



A Systematic Expository Study of the Word of God

Special Study:

THE BLESSING OF SERVING GOD

Malachi 3:16-18

God promises to bless everyone who receives salvation and consecrates his life, time, talent and other resources to wholeheartedly serve Him. He keeps record of all services rendered in His name. Services as little as words of comfort, encouragement, counsel and edification spoken in His name attract rewards. Faithful servants have records of their noble deeds in the “book of remembrance”; “they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts... I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern ...between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.” The Scripture teaches that God spares His servants in times of calamity, fear, distress, mishaps, etc. in the world; that He spares His faithful servants when He judges evildoers.

God also always makes a difference between those who serve Him and those who do not. He “severs” or separates those who serve Him from the crowd of humanity to bless them. When there is outbreak of plagues, the Lord shields believers who are serving Him from getting infected and affected by the diseases of the world. “And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children’s of Israel” (Exodus 8:22;9:4) God is unchanging. As He did in Egypt, He still shields the family and property of believers who serve Him from the evils in the world. God’s blessings and favour are upon believers who serve Him.

GOD’S PROMISE FOR ALL WHO SERVE HIM

Exodus 23:25,26; Job 36:7,11; Matthew 6:33; Acts 27:23-25.

God’s call to salvation in Christ is not in vain. He has also not called believers to serve Him in vain. He promises to reward the faithful who cleave to Him and continue in His service in spite of challenges they face, persecution they suffer and oppression they bear for His sake. “And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.” God always watches over His righteous servants, establishes and promotes them, and grants them prosperity and pleasures throughout their lifetime on earth. Being benevolent, He does not want His righteous and faithful servants to spend their days in regret and sorrow. His promise of addition and multiplication of blessings for His righteous children in the Kingdom are sure. During storms of life, God will preserve them; He will also preserve people around them for their sake. And everything they lay their hands on will prosper for God’s glory.

GOD’S POWER WHILE YOU SERVE HIM

2 Kings 20:1-6

God demonstrates His power in the life of believers who serve Him. In critical times, the Scripture teaches that believers should not fear but behave like Hezekiah who did not allow fear to paralyse and rob him of the initiative to take the negative message of his premature death from a notable prophet to the Lord in prayer. Satan is a defeated bully who threatens and oppresses people. But neither Satan nor his emissaries can determine the lifespan of the people who serve God. Rather than accept any negative message, situation or condition, believers need to acknowledge their privileged position and relationship with Christ and get it reversed by the power of God. No idle Christian in the Kingdom has boldness to call God to remembrance of any services rendered like Hezekiah did. Believers then should not be idle but get dutifully engaged in the service of the Lord who is not unrighteous to forget their labour of love.

God answers and demonstrates His power on behalf of believers who faithfully serve Him. Demonstrating His power in the life of Hezekiah, God said, “I have heard thy prayer... behold, I will heal thee... And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David’s sake.” Believers who resolve to serve God unreservedly throughout their life-time will have the manifestation of His power in every aspect and facet of their lives.

GOD'S PLAN FOR THOSE WHO SERVE HIM

Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 91:1-16

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” God has a plan for the people that serve Him. He is committed to fulfilling the expectations of His people according to His will and plan for their lives. The plan of God builds assurance, confidence and faith in believers. Greater is Christ in them than Satan who is in the world. The believer needs to know his exalted position in Christ and not be afraid of the devil. God’s plan for those who serve Him is comprehensive, ranging from spiritual, physical to material well-being and covers preservation, promotion, answer to prayer, longevity of life and fulfilment on earth and admission to eternal reward in heaven.

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