

SERMON NOTES

14th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17, Year B * August 29, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 * Psalm 45 * James 1:17-27 * Mark 7:1-23

Who Benefits? YOU!

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights. James 1:17

✦ Just B_____ here...

<https://news.stanford.edu/2020/11/13/deep-faith-beneficial-health/>

<https://www.hbs.edu/faculty/Pages/item.aspx?num=40219>

<https://www.nami.org/Blogs/NAMI-Blog/December-2016/The-Mental-Health-Benefits-of-Religion-Spiritual>

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:19-22

✦ Cooperating with God and allowing him to T_____ you...

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:26-27

✦ Serving others benefits Y_____ AND the W_____.

Next Week's Lessons

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 * Psalm 125 * James 2:1-17 *
Mark 7:24-37

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or a friend

1. What is a good gift or a good thing God has given you or done for you this past week?
2. What benefits have you received in your life because of your relationship with Jesus?
3. What benefits have you received from being part of the Messiah family?
4. How has your relationship with Jesus and/or the Messiah family benefitted anyone else?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for his good gifts.
 - ✦ For grace to serve others and change the world with Jesus.
 - ✦ For discernment of how and where the Messiah wants you to serve in the Messiah family this next year.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.