Serving with Love (Bilingual)

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[0:00] Last week, Ivy spoke of Judgment Day. She advised on how we should face Judgment Day based on New Testament teachings.

I mentioned the movie 2012. Today we'll be talking about the last part of the book of Malachi. And the topic today is how we should serve God.

Serving God also impacts upon how we'll be judged on Judgment Day. So let us examine what Judgment Day will be like based on the teachings of the Old Testament.

The passage today is the same as before, which starts off with the conversation between God and the Israelites. In verse 13 it says, You have said harsh things against me, says the Lord

Yet you ask, what have we said against you? And then the Israelites replied, You have said it is futile to serve God.

[1:53] What did we gain by carrying out His requirements and going out like mourners before the Lord Almighty? First of all, we must know what it means to serve God.

We must know what it means to serve God. Before we started, there was praise and worship leaders on the stage and also people who prepared a lot in order to have today's service.

Would that be counted as serving God?

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It can be counted, but it may also not be counted.

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belief is true or false.

■■■■■■■ ? Is there such a thing as pretending to believe? ■■■■ Of course it is. If you truly believe in Jesus, the Bible, and then you will not be afraid of the wrath of God on judgment day. THE STATE OF THE S and anticipate the day of the Lord's second coming. **The biggest challenge facing the church is** not false believers. Because there won't be a lot of people who are pretending to be Christians. Going to church does not affect my everyday There are no connections between my religion and my life. _________________ **BEAUTION** No one cares about the future, only the present day. This is why a lot of people can't pay back their credit card debts. care about how they're going to pay off their debts. They only care about what they should spend their money on today. There's a saying that goes something along these lines of, they don't care about a long lasting relationship, only whether once they've had a relationship. Such a romantic sentence, don't you think? The devil has blended poison with honey and then wrapped it up beautifully. Tempting everyone to eat it. As Christians, this should not be the way we lead our lives. ______ God told us to live each day carefully. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF judged on judgment day■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ How should we lead a life that serves God? So first of all, we must have a plan to serve God. As we talked about earlier, it's not only our church that we serve God, rather every aspect

[19:50] As we talked about earlier, it's not only our church that we serve God, rather every aspect of our lives is part of serving God. I know that many of you are basketball fans.

There's an American NBA basketballer called Dwayne Wade. I don't know if you're familiar with him.

He's famous because he has great skills and he's handsome.

And last year he was voted to be Mr. Fashionable.

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I don't watch basketball, so I've never seen him play. But he caught my attention and the attention of many others because he's a devout Christian.

[21:03] In terms of his skills, he has been called the biggest liar on the court.

Because his moves are highly unpredictable and he makes a lot of fake moves. But in real life, Dwayne is a devout Christian who donates one-tenth of his earnings to the church.

Perhaps the people like you and I, one-tenth of our earnings isn't that much really, but for a famous basketballer, it can be quite a lot.

He's like to express himself. He says, I'm not a fool. Actually, if you really know me, you'll know me. You'll know me. You'll know me. This is how he describes himself. I'm not a liar. If you know me, deep down, then you'll know what type of person I am.

Aside from church and playing basketball, he's also a philanthropist. There's a place. During Christmas time of 2008, he heard a child accidentally burn down his house because he was playing in South Florida.

[22:48] And this family was unable to celebrate Christmas as a result. As soon as he heard this news, he immediately bought them a new home along with furniture, clothing and Christmas gifts.

Of course, he's more capable than we are. He's able to buy them a new house, but we can't do that. But there are a lot of things that we can do.

The most important part of serving God is to be a good testimony for God. So that others can see Christ's image through us.

This is what it means to serve. Everyone who knows Dwayne will know that he's a Christian.

Because he lives a devout life. God has a different plan for all of us.

[24:14] So we all have different identities, work in different places, live different lives and in different environments.

We can serve God through our identity. We can serve God through our identity. For example, Dwayne is a football player.

So as for Dwayne, he's a famous basketballer and he's well known to many.

So he can use his fame to be a testimony for God. Taiwan. Taiwan, there's a Christian author in Taiwan.

She's quite famous and she was born a paraplegic. But she can write. But she can write. She can use a pen to serve God.

[25:18] She can use a pen to serve God. She can use a pen to serve God. Her and Dwayne are living in two separate worlds, but at the same time they're both serving God.

Each and every one of you can do the same. Everybody has thought about how you can best serve God during the limited number of years in your life.

This year we have changed the way we operate our Bible study groups so that we can better prepare ourselves and be a testimony for God.

If you have never thought about how you can serve God in your lifetime, then this would be a good starting point.

Because only those who have served God will be able to stand during judgment day. The second thing I want to remind everyone that when you're serving God, you have to do it wholeheartedly.

[26:43] We are not serving God in order for others to see. If you have never seen the place, you can live in a good place. If you have never seen the place, you can live in a good place.

In front of others, we try to live a devout life. While in private, we still choose to live a shameful life. Let me tell you a story. In the same way, Zimbabwe is a country full of problems.

There's a driver in that country who, while he was working, he stopped at a bar and he went in for a drink.

When he returned to his vehicle, he found the 20 psychotic passengers that he was carrying had all escaped.

He was really scared at this time.

[28:00] He didn't want to lose his job and he didn't want to get told off. So what should he do? So the driver drove his vehicle to a nearby bus stop.

And offered everyone free lifts. So the passengers went on board. And then he took them straight to the mental hospital.

And then he told the staff at the hospital that these patients are very ill and they often see illusion.

They are often deluded and they don't know what they're saying. This is a true story. And three days later, finally they realized that he had fooled them.

You can imagine. They were in the middle of the hospital. They were in the middle of the hospital. It must have been pretty scary for those passengers. We can fool others and we can do it for a period of time.

[29:15] But we cannot fool God. We cannot fool God. Because he knows everything that we have done in our lifetime.

Therefore, he requires us to serve him honestly. This is the same thing.

We can do it for you to be able to fool our brothers and sisters. If we pretend to live a devout life, we may be able to fool our brothers and sisters.

To the extent of fooling your minister. And we can probably carry on for the rest of our lives. But you mustn't fool God.

Because on the day of judgment, God will take out his scroll and he'll have all your deeds written on there.

[30:22] Therefore, we must serve God wholeheartedly.

The third thing. We must serve God wholeheartedly. The third thing. We must have a clear aim when we are serving. It is not easy to serve God and lead a devout life.

We'll often encounter persecution and attack. If we use the church work of work, it is not easy to serve God even at church.

As an example, it is not easy to serve God even at church. For example, we have a lot of people who have done a lot of work. We have a lot of people who have done a lot of work.

Maybe you have a lot of work for a long time. You have a lot of people who have done a lot of work. So many of us sitting here may have been camp leaders in the past. As you would know, you would have to take more than half a year to organize and prepare for the camp.

[31:30] To the end of the day, you will have to take more than half a year to organize and prepare for the camp. Many people say, not too expensive, it is too expensive, it is too busy, etc.

All of these excuses will disappoint us. So many churches, we will do a lot of work.

Therefore, in a lot of churches, the trend is that they will only be a camp leader for one year, and then they won't want to do it anymore the following year. In our normal church, the group, the group.

Similarly, this also happens in the church. Every day, Bible studies and cell groups, etc. The Bible study leader might have taken a lot of time to prepare for games and content, but in the end, no one will show up.

I think Ivy has also encountered this problem when she cooks a lot, and then no one comes to eat it, and Ben has to eat it for the whole week.

[32:49] Even though the leader of the group, the group is also prepared for the whole week. It also happens to praise and worship leaders when they prepared a lot, but everyone shows up and they haven't rehearsed at home or practiced.

And a lot of leaders in the end will be very disappointed. If we talk about hope, I think the most hope is in the Holy Spirit. In terms of disappointment, the greatest disappointment will be to do with evangelizing to others.

There are many people who have had problems and difficulties in their lives. coming to church with difficulties or troubles in their lives. You will do everything in your best of abilities to help them in order for them to get to know God.

They will also receive your help and they will also receive your help and they will even be baptized.

You thought, how are you? It will be fulfilled, right? And so you think that you have succeeded. But after a while, as soon as they get over their troubles, they will start coming to church.

[34:19] You know, if you are a faithful person, you will always have a lot of hope to help you. I would like to tell everyone that if you serve God, then there will be a lot of disappointments in your life.

So, there are a lot of people who choose to worship and worship and worship and worship. Therefore, a lot of people only choose to come to church, but not participate in serving.

I was at the Bible college, an elderly brother once told me this. He said, if you can keep up the Bible college, if you can keep up the Bible college, if you can keep up the Bible college, you can keep up the Bible college.

And this is what he said, if a Bible college graduate can keep up their work for seven years, then they will be able to do it for 70 years. I think this logic can also be applied to our Christian brothers and sisters.

If a Bible study leader can lead a group for seven years, then they can do it for 70 years.

[35:35] If a person can attend prayer meetings for seven years in a row, then they can do it for 70 years.

And therefore, I thank God for allowing this person to provide me with these words of wisdom. I have already been at this church serving for the last four years.

I have already been at this church serving for the last four years. And in another three years, I will have succeeded. I believe that I can endure this.

I believe that I can endure this. Because disappointment no longer frightens me. In the past four years, I think today is a good opportunity to remember the last four weeks.

This is also a good opportunity to review the past few weeks, especially yesterday when lvy was ordained as a deacon. We have shed many tears in the past due to serving God.

[36:59] Some were due to disappointment. Some were due to encountering problems.

Some were due to encountering problems. Or that we were attacked or we have suffered. And in this period, we all learned the same thing.

But through these lessons and through this period, we have learned one thing. It's the same lesson that we have learned one thing. It's the same lesson as what today's passage is trying to tell us.

If you are serving, then disappointment is a reality. If you are serving, then disappointment is a reality.

But the most important thing that we should learn is that you have to try to overcome disappointment.

Because don't like the Israelites say that to the Lord is a real thing. It's no use. When we're being judged, we can't use this kind of attitude to face it.

Do not be like the Israelites and say serving God is a waste of time. When we're disappointed, do not try to think this way. God tells us that our eternal hope is not for today.

And it is not in everything that we do. And it is not in the outcomes of the things that we do.

Our hope lies in the day of judgment. Our hope lies in the day of judgment. God has a scroll that records everything that we do for Him in present day.

[39:41] We do not. We do not. It is not.

We do not overlook the fact that there are disappointments in our life. But at the same time, we have the eternal hope. If we do not have the hope, then there will be no disappointments.

And if you are just a believer, you will only learn of the hope that we have once you have encountered troubles, and once you have served God, and you experience disappointment.

If you do not serve, then you will not have any disappointments, and you will also miss out on a lot of other experiences.

If you are encountering different problems or issues in your life to do with serving God, whether it's financially or the things that you do, then I would like to remind you of the following verse.

[41:08] It is in the book of Matthews, and it is one of the lessons on the mount.

For those of you who have been persecuted for the sake of God, then you will be blessed because heaven will be your overall goal.

That is, when we are encountering these problems, we will have to think of the eternal kingdom of heaven as our hope.

And I hope that all of you will be able to have this hope. Thank you.