

And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel” (Matthew 19:28).

The Bible does not reveal much about our service in heaven. How then can we know what life in heaven, as it relates to service, would be like? Certainly, the new heavens and earth involve the restoration of life to what it was before the Fall of humans. One feature of the old creation is work (Gen. 1:28; 2:15). Prior to the Fall, work was stress-free. However, after Adam and Eve sinned, God cursed the ground and, and work has become toilsome (Gen. 3:17-19; Eccl. 2:18-23).

I want to suggest that in this regard, the word “service” is a more useful term than “work.” The current president of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy (who starred in *Servant of the People*), is a member of the party called, “The Servant of the People.” Jesus himself became a servant (Matthew 20:28; Philip. 2:7).

We are only unworthy servants (Lk. 17:10).

What would service be like in heaven? (See Matthew 25:1-30)

1. Everyone in heaven would be a servant of God.
2. Only those who serve God on earth would be God’s servants in heaven.
3. The 12 Apostles would hold a special position in heaven (Matt. 19:28).
4. Our Service in heaven would correspond to the special gifts, privileges with which God has endowed us on earth (Matt. 25:15).
5. The extent of our service in heaven would be determined by our faithfulness on earth (Matt. 25:21, 23).
6. Our service in heaven is both a gift and a reward from God.