

“Is There Benefit in Serving God?”

Job 34-35

Intro: Job had raised a question many times in his speeches. The question as to whether there is benefit to serving God. It’s practical for today as many continue to ask that same question. One new ad campaign even says “Why believe in God? Be good for goodness sake.” Elihu answers this question, and gives us reinforcement in our lives, and answers for those who seek them.

I. Where is the _____? (Job 34)

- There is benefit in being on the _____
- There is benefit in heeding _____
- There is benefit in _____ to authority.
The idea is: God can do what He will, He makes the rules, it is wise to live by the rules.

II. Who _____ the benefit? (Job 35)

- There is no benefit for _____ (1-7)
- There is benefit to those _____ (8)
- There is benefit for _____ (9-16)

Conclusion – The greatest benefit we have is a shortcut to knowing the rules of the world we live in. We don’t have to run studies, do behavioral research – we know what works best for men – God tells us in his Word, and WE benefit.

“Welcome Home”

Luke 15:1-32

Intro – There are two lessons to tonight’s parables: For the sinner, there is a lesson that God is calling you to come to him, for the believer, the lesson is in the way we are to seek the lost around us. The occasion of the parables comes from the religious leader’s proud piety in their personal relationships.

I. God cares enough to _____ out the _____ (4-7)

II. God cares enough to _____ (8-10)

III. God cares enough to _____ all who come (11-34)

Conclusion – Good news to the sinner, a good example for the saint. God wants all men to come to Him. All men are worth seeking to win for the Lord, and the Lord rejoices in each one that finds his way home.

JOB

Intro:

- I. Benefit, right team, correction, submitting
- II. Receives, God, around us, us

Conclusion:

Matthew

Intro:

- I. Call, Search,
- II. Search, diligently,
- III. receive

Conclusion: