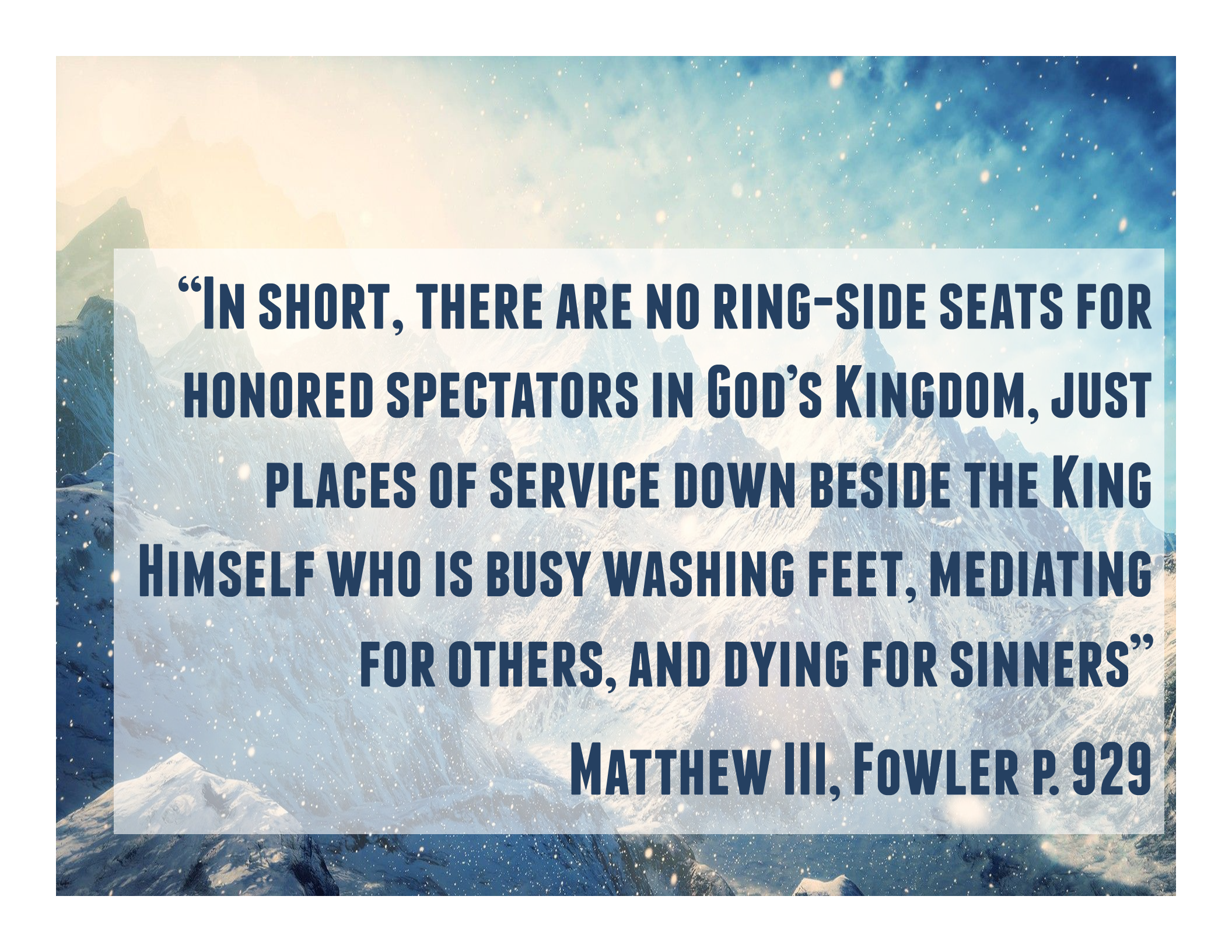




WHO IS THE GREATEST?

- **THERE IS CLEARLY A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WORLD'S STANDARDS FOR "GREATNESS" AND GOD'S, AS ILLUSTRATED BY THE DISCIPLES' CONVERSATION IN MARK 10:35-45 (AND PARALLEL IN MATTHEW 20:20FF & LUKE 22:24FF).**
- **ANY TWISTED VIEW OF GREATNESS PRODUCES STRIFE, ARROGANCE, AND PRESUMPTION.**
- **LOOKING FOR YOUR DEFINITION OF GREATNESS IN THE EXAMPLES OF CELEBRITIES, POLITICIANS, AND ACCOMPLISHED ACADEMICS WILL ONLY RESULT IN THE SAME VANITY THAT ENSLAVES THEM.**



**“IN SHORT, THERE ARE NO RING-SIDE SEATS FOR
HONORED SPECTATORS IN GOD’S KINGDOM, JUST
PLACES OF SERVICE DOWN BESIDE THE KING
HIMSELF WHO IS BUSY WASHING FEET, MEDIATING
FOR OTHERS, AND DYING FOR SINNERS”**

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THE “GREATNESS PARADOX”



GREATNESS COMES AS A RESULT OF DESIRING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE. ACHIEVING IT IS NOT A BAD THING, BUT IT’S THE “HOW” AND “WHY” THAT ARE CHALLENGING (JOHN 13:12-17).

A majestic, snow-capped mountain range under a starry night sky with a warm, golden light source on the left.

GREATNESS

DEFINED BY WHAT IT'S NOT

JOB AND GREATNESS

- **JOB 31:1-4, 9-12 – SEXUAL EXPLOITS ARE GREAT TO THE WORLD, BUT THE GODLY PERSON SEES GREATNESS IN DECENCY AND RESPECT.**
- **31:5-8 – CAN GREATNESS BE FOUND IN DISHONESTY?**
- **31:13-15 – “GREAT” PEOPLE OFTEN ACHIEVE WHAT THEY DO BY STEPPING ON THE LITTLE PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY.**
- **31:16-23 – “GREAT” PEOPLE DON’T WASTE TIME ON THE NEEDY.**
- **31:24-28 – AM I GREAT BECAUSE OF MY BANK ACCOUNT?**
- **31:29-30 – DO I KICK MY ENEMIES WHEN THEY ARE DOWN?**
- **31:33-34 – THE WORLD THINK GREATNESS IS FOUND IN INFALLIBILITY AND PERFECTION, EVEN IF IT IS A MIRAGE.**

The background of the image is a breathtaking landscape of jagged, snow-covered mountain peaks. The sky is a deep, dark blue, filled with numerous small, bright white stars. A soft, golden light emanates from the left side, creating a hazy, ethereal atmosphere that highlights the mountain ridges. The overall scene conveys a sense of vastness, wonder, and divine presence.

THE GREATEST EVER

JOHN 3:25-30