



The Judgments Series Part 27

The Nature of the Rewards



What are they and how are they described in Scripture?

They are described in terms of generalities.

What we know about rewards is given in terms that are more general than specific.

These are:

The Promise of Crowns.

This seems to be used as a symbol of victory, authority, and responsibility.

The Promise of Heavenly Treasure:

Matthew 6:20 New Living Translation

20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

1 Peter 1:4 New Living Translation

4 and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

These verses stress, their eternal value and security.



The Promise of Accolades or Commendations.

This is seen in those passages where a reward is administered in the form of something like “well done thou good and faithful servant ...”

Matthew 25:21 New Living Translation

21 “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together! [a]’

Luke 19:17 New Living Translation

17 “‘Well done!’ the king exclaimed. ‘You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.’

1 Corinthians 4:5 New Living Translation

5 So don’t make judgments about anyone ahead of time—before the Lord returns. For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.



The Promises to Over - Comers

These could refer to special blessings of rewards to those believers who overcome special trials and tests rather than a general promise to all believers:



Revelation 2:7 New Living Translation

7 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:11 New Living Translation

11 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death.

Revelation 2:17 New Living Translation

17 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.

Revelation 2:26 New Living Translation

26 To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end, To them I will give authority over all the nations.

The Promise of Special Responsibilities and Authority of the Lord’s Possessions:

Matthew 19:28 New Living Translation

28 Jesus replied, “I assure you that when the world is made new[a] and the Son of Man[b] sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 24:45-47 New Living Translation

45 “A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them.

46 If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward.

47 I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.

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Matthew 25:23 New Living Translation

23 “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

Luke 19:17-19 New Living Translation

17 “‘Well done!’ the king exclaimed. ‘You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.’

18 “The next servant reported, ‘Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.’

19 “‘Well done!’ the king said. ‘You will be governor over five cities.’

Luke 22:29-30 New Living Translation

29 And just as my Father has granted me a Kingdom, I now grant you the right **30** to eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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Analogies to Consider

A Thanksgiving Dinner:

At a Thanksgiving dinner, each person eats a different amount, but each is satisfied.

After our glorification, there will be no sinful nature to produce envy, or jealousy, or resentment, or feelings of dissatisfaction.

We will each be enthralled with God and our glorified state.



A Bat Boy at the World Series:

Any young man who loves baseball would probably be thrilled to be a bat boy in the World Series, but he would not be jealous or resentful because he was not one of the stars of the game.

He would just be delighted to be there and do what he was doing.

A Graduate at Commencement:

All the graduates are there and excited about graduating, yet at the time of rewards, some sorrow might be experienced, but it is quickly overcome by the joy of the event.

Our Spiritual Gifts:

Our rewards may be likened to our spiritual gifts.

Our rewards seem to primarily be a matter of responsibility and maybe opportunities, but they will not be like badges or medals we wear as in the military.

Remember that all of our crowns will be cast at the feet of Christ, for only He is worthy **(Rev. 4:10-11)**.

Also, **Matthew 25:21, 23** and **Luke 19:17-19** show us our rewards consist of authority over either many things or many cities.

They may include galaxies of the universe.

All believers will live in the millennium and in eternity with the Lord.

Some will reign with Him, but, because of loss of rewards, evidently some will not.

Revelation 4:10-11 New Living Translation

10 the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say,

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“You are worthy, O Lord our God,
to receive glory and honor and power.
For you created all things,
and they exist because you created what you pleased.”

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In Scripture, the church is viewed as the heavenly kingdom and a universal priesthood.

This may indicate something of our authority.

We may rule over galaxies, celestial bodies, the heavens, and definitely over angels, and the world:

1 Corinthians 6:2-3 New Living Translation

2 Don’t you realize that someday we believers will judge the world? And since you are going to judge the world, can’t you decide even these little things among yourselves?

3 Don’t you realize that we will judge angels? So you should surely be able to resolve ordinary disputes in this life.

1 Corinthians 4:8 New Living Translation

8 You think you already have everything you need. You think you are already rich. You have begun to reign in God's kingdom without us! I wish you really were reigning already, for then we would be reigning with you.



Israel is the earthly kingdom and will undoubtedly have authority over portions and sections of the millennial kingdom and the eternal kingdom as emphasized in **Matt. 25:21**; - **Lk. 19:17-19**; and **Dan. 7:18, 22, 27**.

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Daniel 7:18 New Living Translation

18 But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever.”

Daniel 7:22 New Living Translation

22 until the Ancient One—the Most High—came and judged in favor of his holy people. Then the time arrived for the holy people to take over the kingdom.

Daniel 7:27 New Living Translation

27 Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will last forever, and all rulers will serve and obey him.”

How do we obtain the Forgiveness of our Sins?



How do we get right with God, regardless of our individual sins?

Just say this Prayer and all of your sins will be forgotten, and you will have Eternal life, with Christ Jesus, in Heaven:

Lord Jesus, I repent of all my sins, and I ask you to come into my life a be my Lord and Savior.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and you have ever lasting life, get in a good bible teaching church, and may you keep growing, in the Lord, and may HE use you to help save many souls for His Kingdom !

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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