

# Heaven: Our Reward and Work

Matthew 25:14-30

## Introduction

### I The Future Reward Of The Believer

- A. We will be **judged** in Heaven
  - 1. The Great White Throne Judgment - Rev 20:11-12
  - 2. The Bema Seat Judgment - Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:10
- B. We will be **commended** in Heaven
  - 1. The parable of the talents - Mt 25:21
  - 2. The parable of the minas - Lk 19:17
  - 3. The teaching of Paul - 1 Cor 4:5
- C. We will be **rewarded** in Heaven
  - 1. With crowns
    - a. The Incorruptible Crown - 1 Cor 9:25
    - b. The Crown of **Joy** - 1 Thess 2:19-20
    - c. The Crown of Righteousness - 2 Tim 4:7-8
    - d. The Crown of **Life** - James 1:12; Rev 2:10
    - e. The Crown of Glory - 1 Pet 5:1-4
  - 2. With a good **return** on investment
    - a. The “Unprofitable Servant” - Lk 17:7-10
    - b. The “Laborers in the Vineyard” - Mt 10:1-16
    - c. The “Parable of the Talents” - Mt 25:14-30
  - 3. With an **inheritance** - Mt 25:34-35; 1 Pt 1:3-4
  - 4. With God Himself - Mt 5:8; 1 Jn 3:2; Rev 22:4
- D. We will be elevated in Heaven
  - 1. We will be made **kings** - 1 Cor 4:8
  - 2. We will be made **priests** - 1 Pt 2:9; Rev 1:6

### II The Future Work Of The Believer

- A. We will **worship** God - Rev 5:13; 7:9-12; 15:2-4; 19:1-7
- B. We will rule and reign with Christ - Rev 5:9-10
  - 1. Over **every** living thing
    - a. All the animals - Gen 1:26 ff
    - b. All the angels - 1 Cor 6:3
  - 2. Over towns, **cities**, regions - Dan 7:18, 22, 27; Rev 2:26
  - 3. Over all God’s **possessions** - Mt 24:45-47; 25:21

- C. We will grow:
  - 1. In our **relationships** - Mt 8:11; Lk 22:29-30; Rev 19:9
  - 2. In our **knowledge** - Eph 2:6-7
- D. We will enjoy life as it was meant to be - 1 Cor 2:9
- E. We will **rest** - Rev 14:13

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. What is the most meaningful award you have ever received?
2. In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. Read the text and then respond to the following questions: 1) Who does the master represent? The journey? The talents? The servants? 2) On what basis were the servants rewarded? 3) If the Master returned today, what would He say about the way you’ve invested what He gave you?
3. Of the five crowns mentioned in the Bible, which are you most likely to receive? Which would you want to receive? Why?
4. What impact does it have on you to know that your future life on the New Earth involves reigning and ruling with Christ? In what ways, if any, does that knowledge motivate you to live a life pleasing to the Lord on earth? Is there anything in your life that is unbecoming of spiritual royalty? Will you let it go?
5. Of the various aspects of our work on the New Earth, what excites you the most? The least? To what degree do your future activities give you courage and strength to be found faithful in your calling as a believer today?
6. Take time to think about the New Earth and what it will be like. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a faithful heart and a fruitful life so that when you enter the Kingdom of God you hear those words, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!” (Matt 25:23)

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