29–34)
   1. Dove looks for a certain nature upon which to settle
   2. Nature of lamb:
      a. Purity
      b. Meekness
      c. Life laid down

Application: Ask God for a fresh vision of the Lamb of God and to conform you to that nature.

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