Giving God His Due

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to focus on the gift that we give God.
- When we realize our life is due to God, it changes the way we live.
- We need to remember, as Psalm 116 indicates in verse 12, that we owe a great debt to God, and being a servant of His means that we will give God His due.

1 Know Who God Is: What He Is Due

Genesis 1:1; Romans 5:6–10; Romans 1:21–28

- In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. There is an extraordinary claim that speaks of and claims to have an extraordinary God.
- That the God who created the heavens and the earth cares about what I think, what I am saying, what I am going through.
- Our God not only hears our pleas, but he will respond in kind with grace and mercy.
- For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his son.
- We see thirdly in this chapter of Psalm 116 that God will deliver our soul.
- In failing to honor God and give thanks to him, the verse continues, they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

2 What Shall I Render to the Lord

Psalm 116:12–17; Romans 6:15–18

- What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? What is it that I owe God besides complete obedience?
- When we think about paying our vows, we need to remember that as Christians we have vowed to give ourselves entirely to God.
- This morning, this day, this new year, we need to be slaves of righteousness.
- We need to be God's servant. And that means giving my entire life over. Not just some, not just most, but all.
- I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. We need to stop every day and say thank you to God.

3 Do I Give My All?

Malachi 1:6–10; Luke 18:9–14

- Do I give God my leftovers? My second best?
- They offered God their leftovers, their second best, that which didn't cost them much.

- Do I put God first and fill in the rest while I'm here? Or do I do what I'm doing well here and throw in God in the cracks?
- It's easy to be a Christian on Sunday morning, but am I a Christian in the workplace on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday?
- I need to be careful that I don't swing too far the other way.
- It is the one who realizes his need for God, the tax collector who says, Be merciful to me, a sinner.

THE CHALLENGE

If God is the creating God who hears us, who loves us, who is gracious and merciful, and he is due our complete servitude. If you're not offering it, where does that leave you?

MY NOTES