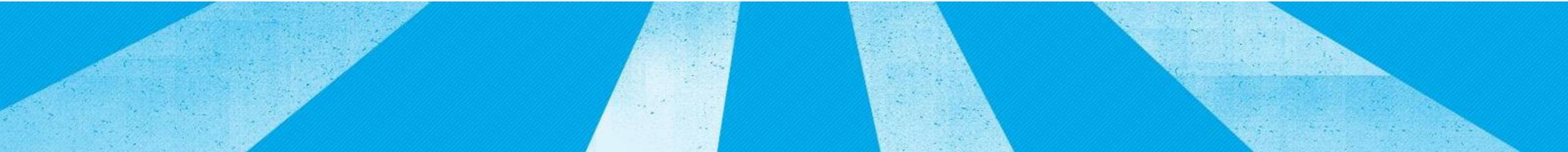


# THE GREATNESS OF SERVICE

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*Why Should I Want to Serve God?*



# WHY SHOULD I WANT TO SERVE GOD?

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- **Because of God's love for us (Romans 5).**
  - **A love for those unable to help themselves (5.6)**
  - **A love that is demonstrated (5.8)**
  - **A love that is unprompted (5.8)**
- **Because of the example of Jesus (Hebrews 5).**
  - **Jesus obeyed God, even in hardship (5.8)**
  - **His service completed His experience (5.9)**
  - **His perfect experience makes Him the source of salvation to those who serve Him (5.9)**

# WHY SHOULD I WANT TO SERVE GOD?

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- **Because of God's provision for us (Acts 14).**
  - **Heaven, earth, and sea are His creation (14.15)**
  - **He gives us free-will (14.16)**
  - **The witness of His *common grace* (14.17)**
- **Because without God, life is meaningless.**
  - **Is there purpose to life?**



Materialism declares that the cosmos is devoid of immanent conscious purpose... that humankind, finding the resources within themselves, can and must create their own destiny. It teaches that **we must prize our life on earth and strive always to improve it.** It holds that human beings are capable of creating a social system based on **reason** and justice.

Why? →

For whom? ↗

↖ Where does reason come from?





What is good?

Materialism holds that our potential for **good** and more fulfilling **cultural development** is, for all practical purposes, unlimited.

Whose culture?  
What is "development"?



*American Atheists*  
<https://www.atheists.org/about/our-vision/>

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Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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*-Genesis 1.26-27*

“

He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, to love kindness, and  
to walk humbly with your God?

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*-Micah 6.8*

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The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

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*-Ecclesiastes 12.13-14*

“

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life... Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

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*-John 3.16,5*