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Worldview

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One of the things I believe to be true is that as Christians, we are here on earth to worship and serve God, the maker of heaven and earth. And that constitutes my personal worldview.

As Creator, the almighty deserves to receive honor and glory from everyone and specially Christians. The bible attests to this when it clearly states in Psalm 150:6, “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord”. The question we should ask now is: Do we have breath? Then praise the Lord! It is a call for every living thing that has breath to worship the Lord. Everyone should praise the Creator. At least, all are invited to do so. For God, through Christ, has made it possible for all to come to this realization. But for us Christians, it is a joy to worship Him all the time and everywhere. That is why we should always remember that worship cannot be confined to just Sabbath worship service. To this, the apostle Paul plainly stipulates that “I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God- this is your true and proper worship” (Romans 12:1). We exist to worship Him in the beauty of holiness. The prophet Isaiah speaks of a day when every knee will bow before God and every tongue will pay homage to his name. “The Lord hassworn by Himself, the word has gone out of his mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear” (Isaiah 45:23). And John, the writer of the last book of the bible, hears “every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them” singing God’s praise (Revelation 5:13,14). And I believe: this the ultimate purpose of all God’s creatures, humans and angels: to unite in praising God, the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them. But worship always leads to heartful service.

In addition to worshiping God, we were created to serve Him. The apostle Paul indicates this fact when he points out that we are God’s workmanship, “created in Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10, NIV). In other words, God has prepared a path of good works for believers, which He will perform in and through us as we walk by faith. We are not saved by good works, but we saved for good works. Therefore, we are called to serve. We called to serve with our whole heart and we will be rewarded for our service. “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance form the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving” (Colossians 3:23,24; NIV). And just as worshiping, serving God requires upright walking. In psalms 101:6 we read, “My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; the one whose walk is blameless will minister to me”. Serving God also requires absolute loyalty and this requirement is directly from the Lord himself. Our Lord and Savior makes clear, ““No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money” (Matthew 6:24; NIV). We exist, I believe, to worship and serve our Maker, the God of heaven and earth. Everyone should be involved in these activities for they are preparation for the world to come. The bible alludes to the fact that “One day there shall be no curse any more. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him” (Revelation 22:3).