

Are You Being Served?

Scripture: Matthew 20:27, 28

Cast: Waiter, Manager, Customer

Set / Props: Table, chair, dinnerware, water glass, centerpiece

MD: *(Customer enters)*
Good evening, sir. Do you have a reservation?

Customer: *(Gruffly)* Do I have a reservation? Of course I have a reservation. Do I look like a simpleton to you? My name is Dover. Ben (or Ilene) Dover.

MD: Of course not, sir. *(Checking the list)* I don't see you on our list. Are you sure you made a reservation?

Customer: *(Irate and gritting teeth)* Yes I made a reservation! Obviously you don't know who I am! If you don't seat me immediately, I'll make sure everyone in town hears about it!

MD: *(In a reassuring tone)* That's quite all right, sir. *(Checking the list with pencil)* I'll just change these seating arrangements... and... there. If you'll follow me, sir.

(Maitre D' leads customer to table and seats him.)

MD: Your waiter will be here shortly. *(Exits)*

Waiter: *(Enters)* Hello. Here's your menu. I can come back or I can take your order now.

Customer: It's about time. *(Without looking the menu over)* I want a ribeye steak. Medium well. Roasted russet potatoes with just the right amount of spices. Green beans with almonds. Red wine. For dessert I want Baked Alaska and coffee.

Waiter: *(Who has been trying to interject a comment)* But sir, we don't have any of that on the menu.

Customer: Don't give me that! I'm paying good money to eat here.

Waiter: *(Hesitantly)* I'll see what I can do. Perhaps there are some things we can adapt from the menu. *(Exits)*

Customer: *(After only seconds, calls loudly)* Waiter! Waiter! *(Waiter comes over)* You call this service?!

Waiter: Yes sir, what can I do for you?

Customer: I want my meal NOW!

Waiter: Yes, sir. I understand, sir. But we have to cook your meal.

Customer: Don't give me your lip. I want to speak with the Maitre D'!

Waiter: *(Hesitantly)* Okay... *(Exits)*

Customer: *(Grumbling)* Talk to me like that. We'll see about that.

MD: Can I help you, sir?

Customer: I've had the worst service here than in any other restaurant. I haven't received my dinner yet. I've received nothing but complaints from your staff. I want satisfaction!

MD: I'm very sorry you feel that way, sir. Our desire is to serve you.

Customer: I want my meal free and I want my next one free as well.

(Maitre D' opens mouth and tries to get a word in)

Customer: Wait, I'm not through. I also want a free meal for my family as well. And a free car wash.

MD: A car wash? But, sir, we're a restaurant, not a car wash.

Customer: I want a car wash! *(Standing and in a huff)* Never mind! See if I ever come here again. *(Exits)*

MD: WOW, I've never seen anyone so demanding!!! I bet he's one miserable dude. Sure hope he learns someday how rewarding it is to serve rather than demand. *(Using appropriate hand motion, cleans off the table and exits)*