

After This Life #7

Heavenly Rewards

Revelation 22:12

Today, we'll talk about Rewards given to Believers for Faithfully Serving the Lord.

The Concept of Rewards is Found throughout the Bible (Psalm 58:11, 62:12, Matt. 5:1-12)

There are many Other Places where the Bible Speaks Specifically about the Lord's "Heavenly Rewards."

1. WHEN ARE HEAVEN'S REWARDS GIVEN?

- AFTER the Rapture, believers will be Judged Individually...AS CHRISTIANS.
- At that time, Special Rewards will be given by GOD Himself.
(Romans 14:12, 2 Cor 5:10, Eph. 6:8, 1 Cor. 3:14)
- THIS Judgment has ZERO to do with whether you're Saved or Not.
- It has EVERYTHING to Do with How Faithful you've been as a Follower of Jesus & What Kind of Christian you've been.

2. WHERE ARE HEAVEN'S REWARDS GIVEN?

- AT the Judgment Seat of Christ. (2 Cor. 5:10)
- This Judgment is NOT a Final Exam for your Suitability in Heaven...(2 Cor. 5:18, Eph. 2:8)
- "Our Eternal Destination is the Consequence of what we BELIEVED on earth.
Our Eternal Compensation is the Consequence of how we BEHAVED on earth." (Wilkinson)
- This about the Lord's Evaluation of YOUR Faithful Service to Him.

3. WHAT ARE HEAVEN'S REWARDS?

- The N.T. Describes FIVE Different KINDS of REWARDS.
- The VICTOR'S Crown. (1 Corinthians 9:25-27)
- The Crown of REJOICING. (1 Thessalonians 2:19)
- The Crown of RIGHTEOUSNESS. (2 Timothy 4:8)
- The Crown of LIFE. (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10)
- The Crown of GLORY. (1 Peter 5:4)

4. WHAT DIFFERENCE SHOULD HEAVEN'S REWARDS MAKE?

- REMEMBER, the LORD Himself Is Your Greatest Reward. (Genesis 15:1)
- RESIST Doing Outward Works Just To Receive a Reward. (Matthew 6:1)
- REFLECT On The Ultimate Goal of Rewards. (Revelation 4)

- **JESUS gave His Best to bring us to Heaven & WE will offer Our Best Back to Him for the Privilege of Being There.**