

Does it Pay to Serve God?

- ① Sometimes payment is DENIED because of sin to get our attention.
- ② Sometimes payment is DISGUISED so the experience of spiritual blessing is the heritage of the believer.
- ③ Sometimes payment is DELAYED for the future when the righteous shall inherit the earth.

What can we do personally to be sure we are thinking properly?

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Luke 17:7-10

1 Corinthians 15:58

Remember:

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:1-13; 1Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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Malachi 3:13-4:3

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Introduction:

I. God has affirmed His Covenant love through His choice of Jacob over Esau.

II. God has affirmed the honor of His name and denounced the Priest & people for their disregard of the sanctity of their offerings.

III. God has affirmed why their offerings were unacceptable because of their treacherous behavior with their wives.

IV. God has affirmed His justice

V. He has rebuked them for attempting to rob Him through their tithes & offerings.

VI. The Sixth Disputation: Surfaced the Arrogance of Israel, and Affirms the Remnant of their security in the book of remembrance. 3:13-4:3

A. The Affirmation: *The Lord Affirms their Harsh Speech* 3:13a

B. The Interrogation: *The people question what they have said* 13b

C. The Refutation: *The Lord clarifies how they have spoken harshly and He makes a promise. 3:14-4:3*

1.) The Lord explains how they have spoken harshly 14-15

a.) *It is vain to serve God/No use*

b.) *What profit is it?*

① *We have kept His charge*

② *We have walked in mourning*

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How are they blessed?

① *The doers of wickedness are built up*

② *They also test God and they have no fear, they are getting away with it.*

1 John 3:20

2.) The Lord makes a Promise to The Righteous 16-18.

a.) *They feared the Lord*

b.) *They spoke to one another*

c.) *They esteemed the Lord*

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Esther 6:1–9; Psalm 56:8; Daniel 7:10

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