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Serving God The Perfect Disciple Can Only Be As His Master

When we speak in terms of serving God most individuals think it is that of doing something for God. That is not the correct meaning as Jesus explained it. The true meaning and attitude of serving God is to do according to the will of God. Jesus told those that considered themselves his disciples “you call me master, but you don’t do the things I say”.

Luk 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Joh 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour.

The Perfect Disciple:

He said in another place “the disciple cannot be greater than his master”. If a person is a perfect disciple he can only do that which his master does. Thus, if he fails to do according to his master he can not expect to be considered a true disciple; but something other than the one he calls “his Master.”

Mat 10:24 The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord.

Mat 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they (*the world, unbelievers*) have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call* them (*his disciples*) of his household?

Mat 10:26 Fear them (*unbelievers, the world*) not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

Mat 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (*only God can destroy both soul and body in hell*).

Jesus said in another place, “I do nothing according to myself, but what my Father wants done”; meaning I am like (have the same mind as, or the true disciple of) my Father. I and my Father are one.

Joh 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father (*My Master*) which hath sent me.

Joh 5:43 I am come in my Father's name (*a disciple, according to the will of My Father*), and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name (*not as a disciple of My Father*), him ye will receive.

Joh 5:44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another (*among yourselves*), and seek not the honour that *cometh* from God (*which is the true pattern, or "MASTER"*) only?

A Disciple, or something else, and a Murderer:

Joh 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father (*The Master*) hath taught me (*His Disciple*), I speak these things.

Joh 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Jesus said you seek to kill me like your father the devil (or your master) who seeks to kill, steal, and destroy. Abraham did not seek to kill!! If you loved (as a true disciple of God) according to the will of my Father you would not seek to kill; not even me whom you obviously dislike, and have denied.

Joh 8:38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father (*the devil/ Satan*).

Joh 8:39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham (*in other words, murderer was not among the works of Abraham*).

Joh 8:40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

Joh 8:41 Ye do the deeds of your father (*the devil*). Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God. (*I suspect these critics of Jesus heard something about the time of his birth, and the accusations made against Mary, being with child without having been married*).

Joh 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father (*master pattern*), ye would love me (*even if you think I'm a bastard*): for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

Your father the devil promotes his attributes and character in you:

Joh 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word (*you do not hear and understand the things I say because you are not of My Father, but you are of your father the devil*).

Joh 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts (*kill, steal, destroy*) of your father (*the devil*) ye will do. He (*the devil/ Satan*) was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Better to Obey Than Sacrifice????

1Sa 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.

1Sa 15:23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

Serving God should be to do after the will of God first; not doing those things we identify that we think we must do for God. Strive for true discipleship. Then the commandments of God are accomplished in you, which inspire “a true disciple” to do that which honors and glorifies God.