

Sermon Notes – January 8, 2023

Cheap Grace (*2 Samuel 24:18-25*)

- I. God deserves our best.
 - A. Proper worship of God is never to be cheap or flippant.
 - 1. The problem of Cain. (*Genesis 4*)
 - 2. The problem with priests and people. (*Malachi 1 & 2*)
 - B. The principle of first-fruits runs throughout Scripture.
 - 1. Honoring God comes first. (*Proverbs 3:9-10*) (*James 1:18*) (*Revelation 14:4*)
 - 2. Dishonoring God is shown through selfishness. (*2 Corinthians 9:6*)

- II. Religion that cost nothing is worth nothing.
 - A. Pure religion defined. (*James 1:27*)
 - 1. The cost of time.
 - 2. The cost of testimony.
 - B. Sacrificial religion displayed.
 - 1. David foreshadowed the actions of Jesus.
 - 2. Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many.
 - a. Matthew 20:28
 - b. Mark 10:45
 - c. I Peter 2:21-25