

Southridge: A Community Committed to...

III. Serving

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Malachi 3: 13-18 - “You have spoken arrogantly against me,” says the LORD. “Yet you ask, ‘What have we said against you?’”¹⁴ “You have said, ‘It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty?’”¹⁵ But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evil does prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.”¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.¹⁷ “On the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him.”¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

“It is futile to serve God”

- There is no benefit to serving God.
- Why do I serve while others never get involved or invested?
- I really don't have the time or gifts to serve.
- What significance does my serve really make?

“The distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not”

- Service is what sets us apart as Christians.
- Service affirms the authenticity of our faith.
- Service changes our world.
- Service brings meaning to our lives.

Matthew 20: 26-28 - ... whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”