**GOD LIKES HIS LIKE SOME LIKE THEIR STEAKS:**

**WELL DONE!**

**Matthew 25:21 & 23**

**INTRODUCTION**

We pull from **Matthew 25:21 & 23** a phrase that has redeeming eternal ramifications! A phrase that all children of God desire to hear in reference to one’s salvation – “Well done!”

Allow it to be said that it will not be enough to simply be done but the standard God desires is well done!

Ultimately, we are considering excellence.

***Excellence*** – from the root word excellent, meaning very good of its kind**:**eminently good.

**BODY OF LESSON**

1. Ingredients for “well done” – Excellence
2. **Isaiah 12:5**, **Isaiah 28:29**, **2 Peter 1:17**
3. The Master desires “well done,” the servant should aspire accordingly
4. **1 Peter 2:12**
5. The Book notes “well done”
6. **Ecclesiastes 9:10**, **Isaiah 1:17**, **Romans 1:14-16**, **Colossians 3:23-24**, **Mark 14:8**, **Galatians 6:9-10**, **Colossians 3:23**
7. Mediocrity is like a steak sent back; not prepared as desired!
8. **Malachi 1:6-14**

**CONCLUSION**

In all that we do as those that are His, let us always aspire to excellence! Remember that the goal must constantly be – “well done.”

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 25:21** His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

**Matthew 25:23** His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

**Isaiah 12:5** Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

**Isaiah 28:29** This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

**2 Peter 1:17** For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

**1 Peter 2:12** Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

**Ecclesiastes 9:10** Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

**Isaiah 1:17** Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

**Romans 1:14-16** 14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. 15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

**Colossians 3:23-24** And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

**Mark 14:8** She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

**Galatians 6:9-10** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

**Colossians 3:23** And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

**Malachi 1:6-14** 6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master:

if then I be a father, where is mine honour?

and if I be a master, where is my fear?

saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name.

And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar;

and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee?

In that ye say, The table of the Lord is contemptible.

8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil?

and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil?

offer it now unto thy governor;

will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts.

9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us:

this hath been by your means:

will he regard your persons? saith the Lord of hosts.

10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought?

neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought.

I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of hosts,

neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same

my name shall be great among the Gentiles;

and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering:

for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts.

12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say,

The table of the Lord is polluted;

and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it!

and ye have snuffed at it, saith the Lord of hosts;

and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick;

thus ye brought an offering:

should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord.

14 But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male,

and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing:

for I am a great King, saith the Lord of hosts,

and my name is dreadful among the heathen.