

SERVANT OR FRIEND?



One morning during prayer, I saw myself as a lowly peasant working in the fields. But periodically, the King would call me in to his chamber so that I could converse with Him and listen to His counsel. When our special time together was concluded, I returned to the fields to resume my work.

INTERPRETATION

My heart says that I am a servant of the King, but the King says I am His friend. In reality, I am both His servant and His friend! (Servant by inclination of heart, friend by His declaration).

FURTHER EXPLANATION

Although Abraham is the only person in Scripture singled out to be called the friend of God (2 Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8; and James 2:23), Jesus expanded His friendship to all those who obey Him: “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you”. (John 15:14) Although Jesus directed this comment to His twelve disciples, (obedience = friendship) is a principle that has remained valid since it was spoken.

Jesus then added the distinction between being a friend instead of merely a servant: “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:15)

CONCLUSION

Although “servant or friend” is personal and is not meant to be universally adopted, there may be elements of encouragement within it that could be helpful to the reader.

Finally, I’ve prayed a prayer more than once that goes something like this: “Lord, I thank You that You regard me as Your friend, but being Your servant isn’t bad at all!”