

Lesson 11

Rewards and Chastisement

A reward is what is given for obedience. Chastisement is what is given for disobedience.

What Rewards Are

The New Testament word *reward* means a *salary* or *wage* or *that which is earned*. Salvation is given freely by the grace of God and is not a reward. When we are obedient to the Lord and serve Him, He *pays* us for that service. We do not yet understand exactly what *rewards* will be, but we know that they will be far better than silver and gold. Jesus calls them *treasures in heaven*. After you are saved, if you work for Him, you will receive a reward. If you do not work, you will still be saved, but you will have no reward.

Salvation is not a reward.

Romans 4:4:

Now to him that _____ is the _____ not reckoned of _____, but of _____.

We can lay up treasures in heaven.

Matthew 6:20:

But _____ up for yourselves _____ in _____, where neither _____ nor _____ doth _____, and where _____ do not _____ through nor _____:

Those who do not work receive no reward.

1 Corinthians 3:15:

If any man's _____ shall be _____, he shall suffer _____: but he _____ shall be _____; yet

so as by _____.

Assignment: Read I Corinthians chapter 3 and answer these questions.

1. Whose reward will a man receive? v. 8 _____
2. What is our foundation? v. 11 _____
3. What will try a man's work? v. 13 _____
4. What will a man receive if his work abides? v. 14 _____
5. What will a man suffer if his work is burned? v. 15 _____

Why Will We Receive a Reward?

Rewards are for obedience. Doing what we know God wants us to do will bring a reward. It would be impossible to name all of the ways we could be obedient, but we will give a few.

Persecution brings a reward.

Matthew 5:11-12:

Blessed are ye, when _____ shall _____ you, and _____ you, and shall _____ all manner of _____ against you _____, for my _____ . Rejoice, and be exceeding _____ for _____ is your _____ in _____: for so _____ they the _____ which were before you.

Praying brings a reward.

Matthew 6:6:

But thou, when thou _____, enter into thy _____ and when thou hast _____ thy _____, pray to thy _____ which is in _____; and thy _____ which seeth in _____ shall _____ thee _____.

Bringing people to Christ brings a reward.

Daniel 12:3:

And they that be _____ shall _____ as the _____
of the firmament; and they that _____ many to
_____ as the _____ for _____ and
_____.

Assignment: Read Matthew chapter 6 and answer these questions.

1. How will the Father reward us if we do our alms in secret? v.4 _____
2. Why do the hypocrites love to pray in the synagogues and streets? v.5

3. How are we to pray to the Father? v.6 _____
4. When we do good works who are we not to appear to? v.18 _____
5. What three things cannot get to our treasures if they are in heaven? v.20
(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
6. What will be with your treasure? v.21 _____

When Rewards are Received

Rewards are not received in this life. We are told that the rewards will be given when Jesus comes. Rewards are spoken of as being in heaven, not on earth. We receive blessings from the Lord all of the time here on earth, but these are not the rewards of which the Bible speaks. Our lives must be finished before our works can be judged.

Rewards when the Son of man shall come.

Matthew 16:27:

For the Son of man shall _____ in the glory of his _____
with his _____; and _____ he shall _____
every man _____ to his _____.

Rewards will come when Jesus comes.

Revelation 22:12:

And, behold, I _____ quickly; and my _____ is with
me, to _____ every _____ according as his _____
shall be.

Rewards are spoken of as being in heaven.

Luke 6:23:

Rejoice ye in that day, and _____ for _____: for, behold,
your _____ is _____ in _____: for in
the like manner did their fathers unto the _____.

Assignment: Read Luke chapter 6 and answer these questions.

1. What are we to do when men speak evil of us for the Son of man's sake? vs.22-23 _____
2. What are we to do to our enemies? v.27 _____
3. If we love our enemies, what will be our reward? v.35 _____
4. If we forgive, what will happen to us? v.37 _____
5. If you give, it shall be given back to you in what four ways? v.38
(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
(4) _____

What Chastisement Is

Just the way a loving parent will correct a disobedient child, so our loving heavenly Father corrects us. Earthly parents sometime talk to a child, sometime they whip their child, or sometime they may take something away from their child, depending on age and circumstances. Just so our Father uses different methods of correcting us. depending upon our

spiritual age and circumstances. He might simply use His Word to talk to us. Or, He might allow something bad to happen to us. Or, He could take something away from us. Chastisement is for our good to make us recognize our sin and bring us to repentance. We do not whip the neighbors children and God does not whip the Devil's children. Chastisement is reserved for God's own.

Chastisement is from love.

Proverbs 3:11-12:

*My _____, despise not the _____ of the _____;
neither be _____ of his _____: For
whom the Lord _____ he _____; even as
a _____ the _____ in whom he _____.*

Chastisement is not fun.

Hebrews 12:11:

*Now no _____ for the present seemeth to be
_____, but _____: nevertheless _____
it yieldeth the _____ fruit of righteousness unto them which
are _____ thereby.*

Chastisement leads to repentance.

Revelation 3:19:

*As many as I _____, I _____ and _____:
be zealous therefore, and _____.*

Assignment: Read Hebrews 12:5-11 and answer these questions.

1. What are we not to despise? v.5 _____
2. What are we not to do when we are rebuked of God? v.5 _____

3. Who does the Lord chasten? v.6 _____
4. What did we give our fathers of the flesh when they corrected us? v.9 _____
5. What does chastening yield? v.11 _____

Why We Are Chastened

Chastisement comes from a loving Father because of our disobedience. What kind of disobedience brings chastisement? It could be any kind of disobedience. If we know we should do good and we do not do it, that is a sin to us. If we are doing something that we know we should not do, it is a sin to us. We are chastened so that our lives might be a witness to a lost world. We are chastened so that we might bring forth more fruit for the Lord.

That we might bear more fruit.

John 15:2:

*Every _____ in me that _____ not _____
he taketh away: and every branch that beareth _____, he
_____ it, that it may bring forth more _____.*

That we might not be condemned with the world.

1 Corinthians 11:32:

*But when we are judged, we are _____ of the _____,
that we should not be condemned with the _____.*

Assignment: Read 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 and answer these questions.

1. List the 3 chastisements the Lord said He might send upon Israel. v.13
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____

2. What 4 things did God say that they should do when they were chastised? v. 14

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

3. List the 3 things God will do in return. v.14

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

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