

An Eternity Perspective – God is a Rewarder

Heb 11:6 "and apart from faith it is impossible to please well, for it is necessary for him who is coming to God to **believe that He is**, and to those seeking Him **He becomes a rewarder.**"

James 4:13-14 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. **You are just a vapour that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.**

Matt 6:19-21 "**Do not store up for yourselves [material] treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal;**

The Parable of the Talents

Matt 25:14-30 "For it is just like a man going-on-a-journey— he called his own slaves and handed over his possessions to them. 15 And he gave five talents to one, and two to another, and one to another— to each according to his own ability. And he went on his journey. 16 Immediately having gone, the one having received the five talents worked with them and gained another five. 17 Similarly, the one having received the two talents gained another two. 18 But the one having received the one talent, having gone, dug [a hole in] the ground and hid his master's silver talent. 19 Now after much time, the master of those slaves comes and settles the account with them. 20 And having come to him, the one having received the five talents brought another five talents, saying, 'Master, you handed-over five talents to me. Look, I gained another five talents'. 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. **You were faithful over a few things. I will put you in charge over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.**' 22 And also having come to him, the one having received the two talents said, 'Master, you handed over two talents to me. Look, I gained another two talents'. 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. **You were faithful over a few things. I will put you in charge over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.**' 24 And also having come to him, the one having received the one talent said, 'Master, I knew you— that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering from where you did not scatter. 25 And having become afraid, having gone, I hid your talent in the ground. Look, you have what is yours'. 26 But having responded, his master said to him, 'Evil and lazy slave! You knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather from where I did not scatter! 27 Therefore you should-have put my money with the bankers. And having come, I would have received-back what was mine with interest. 28 Therefore take the talent away from him, and give it to the one having the ten talents. 29 For to everyone having, it will be given, and he will be caused-to-abound. But from the one not having, even what he has will be taken away from him. 30 And throw-out the unprofitable slave into the outer darkness'. In that place, there will be the weeping and the grinding of teeth.

1 Cor 3:8-17 And the one planting and the one watering are one, but **each will receive his own reward according to his own labour....** 10 I laid a foundation according-to the grace of God having been given to me as a wise master-builder, and another is building-upon it. But let each one be watching-out how he builds-upon it. 11 For no one can lay another foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 And if one builds **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw** upon the foundation, 13 each one's work will become evident. For the day will make it clear, because it is revealed by fire. And **the fire itself will test what-sort each one's work is.** 14 If one's work which he built-upon it shall remain, he will receive a reward. 15 If one's work shall be burned-up, he will suffer-loss. But he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Matt 6:1-4 "Be [very] careful **not to do your good deeds publicly**, to be seen by men; otherwise you will have **no reward [prepared and awaiting you]** with your Father who is in heaven. 2 "So whenever you give to the poor and do acts of kindness, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honoured and recognized and praised by men. I assure you and most solemnly say to you, **they [already] have their reward in full.** 3 But when you give to the poor and do acts of kindness, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing [give in complete secrecy], 4 so that your **charitable acts will be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.**

1 Cor 15:10 - But by the grace of God I am what I am, and **His grace toward me was not [found to be] for nothing** (fruitless and without effect). In fact, **I worked harder than all of them** [the apostles], though it was not really I, but the grace (the unmerited favour and blessing) of God which was with me.

1 Sam 17: 25 The men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who is coming up? Surely he is coming up to defy Israel. And it will be that the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel."

Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?" 27 The people answered him in accord with this word, saying, "Thus it will be done for the man who kills him."

28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger burned against David and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down in order to see the battle." 29 But David said, "What have I done now? Was it not just a question?" 30 **Then he turned away from him to another and said the same thing; and the people answered the n same thing as before.**

Ruth 2:11 Boaz replied to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know. 12 **May the Lord reward your work, and your wages be full from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge.**"

Heb 11:21-27 By faith Moses, having become great, refused to be called son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 having chosen rather to be mistreated-with the people of God than to be having a temporary enjoyment of sin, 26 **having regarded the reproach of the Christ to be greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. For he was looking-away to the reward.** 27 By faith he left Egypt, not having feared the fury of the king. For he persevered as seeing the invisible One.

Heb 12:2 Focusing our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfecter of faith, who **for the joy [of accomplishing the goal]** set before Him endured the cross, **disregarding the shame**, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.