

It Pays to Serve God Part 1!

KJV Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

❖ Reward is payment for services rendered to another!

No work is completed until payment is made and the reward completes the transaction and makes the person whole that did the service.

A person is **incomplete** when they have done a service and not received their **reward!**

- ✓ There is some **unfinished business** we have with God that He's going to complete this year with the saints.
- ✓ There are some contracts, agreements and settlements that have to be made so God's people can be made whole.

In **Mark 5** there was a women who had an **issue of blood** for 12 long years, the bible says she spent all her money on doctors but only got worse.

Mark 5:28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

Whole here means be made complete where completion is lacking!

Notice *Mark 5:26 She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had.*

She suffered greatly over a long period of time at the hands of **many** doctors as well as her sickness!

Notice she went to **many doctors!** I don't know the cost of health care in those days but:

No. 1 this is a women, woman weren't the bread winners back then, if she went to many doctors **No. 2** she had to have wealth because the bible says she spent **all she had**.

What I'm trying to say is in order for her to be **made whole** she not only had to get her health back she had to get her **wealth back!**

It's the word **sozo** (sode-zo) and also means "salvation" this is exactly what Jesus does for everyone who believes in Him.

AMP John 10:10 The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

➤ Let me be clear I'm not talking about eternal reward which The Lord gives everyone at the **Judgment Seat of Christ**.

KJV Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

God is a **rewarder** this is **an ongoing continuous act** to those who continue approaching God **seeking closer relations with Him!**

After Abram refused to (get closer) partner with ungodly people God said He will **reward** him **greatly** for seeking closer relations with Him!

ESV Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

This is exactly what Abram did! He **refused to walk, stand or sit** with **ungodly** sinners who planned nothing but evil!

Instead he chose to walk with God, he was rooted in God yielded the fruit of righteousness God rewarded him so everything he did prospered

God **rewarded** Abram for his rejection of the world's way of doing things and his commitment to doing things God's way!

ESV Matthew 6:31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

God rewards those who put Him first in their lives!

Putting God first not only means seeking Him first but also learning to do things in a way that pleases God rather than man.

This is what it means to be in His Kingdom—God is sovereign!

