

Benefits of Serving God

Text: Exodus 15:2

Introduction

Israel had just passed through the Red Sea. Moses and Israel gave praise and thanks to God through singing. The Bible encourages us to praise the Lord (Psalm 150:6). We should not forget all His benefits (Psalm 103:2).

Message

1. The provision.

“The Lord is my strength and song.”

a. My strength:

- (1) Divine strength (Isaiah 40:31) waiting on God.
- (2) Daily strength (Matthew 6:11) our “daily bread.”
- (3) Determined strength (Joshua 14:12). Caleb, even though he was 85 years old, had determined strength to serve God.

b. My song:

- (1) Purpose of singing (Ephesians 5:19).
- (2) Praise through singing (Psalm 100:2).
- (3) Power of singing (James 5:13).

2. The pardon.

“And he is become my salvation.”

- a. Promise of salvation (Acts 16:31). No restrictions—simply believe.
- b. Plan of salvation (Romans 10:9,10). Note how important it is to believe in our hearts God has raised Jesus from the dead. Mental assent is not enough.
- c. Peace of salvation (John 14:27). In heart and mind (Philippians 4:7).
- d. Pleasure of salvation (Psalm 16:11).

3. The preparation.

“He is my God, and I will prepare him a habitation.”

- a. Surrendered life—“With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him” (Romans 12:1, Phillips).¹
- b. Surrendered love (1 Corinthians 13). Read and reread this great love chapter. Practice it in your life.

4. The praise.

“And I will exalt him.”

- a. Exalting through accepting the call to serve (Matthew 4:19).
- b. Exalting and being compensated (Mark 10:29,30).
- c. Exalting through whole-hearted consecration (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

Conclusion

God not only saves us from sin, Satan, and judgment—He adds multiplied benefits. Many of these we see daily. Many are unseen—for example, His divine protection from accidents and evil. All should praise and thank Him for these benefits daily.

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Endnote

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