

## **IT PAYS TO LIVE GODLY: The Life That Now Is**

- **Living godly is profitable in ALL things-1Tm4:8**-*Godliness is profitable unto all things, have promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come*
  - 5 areas of life-Spirit, soul, body, relationships, finances- **1Th5:23**-*God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord*
  - Living for God, serving God is that going to affect you negatively or positively in these areas?
- **Godliness is profitable both in this life and in the world to come-1Tim4:8-EX**-*Serving God brings you blessings in this life and in the future life, too.*
  - According to Jesus, godliness benefits us in this life-The master makes it very clear that serving God benefits you both now in this life and later after this life-**Mk10:29**-*There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,<sup>30</sup> But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life*
  - Many try to leave us with the idea that godliness only benefits us in Heaven-They agree that there is rewards and blessing for serving God, but it's enjoyed in Heaven NOT in the Earth; We're going to struggle and suffer and be defeated down here, but in Heaven we enjoy the good
  - If you put off the benefits of living godly until Heaven you do so at the expense of the scripture
- **If we live for God we can expect it to profit us (promote prosperity and happiness) in this life**
  - Living for God benefits you here on the Earth-It promotes your prosperity and happiness here
  - Jacob-Gen48:15-BBE-*The God who has taken care of me all my life till this day; AC*-*The Redeeming angel who has redeemed me continually from every evil*
  - David-1Ch29:28-*He died in a good old age, full of days, riches and honor*
  - Paul-2Tim3:11-*What persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me; 2Tm4:6*-*For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith 17 The Lord stood with me and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion 18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work and preserve me unto his heavenly Kingdom*