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Mal.3,18: "You will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who don't."

Gal.6,9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

To have faith and serve God, rather than not to do so, does not automatically or necessarily advance your worldly prospects, endeavours and pursuits. It may even be, as was the case in Malachi's Israel, that you throw up your hands at times and say 'What's the point? What do we gain by having faith in God?'

But how else is the distinction made visible between a faith which seeks to serve God and one that is ultimately self-serving? God wants us to serve Him for all that that is worth, and this is not something we learn at no cost to ourselves. That it pays to have faith and serve God will certainly and visibly transpire – at the proper time. There is glorious promise in the words 'Do not give up.'