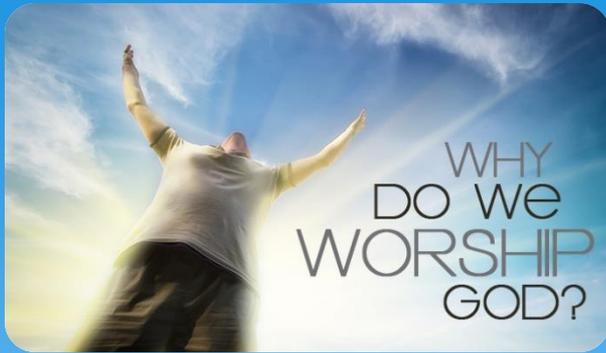




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John 6:35



“Who is the Almighty,
that we should serve
Him?”

And what profit do we
have if we pray to Him?”

Job 21:15

Highlights

1. The troubling questions and outcome!
2. Valuing His gifts
3. Answering the doubts



I. The Troubling Questions & Outcome ⁽¹⁾

1. What do we profit from knowing or serving God?
2. Do we have to wait till we die to see His benefits?
3. Did God promise and did not fulfill?
4. Why do we pray then?



I. The Troubling Questions & Outcome ⁽²⁾

5. Why do the wicked prosper?

■ The outcome:

“Your words have been harsh against Me,” Says the LORD, “Yet you say, ‘What have we spoken against You?’ You have said, ‘It is useless 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; They even tempt God and go free.’ ” *Malachi 3:13-15*

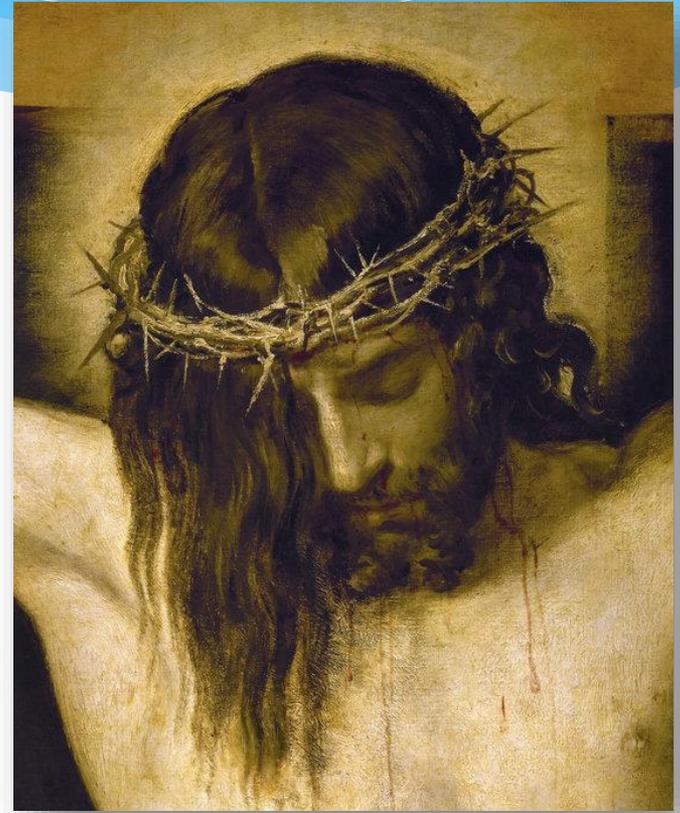


II. Valuing His gifts



1. Life Eternal & the Means To It ⁽¹⁾

- The Kingdom of God prepared before the Creation
- The Redemption
- The Incarnation
- The Adoption through faith and Baptism



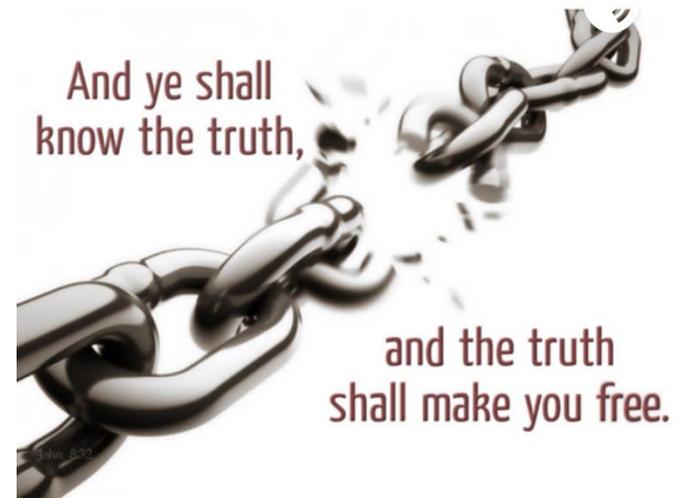
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- The forgiveness through the mystery of repentance and confession
- The dwelling of the Holy Spirit in us
- The abiding in Him through the Eucharist
- The Resurrection and immortality



2. The True Freedom

- Knowing the Truth and being set free by Him
- “you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?”
Romans 6:16
- Between the apparent freedom of the lost son and imprisonment of St. Paul



3. God's peace

- The peace of being reconciled with God, with others, and with myself
- The peace of St. Paul and the trouble of Felix the governor
- “There is no peace,” says the LORD, “for the wicked.” *Isaiah 48:22*



4. The Heavenly Wisdom

- “For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting”

Ecclesiastes 2:26



5. The Sound Relationships

- The positive impact of godliness on the family dynamics:
 - Sacrificial love – honor and respect – obedience and submission – loyalty and service
- Knowing God and its reflection on other relationships



6. The Fruits of Sufferings ⁽¹⁾

- Acquiring virtues:

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience”

James 1:2-3



6. The Fruits of Sufferings (2)

- The purpose according to His goodness:
“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His purpose*” *Romans 8:28*



6. The Fruits of Sufferings (3)

- The glorious end:

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” *2 Corinthians 4: 17*



7. The Fulfilment and Satisfaction

- “He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst” *John 6:35*
- The richness of the spiritual man who found the Pearl of Great Price

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III. Answering the Doubts ⁽¹⁾

- Understanding God's promises and the values of His gifts
- Focusing on Him and the gifts granted in Him
- The prayer of faith "Thy Will be done"



III. Answering the Doubts ⁽²⁾

- Discerning good and evil in view of God's ultimate aim; our salvation.
- “By faith we understand”

Hebrews 11:3

