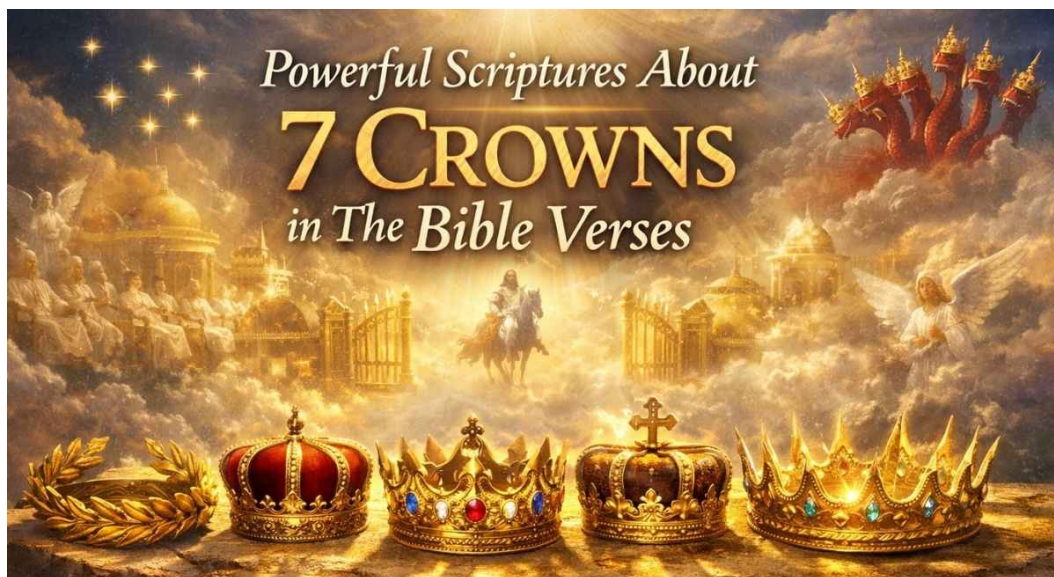


The Judgments Series Part 28

The Crowns of the New Testament



The Words Used for Crowns

(1) Stephanos:

This was the victor's crown, the wreath given to the victorious athlete before the judge at the *Bema*.

It is the word used of the crowns promised to believers for faithfulness in the Christian life.

(2) Diadem:

This was the royal crown, the crown of a king. It is used in the seven diadems of the Beast in **Revelation 12:3 and 13:1**.

But, to stress that Christ is King of Kings, this word is also used of the many diadems the Lord will wear at His return-
(Rev. 19:12).

Revelation 12:3 New Living Translation

3 Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads.

Revelation 13:1 New Living Translation

The Beast out of the Sea

13 Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God.

Revelation 19:12 New Living Translation

12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself.

The Principle



The Lord Jesus is the victor, and our victory is really His victory which is appropriated by faith.

Crowns are given as rewards for faithfulness to appropriate God's grace and Christ's victory in the Christian life.

They remind us of our responsibility to abide in the vine.

The Crowns and Their Significance

(1) The Crown of Thorns:

Matthew 27:29 New Living Translation

29 They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, “Hail! King of the Jews!”

Mark 15:17 New Living Translation

17 They dressed him in a purple robe, and they wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head.

John 19:2 New Living Translation

2 The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him.

John 19:5 New Living Translation

5 Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said, “Look, here is the man!”

These Crowns speak of Christ’s work on the cross and stands for His victory over sin, Satan, and death.

(2) The Incorruptible Crown

1 Corinthians 9:25 New Living Translation

25 All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

Two things

This describes all the crowns.

It contrasts our crowns with the temporal and temporary treasure of this life.

It is also a special crown given for faithfulness in running the race and exercising self-control in order to serve the Lord and finish the race.

(3) The Crown of Exultation or Rejoicing

1 Thessalonians 2:19 New Living Translation

19 After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you!

Philippians 4:1 New Living Translation

4 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters,[\[a\]](#) stay true to the Lord. I love you and long to see you, dear friends, for you are my joy and the crown I receive for my work.

This crown is a reward given for witnessing, follow-up, and ministry to others.

In one sense, the Thessalonians will be Paul's crown, and the effect at the *Bema* and throughout eternity will be rejoicing or exultation over their presence in heaven.

But what did Paul mean by this?

In view of his use of "crown" (*stephanos*, the victor's wreath) in other places, and the fact believers will cast their crowns before the Lord (**Rev. 4:10**):

Revelation 4:10 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,

Paul may also have in mind a personal crown or reward that he will receive because of their presence at the return of the Lord.



Though, in this passage the Apostle does not say he would receive a crown, this is suggested, if not here certainly in other passages.

Though some of them were not living as they should, looking ahead and seeing them in glory brought joy and would bring great rejoicing.

(4) The Crown of Life

James 1:12 New Living Translation

12 God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

Revelation 2:10 New Living Translation

10 Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

This crown is given for enduring testings (trials) and temptation.

The crown is not eternal life which is a gift through faith alone in Christ alone (**Jn. 4:10; Rom. 3:24; 5:15-17; 6:23; Eph. 2:8**), but a reward for enduring trials and overcoming temptation.

John 4:10 New Living Translation

10 Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”

Romans 3:24 New Living Translation

24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

Romans 5:15-17 New Living Translation

15 But there is a great difference between Adam’s sin and God’s gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ.

16 And the result of God’s gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man’s sin. For Adam’s sin led to condemnation, but God’s free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins.

17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:23 New Living Translation

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8 New Living Translation

8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

(5) The Crown of Righteousness

2 Timothy 4:8 New Living Translation

8 And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

This crown is a reward given for faithfulness to use our gifts and opportunities in the service of the Lord and for loving His appearing.

Note that these two things go together.

To love His appearing is to live in the light of it.

(6) The Crown of Glory

1 Peter 5:4 New Living Translation

4 And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor.

This crown is a reward promised to Elders for faithfulness in the discharge of their responsibilities in shepherding the people.

(7) The Casting of Crowns

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.”

(8) The Many Crowns or Diadems

Revelation 19:12 New Living Translation

12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself.

The crowns of royalty which stand for Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lord who alone has the right to rule and judge the world.

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 and be my Lord and Savior.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and you have everlasting 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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