

MALACHI: Live Fully Devoted

Lesson Eight • Malachi 3:13-18

Is It Worth It?

One Question

Is it WORTH it to live fully devoted to the Lord?

Two Answers

Answer of Group 1: “NO, it’s not worth it!”

Answer of Group 2: “YES, it’s worth it!”

Is It Worth It?

1. The First Group Looks Around and Arrogantly ACCUSES God!

“Your words have been harsh against Me,” says the LORD, “Yet you say, ‘What have we spoken against You?’” Malachi 3:13

When the Arrogant Speak

The arrogant speak HARSH words against God.

“You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God; what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked as mourners before the LORD of hosts? So now we call the proud blessed, for those who do wickedness are raised up; yes, those who tempt God go free.’” Malachi 3:14-15

The Accusations of the Arrogant:

- “It is POINTLESS to serve God.”
- “It is PROFITABLE to not serve God.”

2. The Second Group Looks Up and Reverently FEARS God!

Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name. “They shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.” Malachi 3:16-17

The Actions of the Second Group

They EXALT God and EDIFY one another.

Why It’s Always Worth It to Live Fully Devoted to the Lord:

- The Lord will HEAR you.
- The Lord will REMEMBER you.
- The Lord will CLAIM you.
- The Lord will TREASURE you.
- The Lord will SPARE you.

Look Within and Discern Which Group You Are In

Group 1: the WICKED who do not fear God nor serve God.

Group 2: the RIGHTEOUS who fear God and serve God.

Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked; between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. Malachi 3:18