A God Who Offers Full Benefits Pastor's Desk - August 7, 2022

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In the world in which we live today where everyone is looking for benefits – jobs with benefits, marriage with benefits, and on and on – why not faith in a God that can also offer lots of benefits? It won't cost any more to believe in our God, and the benefits offered by our God far surpass everything that all other gods combined may offer!

We read in the book of Psalms 103:2-5 the following promises: "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not **all his benefits**: He has forgiveness for all your sins; he takes away all your diseases; He keeps back your life from destruction, crowning you with mercy and grace. He makes your mouth full of good things, so that your strength is made new again like the eagle's. The LORD does what is fair. He brings justice to all who have been hurt by others." So let's number some of the benefits we have in serving our God, the only true God.

- 1) All your sins are forgiven when you come to Him. The records are wiped clean. Nothing is left from the past.
- 2) He takes away all your sicknesses. He has paid the price to heal them all.
- 3) Protects your life from destruction the best protective service you will ever have.
- 4) Crowns you with unmerited favor. "Grace" so you will be ahead. Favor is not fair, but it is good.
- 5) Enough provision at all times. Your mouth is filled with good.
- 6) Strength to soar high above your peers, "like the eagle."
- 7) Fairness. He will make sure you don't get the short end of the bargain.
- 8) Justice. He will make sure that those who have hurt you will be brought to justice.

And I could go on and on! So my question to you is: why are you not yet serving our God with your whole heart? Eventually you're going to believe in something or someone! Why not our God and enjoy all the benefits that come in serving Him at all times.

This is just the beginning. Come on and make the smartest choice; choose our God, the God of Israel!

In His service, Pastor Paul