

Who Do We Serve?

After listening to the talks from the last General Conference I have come to a couple of conclusions.

First, there are really only two masters that we can serve – Christ or Satan. We may feel that we can name other masters: job, money, fame, even self. However, no matter how justly these other “masters” may lead us, they can never give us redemption from sin nor the saving ordinances of the priesthood, so ultimately the result in us serving that Adversary who wishes us not to arrive at the Celestial Kingdom.

Second, the concept of surrendering our wills to God was an oft-repeated theme in the conference. It occurred to me that God truly is the only Being to whom we can accurately surrender our will. We may attempt to surrender our will to others, but in fact they are not constant enough for us to understand in advance what their will is. God is unchanging from everlasting to everlasting, so we know what he will require of us. The “surrender” does not include *losing* our volition, but rather aligning our volition with God’s. He will not “take us over,” but he requires our voluntary compliance with his plan. Since we still have to provide the energy and determination to accede to his will, we must give that surrender to One who never varies.