

It Pays To Serve GOD

There are many benefits to serving God! Now King David lists several of them in Psalm 103:1-6. These are (if you will) God's paycheck with a bonus for being a blood washed, born-again child of God. Oh yeah, the world and the Devil offer benefits as well, but the paycheck is woe, misery, sickness, depression, death, and, oh yes, don't forget about the bonus --- an eternal hell fire! For the wages (payoff) of sin is death. See Romans 6:23.

God's children are entitled to certain benefits. These benefits are only for His children, and the great thing about them is that they are all free. These benefits will cost you nothing. See Isaiah 55:1. Satan and the world will whine and claim that there is nothing to this; but God has given us a wonderful salvation for all to see, and it is free of charge to anyone that is willing to come and humble themselves before a Holy and Righteous God.

God sides with the humble and poor in spirit. Read Isaiah 57:15 and 66:2. In order to be one of His you must first humble yourself, and sincerely repent of all your sins that you have committed, and God in His rich and abundant mercy will pardon you. Sounds simple? But yet, so many fail to do this simple thing. Satan and the world have tricked them into thinking that they are giving up something good by forever forsaking this wicked world. I think not! This world is temporal and is subject to passing away at the moment the shout and voice of the archangel is sounded from heaven. It will be a fearful thing to fall into the hands of an angry God. So folk should stop messing around and get saved. Jesus is calling you! Are you listening? He is saying come now while it is day. When the night comes the door will be shut and it will be too late. "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Hebrews 4:7). What are you afraid of? It is time to run into the arms of a loving and merciful God who is willing and ready to give you everything. Come before it is too late!

The Benefits of Our Salvation

What are the benefits of serving this wonderful, loving and forgiving God? What does He have to offer? Is there really something in serving Him? Yes, there is! In Psalm 103:1-6, King David lists *seven things* that benefit the blood bought, child of God:

1) *He forgives all your iniquities.* Before we can approach this Holy and Righteous God we must first be worthy, spotless, holy, and true like He is. He cannot stand the sight of sin and iniquity, so in order for us to approach

Him we must be clean first. He did this for you by sending His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ) into this world as a man to suffer and die for your sins and mine. He certified this by raising Christ up from the dead by the Holy Spirit, and giving him all power and authority in heaven and on earth, to ever live at the right hand of God as both our High Priest and Intercessor. Now we can boldly approach the throne of grace in our time of need and ask for help.

2) *He heals all of your diseases.* When you become a blood bought child of God He becomes your healer – your personal divine healer (if you will). By the stripes of Jesus we are not only saved but we have access to divine healing. The world has to turn to the science and medicine of men in their time of need, but the child of God has the creator of the entire universe to turn to for help. Unlike doctors He cannot fail. He has never lost a patient.

3) *He redeems your life from destruction.* He has the power to redeem your life from the power of the grave and an eternal hell fire. Now every redeemed soul can sing with confidence, “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” (1 Corinthians 15:55). He has conquered death forever. Those who belong to him can shout the victory because death is swallowed up in LIFE forever.

4) *He crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercies.* He is so rich in mercy and love. For God is love and all of His children are born and perfected in His love, so much, that we have boldness in the day of judgment. This love extends to others. His perfect love casts out fear. See 1 John 4:16-21. Now we don't have to live any longer in the fear of torment because of any future judgment, or the fear of the devil, or the fear of this world.

5) *He satisfies your mouth with good things.* God becomes your provider if you are one of His. It is His good pleasure to give you good things (Matthew 7:11), so you can glorify and praise His good name. Every child of God is entitled to the good things that come from God. They are entitled to a full, rich and peaceful life. The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just (Proverbs 13:22).

6) *He renews your youth like the eagle.* God gives power to His children when they are about to faint in the way. He gives strength to those who have no might. Those who wait patiently on the Lord receive strength so

that they can run through the enemy's (Satan's) troop, and with the strength of the Lord leap over a wall (see Psalm 18:29).

7) *The LORD executes righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.* When the enemy (Satan and the world) comes in like a flood God answers the cries and prayers of those that call upon Him because of the oppressor. He is too Righteous and Just to close His ears to their cry. When you become a child of God He quiets the oppressor so that he is never heard of again.

What Must I Do

Now given such wonderful and great promises in the Word of God shouldn't you choose to serve God instead of the world and Satan? Does it pay to keep on serving the Devil and the world when God has so many better things in store for you? Make the right decision and serve a Living God who loves you and cares about your eternal soul. Don't continue to serve Satan and the world. The payoff is an eternal hell fire that burns night and day forever with brimstone. This is not a pleasant place and I assure you there will be no partying, or dancing, or snorting in hell. You will be in torments and in total darkness with the Devil, and those that he deceived. There will be no rest or place to cool your dry, parched tongue or to quench your thirst; only, eternal pain, agony and suffering. There will be no God and no life in that place called hell. God does not want to send you to that place. It is your choice.

Make heaven your eternal home instead. How do I do this? All you have to do is trust Christ. Believe that He is the only sin bearer sent from God to earth to redeem all of mankind from sin, and the Devil, and the world, and an eternal hell fire. Believe that God has raised Christ from the grave, that he forever destroyed death and the works of the devil. Make it a point to live for him and trust him everyday. In your own words sincerely repent of all your sins, ask God to forgive you. Promise to serve Him for the rest of your life. That's it! If you can do this with a sincere heart God and Christ will enter in and save you with an everlasting salvation.

Please let us know what your decision is for God and Christ.

Here are some salvation scriptures for you to pray and meditate on:

Psalm 85:2: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

Psalm 86:12-13: I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Psalm 32:1-2: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Psalm 103:12: As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Isaiah 43:25: I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Ezekiel 18:4,23,31-32: Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

Daniel 9:24: Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Matthew 26:28: For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Mark 2:10: But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

Luke 5:20: And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

John 6:37: All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Acts 2:21: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 5:8: But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:13: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Hebrews 10:17: And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

James 5:20: Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 3:18: For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

1 John 1:7: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 1:10: If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2:2: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:16: For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1 John 3:8: He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

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