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Do you believe that there are Angels all around us? Yes/no? I personally believe that there are angles all around us, right now, however, I do not know if angels have wings or not, however, I do know that there are angels around us who do not have wings.

Both the Hebrew Malak and the Greek angelo, meaning angel, indicate that these angelic beings act decisively in fulfilling God's will in the world. Please remember that these two terms can also apply to human beings acting as messengers from the LORD or the Father.

"Angels" are mentioned almost three hundred times in Scripture.

When angels appeared in human society they resembled or appeared as normal males. Examples are **Genesis 18:2 Genesis 18:16**; **Ezek 9:2** I will not deny that possibly some angels may have also appeared as women as we are not told in the bible.

The definition of an angel is ambassador and angel, or angels are envoys or messengers. What is a messenger? The Hebrew definition of messenger is the same meaning as that of an angel.

Can a human being born with blood and bone be classed as an angel? I believe that they can because an angel is **a messenger** sent from God.

Therefore, I feel that a human can be a messenger who is sent from God and I truly believe that they are doing a divine work when they come to you with a message that answers a prayer. Maybe they themselves do not know just why or who sent them to you and why they spoke words to you which seemed to fit in with what you may have prayed for. I have known such people.

yes I have experienced several, in fact one such messenger rang me from Julies bedside with some encouraging words of comfort and strength for me at a time when I was really down & broken hearted, at a time when I really needed to hear those 4 special words the most and to which I immediately send those 4 words back by this person.

Hebrews 13:1-2 tells us: Let brotherly love be present among you continually, do not forget to show hospitality, for by this some have unknowingly welcomed angels as guests.

Wow, now that verse says it all and how are we to know just who is and how do we know if our lives have been **touched** by a real angel. How do we know if the Father or LORD Jesus had sent to us **an answer to a prayer which we have desperately prayed for**, like comfort and strength during a stressful time, when we are at our lowest point suffering deep emotional pain and **sorrow?** How do we know that the words spoken to us by the mouth of someone was not the answer from the LORD that we were praying for? Remember Marlies and her prayer on the bus and the answer which she immediately received.

I know of at least seven times in my life when I believe that I may have been touched by an angel and there may have been many more. Each of those seven times was when I prayed for strength, courage, and comfort. This prayer was not just for me but for my family as well to face what was about to happen.

Hebrews 1:13-14 But unto which of the angels did He ever say, Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet, are they not all ministering spirits, being sent forth to minister to those who are about to inherit Salvation.

That verse is, I feel very powerful as angels are ministering spirits sent to us by the Father and Lord Jesus Christ, to comfort and strengthen us. The last part of the verse grabbed my attention, being sent forth to minister to those who are **about** to inherit Salvation.

When my wife Julie, fell asleep in the LORD, I discovered that there are at least 36 verses, in the New and Old testaments which support what Jesus said about people falling asleep. However, I will not read them all, just the one Barbara sent me 2 days after Julie fell asleep in the LORD. **Psalm 116:15** precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

I think that the word death should be replaced with what LORD Jesus said in **Matthew 9:24** For the girl has not died but is asleep.

That, I feel, is what was meant to be translated, precious in the sight of the LORD is the falling asleep of His saints.

That message to me from Barb was like a spiritual message from the LORD however Barb does not have wings, yet.

I have listened to many people outside of the Church talk about their life experiences and how they should not be here now only for some unexplained miracle taking place which spared them from certain death, however, what I found even more strange about what they were saying, is that no one gave praise and honour to God. **Some** even admitted that maybe they have a guardian angel watching over them, **but they did not give praise to God.**

There is a hymn which we sing called Holy Ground and some of the words are: We are standing on Holy ground and I know that there **are Angels all around** let us praise Jesus now.

Whenever a man was in the presence of the Lord in the Old Testament, with the possible exception of Abraham they were told to **remove their sandals** because where they were standing was **Holy ground**.

Joshua 5:15 and the Commander of the LORDS army said to Joshua, take your shoes off your feet for the ground upon which you stand is holy, and Joshua did so. Also, Moses at the burning bush. **Exodus 3:5** And He said, do not come near here, put off your sandals from your feet, for the place upon which you stand is holy ground.

Taking the sandals or shoes off one's feet is a mark of respect and subjection. **Psalms 24:3** Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? This verse speaks of the privilege it is to stand before God.

Ephesians 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. This verse goes a step further to speak of acting upon the authority that God delegates to us to **stand firm**. **Joshua 1:3** Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

This verse speaks of God's delegated rights going with Joshua and Caleb **where ever they put their foot** - why because God owns the earth and if He wishes to give some or all to someone, **then it is His sovereign right to do so.**

Why did the captain of the LORD's army tell Joshua to take of his shoes in **Joshua 5:14-15** And he said, No; but I have come as the Commander of the army of the LORD, And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and he worshiped, and said to him, What does my lord say to His servant? And the Commander of the LORD'S army said unto Joshua, take your shoes off your feet; for the place upon where you stand is holy. And Joshua did so.

Well, to remove his shoe or sandal meant that Joshua was himself willing to yield his right to lead Israel in the battle.

Joshua willingly yielded his authority and power to the Angel of God Who was the real captain commander and chief not Joshua. Joshua **believed** therefore Joshua fell on his face and willingly worshipped and obeyed. This demonstrated that Joshua did not have a proud heart. There seems to be a connection between, angels' obedience, pride, shoes and feet.

In the Bible, did LORD Jesus set us an example about being obedient and yielding one's self up to authority? **Yes, He surely did. Mark 14:36** Is our example for yielding up our rights.

And he [Being Lord Jesus] said, Abba, Father, all things are possible with You; remove this cup from me: yet not what I will, but what You will.

I have asked myself how many angels does the Father have at His command and the answer I came up with is found in **Hebrews 12:22** But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living GOD heavenly Jerusalem, and to an **innumerable company of angels.** Innumerable means something like, don't bother counting them because your calculator does not go that high.

Another question came to mind, if there are that many angels, where are they and what are they doing?

Well, possibly many billions of angels are here on earth watching over us humans. Maybe they have orders from the Father or LORD Jesus about what and how they are to **intercede in our lives.** Remember, I have witnessed many miracles in my life, and I know that there are also many times in my life when I should have been killed, and only **but** for a true miracle, I was not and I still ask **myself why**? Why? why on earth was I spared.

Angels are ministering spirits, as I read out earlier from **Hebrews 1:13-14 therefore** as I mentioned **where are they now?** I feel that they **are here,** maybe some are guarding us, maybe some of them are in human form, maybe some of them are teachers, doctors or judges who knows but God the Father and our LORD Jesus Christ. I have been thinking about this question for some time, are we or should we as Christians remove our shoes before God, as obedient children, to yield all that we consider to be our personal rights **to God**.

I could not find any verse in the old testament where anyone removed their shoes or sandals when entering the temple of God or in the new testament when someone entered a church therefore there is no real precedence in the bible for us to follow.

Having said that we do need to have respect and we do need to have a humble heart, not a proud heart because Church is still the meeting house of God for His people and when we open our service we pray for His presence and for His guidance for us in our lives. We also ask Him to open our minds and hearts to understand, not just while we are at Church worshipping Him, also during the following weeks and months ahead. LORD Jesus Christ is the head of the church, **not man** and we must remember that always.

When Joshua heard what the Commander of the host said he **immediately** fell on his face to the earth and worshipped. Moses did the same at the burning bush. Both times God said the ground where they were standing on had **become holy from His direct Holy presence**, **therefore** in respect obedience and humility they were to take off their sandals.

God's Calling to us Is a high one and how does this relate to us today? Remember also that we are to become, one day, sons and daughters to God the Father: **Romans 8:15** Now you have not received a spirit of bondage again unto fear, but you have received the Spirit of sonship, whereby we call out Abba, Father.

Hebrews 13:8 tells us: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Jesus does not change, man changes, however, the LORD Jesus does not change. What He established for Moses at the burning bush was no different 40 years later for Joshua at Jericho.

Since He is the same today, does it mean that when we approach Him should we have similar reverence, as a mark of respect, in our worship? Yes, it does.

One could say, well we are not directly in God's presence as Moses and Joshua were. However, we do know the scriptural command to assemble. As recorded in **Hebrews 10:22-25** which says: Let us approach God with a **true heart**, with full conviction of faith, our **hearts having been purified from a wicked conscience**, and our bodies having been **washed with pure water**, let us hold fast without wavering to the hope that we profess, for He who promises **is faithful**, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, even as some are accustomed to do, but rather, encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near. The Church, all through its history, has believed that when we come to Sabbath services and to the special Holy Days, we are spiritually entering into God's presence and yes, that **is true** because we are calling upon the LORD to join us, to be a part of our lives and guide us and to help us to learn and to understand His Word.

Like at the burning bush and the Commander of the LORDS army's command to Moses and Joshua the question for us is.

Do we today bring the world's culture into God's worship? or do we worship God in the way which He has provided for us to.

God's worship requirements, for the New Testament era are taught through His Church. We show reverence for God and to His church by observing biblical rules but definitely not following after the traditions of men like the Pharisees.

Some seek to justify a laxer attitude by claiming that modern culture is more casual and relaxed.

Summer weather can be blamed too for how we worship God by saying it is hot and surely God would want us to feel comfortable when we come to worship. I openly admit that I am guilty of saying the above.

And if I remember correctly priests were to wear clothes in which they did not sweat. **Ezekiel 44:17-18** speaks about not sweating in GODS temple. **James 2:2** is also a great example. My brethren, do not have the faith of our LORD Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons, now then, if a man comes into your synagogue wearing gold rings and dressed in splendid apparel, and there comes a poor man in lowly apparel, and you give preference to the one who is wearing the splendid apparel, and say to him, seat yourself here in the best place, and you say to the poor man, stand over there, or, sit here under my footstool, then you have passed judgment amongst yourselves, and have made yourselves judges with evil opinions.

Did I read anywhere in that verse where the poor man was sent home to change his clothes? **no** because he was to be treated the same as the rich man, however, but the rich man as does the poor man had to take a seat wherever one was available.

When we come before the Lord, we are to come willingly with a pure open heart **not** a proud heart. I personally do not think that the LORD looks at our clothing. I believe that He looks at our **hearts and** it may be our wallets which determine our dress, however, it is our **heart** which **determines our love for the Father and for LORD Jesus Christ**.

Therefore, ask yourselves, does Church dress matter? do houses and bank accounts matter? do hairstyles matter? or does it matter how we dress publicly? So why did God tell Moses and Joshua to take off their sandals? When in the presence of God.

Because we are to worship Him respectfully His way not our way.

If we Love Jesus and the Father, then remember this, we are also to **tread upon the powers of darkness and** to do that, we as Christians need **the shoes** which the LORD would have us put on to accomplish that task. When we, as loyal faithful obedient servants of the true living GOD, put on the **shoes of the gospel of peace, as the sons and daughters of God,** then we have the **power and authority to tread upon the enemy.**

You all know the story about the prodigal son. It likely has a deeper meaning as well. When the son told his father that he was **not worthy** to be his son in **Luke 15:21**, look at what happened and note the father's reaction.

And I feel that we while in this world are the prodigal sons because we have all sinned and only for LORD Jesus redeeming us through His blood, His great love for us and the sacrifice of Himself for us we would still be lost. Remember, we have all sinned and therefore without Jesus Christ in our lives we have all fallen well short of the mark.

Here is the father's reaction **verse 22-24** But the father said to his servant, bring out **a robe**, **the best robe**, and clothe him; and give him a ring for his hand, and **sandals for his feet**. And bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and be merry, for this my son was dead, but is alive again, and he was lost, but is found, and they began to be merry.

That reminds me of the lost sheep and the lost coin parable.

Why did the father of the prodigal son give command to his servant that shoes be put on his son's feet when he came home? Maybe It was to demonstrate that the son was **no longer considered to be a servant anymore and had the right to be called his son** because his sons' heart was no longer proud. His son had found humility.

Yes, we are to take off our own shoes, but we are to put on the **LORDS shoes** just as LORD Jesus said take up your cross and **follow Me**.

King David said in **Psalms 8:6** You made him to have dominion over the works of your hands; You have put all things under his feet. **Psalm 8:4-5** tell us, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You came for him, for You have made him a little lower than God and have crowned him with glory and honour.

Like Joshua we are to put our feet (being the word the authority of God) upon the necks of our enemies **Joshua 10:24** And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and he said to the commanders of the men of war who had gone with him, draw near, set your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they drew near and put their feet upon their necks.

In a similar way we are to have authority to stand over our spiritual enemy. **Romans 16:20** says, But the God of peace will bruise Satan under your feet shortly, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen"

Jesus said in to His disciples when He sent them out to preach the gospel in, **Luke 10:19** Behold, I give unto you authority **to tread upon** serpents and scorpions and upon **all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall injure you in any way.** How do we tread upon serpents and scorpions? We tread upon serpents and scorpions and upon all the power of the enemy, **with the shoes which the LORD** has provided us.

But also, being the truth **Proverbs 1:16** says, For their feet run to evil And they hasten to shed blood.

The feet carry out the commands of the mind and heart the mind says **go and steal** and the feet **immediately reply, yes sir on my way.** Likewise, for some people the emotion of our heart says I hate church and let's leave and our feet immediately reply, **yes sir** - how fast shall we run.

Our feet, our spiritual feet are important to the Lord, very important. **Ephesians 6:10-17** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the might of his strength. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to **stand against** the wiles of the devil. because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against principalities, and against powers, against the world rulers of the darkness, against the spiritual power of wickedness in high places. Therefore, take up **the whole armour of God** so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having worked out all things, **to stand. Stand therefore**, having your loins girded with truth, and wearing the breastplate of righteousness; **And having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace**; Besides all these, take up the shield of faith, with which you will have the **power** to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And put on the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is **the word of God**

The word translated "power" in that verse is the same word for authority. Paul encourages us to engage in spiritual warfare by standing firm.

Yes, feet are important to LORD Jesus because Jesus through our feet taught us that we are all servants, that we should always think of one another and as Jesus taught us, we are not above one another. John Chapter 13 is a great lesson for every man and woman to learn.

It's approaching the wonderful time of the year when we come together to confirm our covenant with LORD Jesus through the special ceremony which He instigated in **Luke 22:19-20** He took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to them saying, this is My Body, which is given for you, This do this in remembrance of Me, in like manner also, He took the cup after supper, saying, this cup is the **New Covenant in My blood** which is poured out for you.

When was the LORDS blood poured out for us - at Passover? We come together to celebrate and remember that special night before the LORD died, to do what? to confirm our covenant. It is on that one special evening of the year, when **we come before the LORD and willingly obey,** that New Covenant instruction, in remembrance of Him.

And what a joy it is for us to come together in remembrance of LORD Jesus and partake of the bread representing the Lords body and the wine representing His blood and to wash each other's feet, being a sign of humility, during the Passover ceremony.

Now a bit of background on foot washing. Not to wash a guest's feet for a dinner or a banquet was a breach of hospitality, yes that is what I said **a breach of hospitality** and it was the **host's responsibility**, to his invited guests, to provide for their feet to be washed.

Now you all know that this was a job which was performed by the lowest slaves or servants. It was necessary for the guest's feet to be washed because people wore sandals and did most of their travel by foot.

They walked along trails, roads and alleyways that were not only dusty **but also littered with camel donkey and various other kinds of excrement.** I think you get the picture. I am pretty sure that some guests quite often arrived at the banquet venue at night with a little more than just dust on their feet. So, it was a common courtesy for the host to have his servant wash the guest's feet as they entered the house and of course the host or hostess **would never lower themselves to wash some one's feet as** that was a servant's job, almost the lowest job for a servant. However, I can think of **one job** which may be slightly worse but let's not go there. We read in **Luke 22:8** that LORD Jesus sent Peter and John to go and prepare the Passover for us that we may eat. The food had been cooked as we read in **Luke 22:13**. The table had been set because Peter and John had prepared the Passover. I am sure Peter and John thought that the matter of a servant to wash their feet would be taken care of as well, as there was a dish a pitcher of water and a towel present. But **was it**!

And as LORD Jesus and His disciples enter the upper room, they may have seen this towel and water pitcher in the corner, but they **did not see a servant** to wash their feet **John 13:4-5.**

At the dinner, in V14 we are told that the LORD sat down as did His 12 disciples and drank of the wine and then ate the bread and we read that in V17 His disciples even had time to raise the question among themselves about who should be considered the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Refer in V24. Why? Why did they raise this question? Have you thought about that?

Just read Luke 22:24 and there was also an argument among them, even this, which of them should be considered the greatest. Well, the LORD soon puts a cork on their bubbly conversation.

Luke 22:25-27 Says, The Kings of the nation's lord over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called benefactors, but it shall not be this way among you, rather, let the one who is greatest among you be as the younger, and the one who is leading as the one who is serving, for who is greater, the one who is sitting at the table, or the one who is serving, is it not the one who sits at the table, but I am among you as one Who is serving.

I reckon that what Jesus just said went down like a lead balloon on a hot sunny day, upon the disciples heads, who were arguing.

Now the following commentary about this argument are my thoughts on the matter of who is the greatest and who is the lowest.

Verse 24 Maybe who was the greatest and what they were arguing about was about just who was the lowest among them and who should wash their feet, as was the custom at a dinner.

Perhaps, some were maybe wondering why Peter and John had **not taken care of this important detail, as** we are not told.

Maybe they were all wondering where the servant was as they sat down and began to recline at the table, while glancing down at each other's dirty and **smelly feet**.

Some may have thought, someone should at least wash the LORDS feet, however, if I were to do that where will that place me in the pecking order. If I washed the Lord's feet then maybe I would be at the Bottom of the heap or If I volunteer to wash His and the disciple's feet, then I'll get stuck with that job from now on. Maybe just maybe if I just sit here very quietly someone else will get up and do it.

That is, kind of how our minds work, isn't it? If I sit quietly maybe someone else will do it.

We are not told what the disciples were thinking, however, dinner invitation etiquette was not observed at this dinner because bare smelly feet were required to be purified and this responsibility usually fell to **the lowest ranked house servant.**

Having the feet bathed signified the status of an honoured guest and foot washing was considered as an honour and became a common Jewish custom at banquets.

Foot washing normally took place on arrival but always before the guests sat down to eat.

In the New Testament there are two accounts of the feet of Jesus being washed by women. In **John 12 1-3** Mary sister of Lazarus washes the feet of Jesus.

This takes place at a supper and Mary takes perfumed oil and anoints the feet of LORD Jesus before wiping His feet dry with her hair.

In the second account, **Luke 7:36-48** an unnamed woman, who scripture indicates was a sinner, washes the LORDS feet, in the house of a Pharisee.

She bathes the LORDS feet with a flask of alabaster perfumed oil and while she is washing his feet she weeps with her tears rolling onto the LORDS feet. **Then** she dries the LORDS feet with her hair.

Bathing feet in perfumed oil was usually only reserved for royalty and for the very wealthy. Most experts recognize this humble action by the woman as being a deliberate act of humility and a great mark of respect.

At the Passover supper the LORDS action demonstrated **service rather than status**. It represented greatness in the Kingdom of Heaven. This action of the LORD prepared His disciples and their later converts (**which we are, also**), to stand and to **walk** in the path of righteousness.

To sit and eat bread and to drink wine in remembrance is not good enough because we must do so with a humble heart, not a proud heart and that is also why this yearly ceremony is so important.

As I mentioned earlier the feet carry out the commands of the mind and heart. **Romans 3:15** Their feet are swift to shed blood. That is why we need pure thoughts both from the mind and in the heart.

Jesus often spoke about leaven especially the leaven of the Pharisees as in **Matthew 16:6 and Mark 18:15** Leaven, in a person, pictures being puffed up or arrogance. We are taught not to be like that and I do not know if the unleavened bread at the dinner has anything to do with the foot washing, however we realise that an unleavened person represents a person with pureness of heart, not an arrogant proud heart.

As the LORD washed their dusty dirty smelly feet, I can only imagine what the LORDS disciples must have been thinking.

Peter is finally silent, for once, until it was **his turn** for his feet to be washed. Again, we do not know what each disciple was thinking but they were arguing about who was the greatest among them.

However, just my thoughts again, I feel possibly it was about who was going to wash the feet as **that is the question which LORD Jesus addressed immediately after we were told that they were arguing about who is the greatest and who is the servant.** The argument was not mentioned in John's account of events, however, we do know nobody rose to the occasion except LORD Jesus.

The LORD by taking on the role of a servant, served to teach **us all** that everyone who calls themselves a Christian should always think **of others and that we should always love one another as the LORD loved us.** We should always **love our neighbour as ourselves** and **always to do unto others as you would have them do unto you**. This is about **humility, not pride**.

The LORD Jesus is at His final meal with His disciples. Being the evening **before** He dies an excruciating death. He looks around the room, at His disciples **and what does He see? He sees** proud hearts **and dirty feet**.

What does LORD Jesus do? He stands up and takes **on the role of a servant**. He fills the basin with water and **while everybody is looking and shocked**, LORD Jesus then begins to wash their feet.

Picture Malcolm Turnbull inviting you to the lodge. Would he wash your feet? But here we have our Saviour our Great elder Brother. LORD Jesus.

- The Son of God The Lamb of God The Prince of Peace The Living Water The Bread of Life Our Redeemer Our Righteousness The Light of the World The King of Kings and The Lord of Lords
- Our Eternal Creator, **humbling Himself** and **preforming the duty of a lowly servant.** Jesus stooped down and does something that is reserved for the lowest of the low in their society.

John 13:10 Jesus said to him, the one who has been washed does not need to wash anything **other than the feet**, but is completely clean, and you are clean, but not all.

Washed there means cleansed and not all of course refers to Judas Iscariot as found in John 13:11.

Water is a symbol of God's word, **Ephesians 5:26-27** Having cleansed it with the washing of **water** by the word, that He might present to Himself as the glorious church, not having spot nor wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it might be Holy, and without blame.

When we come before the LORD, we must have a humble heart. The disciples by all the indications may have had proud hearts. The Passover ceremony should be a time when our hearts are open and have been searched and cleaned and applied to serve one another joyfully by washing one another's feet. It should not! be a time when we feel that we are above or superior to someone else. Our hearts should be humble and true.

Remember, I quoted **Hebrews 10:22-25** let us approach God with a **true heart**, with full conviction of faith, our hearts having been **purified from a wicked conscience**, **and our bodies having been washed with pure water**, let us hold fast without wavering to the hope that we profess, for He Who promises is faithful, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, even as some are accustomed to do, but rather, **encouraging one another**, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Again John 13:10 Jesus said to him, the one who has been washed does not need to wash anything other than the feet but is completely clean. The feet of His people seem to be a concern to LORD Jesus it is almost like the feet are like the tongue as Psalm 12:3-4 states, The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks proud things: Who have said, With our tongue will shall prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us.

The most annoying people in the world are those with proud tongues because a proud tongue usually comes with a proud heart and **two closed ears**.

Proud tongued people are generally **so full of themselves that they learn very little from anyone else** because their ears are closed, and their **mouths** are always **open**.

A proud tongued person will talk much about his own knowledge and service, very little about the Lord and their feet are fast to run to mischief.

James 1:19 For this reason, my beloved brethren, let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. And we might add, slow to run and do mischief.

Are there angels all around us? yes, I believe so. Are there angels here on earth, walking around in human form? yes, I believe there are.

Are there real **human angels?** yes, I truly believe there are. Serving your brothers and sisters go hand in hand with loving LORD Jesus. You **cannot** call yourself a Christian **without Serving**.

Too many churches today demonstrate the opposite as they call upon their parishioners to serve the pastor rather than serve the LORD and their brothers and sisters. What would LORD Jesus say to these Churches? Maybe LORD Jesus would say I see proud hearts **and dirty feet**. A parting thought about a proud heart and dirty feet, remember the argument at the Passover table about who was the greatest. Do you think that Peter may have thought himself to be the greatest? Read **Luke 22:31** Then the LORD said, Simon, Simon, listen well, Satan has demanded to have you, to sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail.

Peter, it seems gave Satan a reason to demand that he should sift Peter.

We should all investigate our hearts and make sure that our hearts are humble and that our feet are clean.