



WHY DO YOU Serve The Lord?

DEUTERONOMY 10:12-13

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,¹³ and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?

(NKJV)



1) NOT BECAUSE...

A. We Deserve or Have Earned Anything

1) Reminder of Our Deeds:

- “A Filthy Garment” – Isaiah 64:6

ROMANS 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

JOHN 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”



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- Deeds Do Not = Salvation
- Obedience = Salvation

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

HEBREWS 5:9

And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,



2) BECAUSE...

A. He Is Worthy – Eph. 1:15-23

PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11

so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



2) BECAUSE...

A. He Is Worthy – Eph. 1:15-23
B. Of His Love – 1:3-6; 2:4-5

1 JOHN 4:9-10

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



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2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;¹⁵ and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.



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- D. We Desire His Presence – Rev. 21:4, 23. 22:5

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.