

REWARDS

PAYMENT OF WAGES PROMISED

- rewards are wages owed and paid to servants for work performed (Rom 4:4; Rev 11:18)
 - payment is promised (Matt 6:4, 6, 18; Eph 6:8; Heb 10:36; James 1:12)
- and will be received (Matt 10:41; John 4:36; 1 Cor 3:8, 14; 2 John 8) in the future (2 Tim 4:8)

GIVERS AND RECEIVERS OF REWARDS

- we will all be paid for our work (Matt 16:27; Rom 2:6–7; 1 Cor 3:8; 2 Cor 5:10; Rev 22:12)
- servants such as the OT prophets, saints, and people who fear God's name will receive rewards (Rev 11:18)
 - no one will be slighted or overlooked: the small and the great will both receive their rewards (Rev 11:18)
- we will be rewarded by God the Father (Matt 6:1, 4, 6, 18) and by Jesus Christ (Eph 6:8; Col 3:24; Rev 22:12)

VALUE OF REWARDS

- the amount paid varies with the job (Matt 10:41, 42)
 - some jobs are paid more than others (Matt 5:11–12; Luke 6:23, 35)
- rewards differ in value—some are more valuable than others (Matt 5:11–12; Luke 6:23, 35)
 - some will receive a reward that is great—one worth a lot (Matt 5:11–12; Luke 6:23, 35)
 - the reproach of Christ brings greater riches than the treasures of Egypt (Heb 11:26)
- momentary light affliction produces an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison (2 Cor 4:17)
- those who store up treasure for the future will take hold of life indeed—really live in the Kingdom (1 Tim 6:19)

LOSS OF REWARD

- heavenly treasures can't be lost through accident, depreciation, or theft—
they will never lose their value and no one can take them from you (Matt 6:19–20; Luke 12:33)
- payment for the smallest good deeds cannot be lost (Matt 10:42=Mark 9:41)—payment once given will not be taken back
 - false doctrine can sidetrack and keep you from earning a full reward (2 John 8)

NEED FOR PERSEVERANCE

- we will receive a full reward if we persevere in the truth to the end of our lives (2 John 8)
- we will receive the crown of righteousness if we are faithful to the end of our lives (2 Tim 4:7–8)

EARNED, LAID UP, AND GIVEN

- rewards are earned now and stored up in heaven for safekeeping (Matt 5:12; Luke 6:23; 2 Tim 4:7–8)
- rewards will be given at the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10; 2 Tim 4:8; 1 Peter 5:4; Rev 22:12) and at "the resurrection of the righteous" at the beginning of the Millennium (Matt 16:27; Luke 14:14; Rev 11:18; cf. 20:4–6)

REJOICING OVER REWARDS

- we may rejoice over rewards earned and souls saved (John 4:36)
- you can be happy now in times of persecution because God has promised to repay you in heaven (Matt 5:10–12=Luke 6:22–23)