Being A Servant
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I. Servant Is Divine And Eternal
   A. It started in God
   B. Not in time, but in eternity
   C. Son is servant of the Father; Spirit is the servant of the Son and the Father. Servanthood is in the nature of God
   D. God’s Servant: Jesus (Matt. 12:18)
      1. Not seeking to be served, but to serve (Matt. 20:28)
      2. Father sends His servant, the Holy Spirit (John 14:16–17)
      3. Jesus likewise sends His servant, the Holy Spirit (John 16:7)
   E. Angels: all servants
      1. Seraphim with six wings, who surround the throne of God (Is. 6:1–3)
         a. Two wings covering their faces = worship
         b. Two wings covering their feet = worship
         c. Two wings flying = service
      2. Cherubim = God’s chariots
      3. Every word for worship in both Old and New Testaments describes a posture of the body
      4. Angels—here to serve us (Heb. 1:14)

II. Pathway To Leadership
   A. Whoever desires to become great becomes a servant; whoever desires to be first becomes a slave (Matt. 20:25–27)
   B. Primary submission in the body of Christ is to one another (1 Pet. 5:5)
   C. Clothed with humility = an apron worn by slaves
   D. Each faithful servant gained 100% (Matthew 25:21, 23)
      One-talent people often bury their talent
   E. Ourselves slaves for Jesus’ sake (2 Cor. 4:5)
      1. Set aside yourself—you have nothing to give from yourself—not self-promoting
      2. Preach Christ Jesus
   F. Paul was writing to fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, sodomites, etc.
      To these he said, “We are your slaves.”

III. On Into Eternity
   A. His servants shall serve Him (Rev. 22:3)
   B. His name will be on their forehead; they shall see His face (Rev. 22:4).
      But contrast:
      1. Moses could not see His face (Ex. 33:18–23)
      2. No man has ever seen (1 Tim. 6:13)
   C. Turn your back on self

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