

“Can a Man Be Profitable Unto God?”

Job 22

Intro: Eliphaz asks a few interesting questions in trying to point out Job’s sin to him. His one question, though, destroys his arguments against Job. Profitable can mean a number of things: it can mean something that _____ on the one hand, or it can mean to be of _____ to. While we cannot make God richer, God desires that we be of service unto him. (Job 22:1-4)

I. Yes!, a man may be _____ unto God.

- God requires our reasonable _____ (Rom 12:1-2)
- God takes _____ in our obedience. (II Samuel 15:22)
- Our service is _____ to God (Phil. 4:18)

II. No!, a man cannot _____ God.

- Not as _____ teaches (22:21)
 - Acquaint – Same word as profit in verse 2!
- God does not _____ us anything. (Rom. 11:35)
- God is not _____ anything. (Col. 3:15-17)

Conclusion – There is a balance here, a balance that Eliphaz tipped the wrong direction. As God’s children, we are to be _____ unto Him, to use our lives in service to Him. And God does take _____ in our service. However, our service does not make God our _____, as if He owes us good things because we have given to Him.

“Feasting at God’s Table”

Matthew 22:1-14

Intro – A wonderful blessing is to be found in this parable – the blessing of knowing that God has issued a very wide ranging invitation to His table. That all are welcome to come and dine. But on top of that blessing, there is a stern warning to those who would despise God’s invitation, whether through declining God’s offer, or treating it lightly.

I. We must increase our _____ for God’s Table. (1-3)

II. We must make God’s Table a _____.(4-6)

III. We must come to God’s Table _____ (7-14)

Conclusion – As we come to the Lord’s Table tonight, the same warnings apply. This table is just a picture, we don’t focus on the physical elements, or our physically eating and drinking, but on our hearts and attitudes before the Lord.

JOB

Intro: Increases value, service

- I. Profitable, service, delight, pleasing,
- II. Profti, Eliphaz, owe, lacking

Conclusion: profitable, pleasure, debtor

Matthew

Intro:

- I. Desire,
- II. Priority,
- III. Prepared,

Conclusion: