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The world has a place for its servants. We have the servant’s entrance, the servant’s quarters and the servant’s job description. The servants have a designated status that is very obvious: the last and the lowest place. After all, they are the servants. To have a servant would naturally imply that there must be a master. Both know their places well.

It is interesting that the kingdom of God has the same hierarchy. Except for one thing: Jesus said, “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all” (Mark 10:43-44). This does not sound like the world’s idea of the typical master/servant relationship. Of course, it all depends upon who is the Master. When God is Master, and people are in HIS kingdom, there is a transformation that is not of this world.

The hard lesson to learn for those who no longer belong to this world is to UN-learn the world’s ways. The paradox is that the world’s ways to freedom and greatness often lead to slavery and loss of greatness. However, those who bow to God’s ways will find true freedom and true greatness. And the added bonus is that others will benefit and God will be glorified.

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**Mark 10:42-45**

 ■ THE WORLD HAS ITS WAY

 ■ JESUS HAS HIS WAY

 ▪ Obedience Romans 5:19

 ▪ Humility Daniel 7:13-14

 John 13:1-17

 ■ WE HAVE A NEW WAY

 ▪ Repentance

 ▪ Discipleship

 ▪ Service Colossians 3:23-24