

## Payday on Judgment Day

### Why should we desire to be rewarded?

- ◆ Some think rewards = “a mercenary motivation,” but it’s best to think of heavenly rewards as perks which God Himself has designed for us.
- ◆ God repeatedly uses rewards as motivation in the OT: Ex. 23:22ff., Deut. 28:1ff., II Chron. 15:7, Prov. 25:22, Ps. 58:11, Isa. 1:19.
- ◆ God keeps using rewards as motivation in the NT, but now = heavenly, Matt. 5:11, 6:19,20, Lk. 12:33,14:14, I Cor. 9:24,25, I Tim. 6:17-19.
- ◆ Godly people repeatedly sought heavenly rewards, Matt. 19:27,28, I Cor. 9:26, II Cor. 4:16-18, II Tim. 4:8, Heb.11:26,35, 12:2.
- ◆ We are told to avoid losing rewards, II Jn. 8., Rev. 3:11, I Cor. 3:15.  
God gives us salvation yet He has chosen to pay us for good works!

### What kinds of losses or rewards are we talking about?

- ↻ Honor / Praise, Jn. 12:26, I Cor. 4:5, Matt. 25:21, I Pt. 1:7
  - ↻ Rebuke and no praise, Lk. 19:22
- ↻ Special joy, Jn. 4:35,36, Phil. 4:1, II Thess. 2:19,20
  - ↻ No appreciation for our impact in others’ lives
- ↻ A reputation, Matt. 5:19,20, Rev. 2:12
  - ↻ Being known for doing little to nothing, II Tim. 2:12b,13
- ↻ Being served, Lk. 12:35-38
  - ↻ Possible exclusion from the Marriage Feast? Matt. 22:12,13
- ↻ Reigning, II Tim. 2:12, Rom. 8:17, Matt. 25:21, Rev. 3:21
  - ↻ Forfeit of any position of authority / inheritance lost, Heb. 12:15,16
- ↻ Five different crowns for varying acts of faithfulness we’ll discuss later.  
*C. of Rejoicing.....of Glory.....of Righteousness.....of Life....of Mastery*  
I Thess. 2:12.....I Pt. 5:4.....II Tim. 4:6-8.....Js.1:12....I Cor. 9:25



- ↻ Possible loss of crowns, Rev. 3:11

Q: Are you looking forward to being rewarded at the Judgment Seat?