

MESSAGE: Does God Give Anything To Sinners?

Matthew 5:45 NIV - that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Matthew 5:45 AMPC - To show that you are the children of your Father Who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the wicked and on the good, and makes the rain fall upon the upright and the wrongdoers [alike].

Matthew 5:45 NKJV - that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

1. Common Grace (Physical & Temporal Gifts):

God provides universal benefits to all humanity regardless of their moral standing. This is often termed "common grace".

- **Sustenance of Life:** God gives life, breath, and basic needs to everyone.
- **Natural Blessings:** He makes the "sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (**Matthew 5:45**).
- **Time and Opportunity:** God grants time for repentance, allowing many sinners to live long lives so they may turn to Him.

2. Spiritual Gifts and Offers:

God proactively reaches out to sinners with the following:

- **The Offer of Salvation:** This is described as a "free gift" available to all who believe, despite their sins.

No one is absolutely hopeless in God's eyes, and God never gives up on even the most hardened or rebellious sinner. The Bible says, "he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (**2 Peter 3:9 NIV** - The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance).

Difference between what God give A Good Man & Sinner:

Ecclesiastes 2:26 NIV - To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Homework:

#1: What was the occupation of the Apostle Paul?

#2: What is the longest Chapter in the Bible?

#3: Who was the first king of Israel?

#4: Who was the Oldest Person in the Bible?

#5: Who was the Oldest Woman in the Bible?

#6: Where is the Deaconess in the Bible?

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Answers:

#1: Acts 18:3 (Tent Maker)

#2: Psalm 119 (contains 176 Verses)

#3: 1 Samuel 10:24 (Saul)

#4: Genesis 5:27 (Methuselah was 969 yrs. Old)

#5: Genesis 23:1 (Sarah was 127 yrs. Old)

#6: Romans 16:1 (Sister Phoebe)

Special Knowledge:

Verses in the Bible: 31,103

Chapters in the Bible: 1198

Books in the Bible: 66

Authors of the Bible: 40