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Is it Worth it to Serve God?

Malachi 3:13-18 Michael Evans November 14, 2021

1. If you would rather be known in heaven than remembered on earth.

2. If you would rather be God's Treasure than have the world's treasure.

3. If you would rather serve now, and be spared later.

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking about this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

In Malachi 3:14-15, the Judahites challenge God by comparing themselves to the evildoers around them. Do you think their claims are valid?

Have you ever challenged God in a similar way? Is it a healthy exercise to compare yourself to others?

In response to their complaints, God first tells the Judahites (and us) in verse 16 that he is keeping a book of remembrance of good deeds. How does this promise encourage you when you consider your desire for recognition?

The second point in God's response (verse 17) deals with prosperity, or lack thereof. What are some dangers of the 'prosperity gospel'? Have you ever heard of the 'poverty gospel'? What do you believe is a healthy perspective on possessions? Is it encouraging to think about working for a heavenly reward?

The third aspect of God's response (verses 17-18) talks about God sparing us, 'as a man spares his own son who serves him'. Do you fear standing before God in judgment? Discuss the difference between the Great White Throne Judgment and the Judgment Seat of Christ.

In light of this passage, are you encouraged to serve God? Is the idea of delayed recognition and reward reassuring, or does it seem unfair? How does this message change your perspective on serving God?



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Getting Plugged In: Join us today at 12:15pm (after 2nd service) in the Activity Center to learn how you can get connected in a small group, how you can find your best place to serve, or how you can begin the process of becoming a member. We'd love to help you get plugged in!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes: Pick up a shoebox in the Commons today to fill with Christmas Goodies! This is a great way to show the love of Jesus all around the world. All the shoeboxes need to be returned by November 21st.

IN COMING DAYS

Salvation Army Thanksgiving Day Dinner: WPCC is partnering with The Salvation Army to provide Thanksgiving dinners on Thanksgiving Day here at Community Church. Volunteers are needed from 10am to 1:30pm for all or part of that time. Interested in helping? Contact Penny Edyvean by e-mailing pedyvean102@gmail.com or by calling (719) 687-4044. As for eating all that food, everyone is invited to the free dinner from 11-1pm.

Family Advent Days: Our family advent starts November 28, which means Christmas is on its way! We'll be sending info and activities your way soon, so you and your family can get ready to celebrate the world's best Birthday Boy all month long.

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Are you new here? Don't let all the strange faces scare you away. Go to our Welcome Kiosk where we've got someone waiting to meet you. We can tell you a little more about us, and we've even got a gift for you!

Connection Challenge: This week, your challenge is to invite someone into a part of your routine this week: to the gym, on a walk, for lunch, whatever. That's it!

Looking for a way to serve? Our Storehouse Ministry could use help showing the love of Jesus to our community members in their times of need. We would need you to commit to twice a month from 9am to noon. We'll train you! For more information contact Penny Edyvean at pedyvean102@gmail.com or Tamara Buttery at tbuttery6@gmail.com.

Workers of the Month: Please pray for Matt & Jonna as they serve in Central Asia.

Monthly Giving Goal: \$103,333
November giving to-date: \$34,485