

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

December 10, 2024 – Ministry to the Lord: Our Highest Privilege & Calling – Erlinda Cruz

Ministry to the Lord: Our Highest Privilege and Calling (Day 1)

These next few days, we will look into the importance of the cry of the bride (God's people) to minister to the Lord as highest calling and privilege. In Matthew 6:32-33 it says,

"For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

The importance of putting Him first, giving God our prime time! The best and highest worship and praise! Matthew 6 is part of the Sermon on the Mount or the eight beatitudes. We call this the "core value" of a Christian life. This means that this is the standard of our lifestyle. This is the prescribed way we are to live. This lifestyle puts God first in everything.

The Apostle Paul told the Colossians 1:16,

"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence."

Colossians 1:16-18 NKJV

We are exhorted to give Him preeminence.

Define preeminence: In the Bible, preeminence means to have the highest rank, dignity, or importance, especially in noble or excellent qualities. It can also mean to be above all, surpass all, or to the point that no one or nothing else can come close.

The phrase "in all things Christ preeminent" appears in Colossians 1:18. It means that God's ultimate purpose is for Christ to have preeminence in all things. This idea is also expressed in the grammar of the verse, which refers to Jesus as the "head," the "beginning," and the "firstborn".

The word "preeminence" is made up of the words "pre-" and "eminent". "Pre-" means before or in front of, and "eminent" means standing above others in some quality or position.

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Your meditation:

- Have I in all sincerity put Jesus first in my life?
- If yes why? How?
- If no why? Why not?

Explain your answer. This is to discover where God is in our life. If He is not first, the good news is He can, we can start putting Him first.

The goal of these posts is to etched deeply the privileged and priority of ministry to God as an utmost cry of our heart.

In today's church culture it is ministry towards people first. It seems believers perceive that works equal ministry towards people first. But that's not true! it's deception to go that way. Ministry towards people first is the overflow of ministry to God!

In the next days, we will define what ministry towards people first God is and how it looks like!

Ending the year 2024/5784 will usher us into building the high places of God's worship for 2025/5785. See the face of God as He loudly open His mouth towards us! Enter His highest praise and worship Him alone!

This year is "The battle for the high places" to "ENLARGE" the tent! Because the "Spirit of Elijah is here!"