

SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE BENEFITS OF WORSHIP (#4)

(COVID LOCK-DOWN STUDIES)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism of Faith states: **“Man’s chief end is to glorify God & to enjoy Him forever”.**

To glorify God – that’s worship!! To enjoy Him forever – that’s the all-encompassing reward that includes these specific benefits:

Forgiveness...

True worshippers recognize God’s holiness & accept His forgiveness (**Romans 5:1; 1 John 1:9**). Through worship they are purified.

Guidance...

Those who honour the Lord will be given wisdom & will receive His guidance day by day (**Psalm 25:4-12; Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 3:5-6**).

Provision...

Jesus said that God will meet our needs if we give Him first place in our lives (**Matthew 6:33**; See also: **Psalm 23; Psalm 37:3-6**).

Love...

The love of God is experienced in the hearts of all those who are true worshippers (**Psalm 63:3; John 14:21, 23; Romans 5:5**).

Power...

To all who give God the glory He deserves, He gives the enablement to do things He requires of them (**2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Ephesians 3:14-21; Philippians 4:13**).

Protection...

He faithfully watches over all who acknowledge Him & He keeps them in all of life’s changing circumstances (**Psalm 5:11, 12; 1 Peter 1:5**).

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Glory...

All true worshippers will one day be glorified. They will inherit a new heaven & a new earth & join a company of believers & angels in perfect uninterrupted worship (**2 Peter 3:13; 1 John 3:1-3; Revelation 19:1-19**).

“Man’s chief end is to glorify God & to enjoy Him forever”... that’s worship!... and to enjoy Him forever... well, that’s the all-encompassing reward that includes the specific benefits above.

Amen!! & Amen!!

Unlike Moses, people today are not meeting God through a burning-bush experience (**Exodus 3:1 – 4:17**).

However, like Moses, everyone who does meet the Lord has a spiritual moment that leads to a personal response & that deepens his relationship with God.

In this sense, the experience becomes a **“burning bush”**. It is a moment of worship that leads to a life of worship!

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