

Lesson 5- “Heaven’s Oscars”

1. The Day of Heaven’s Rewards

- Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 3:14; Eph. 6:8
- After the Rapture/ Resurrection at the Bema Seat Judgement
- “A judgement of our faithfulness as followers of Christ...We will stand silently before the Son of God and know that His judgement is wholly true.”

2. The Distinction of Heaven’s Rewards

- We are not saved by good works, but for good works as described in Eph. 2:10.
- “Our eternal *destination* is a consequence of what we *believe* on earth. Our eternal *compensation* is the consequence of how we *behave* on earth” - Bruce Wilkerson

3. The Description of Heaven’s Rewards

These are not all the rewards, but only representative of the whole range of crowns that will be rewarded:

- **Victor’s Crown/Imperishable Crown-** (1Cor. 9:25)
 - Given to those who have exercised discipline and self-control of the body; gained victory over the flesh; trained themselves to be godly and walk their talk.
 - Have said “No” even to *good* things in order to gain the *best* things.
 - An athlete makes everything subservient to his goal of winning, but a spectator gives food, pleasure, sleep and possessions his priority.
 - What are you really seeking? What is your true goal? What makes you deny yourself good things in order to gain the most important thing?
 - ✓ What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and yet lose his soul?
- **Crown of Rejoicing/Boasting-** (1 Thes. 2:19)
 - Often called the Soul Winners Crown.
 - Given for fruitful labour in the lives of others.
- **Crown of Righteousness-** (2 Tim 4:8)
 - For living righteously in longing anticipation of His return.
 - “Many Christians...have forgotten that earth is not their home...they love their life here and have many place to go, things to do, and people to see before going to heaven. This crown is not for those believers. It’s for those who long for heaven, their true home...”¹
- **Crown of Life-** (James 1:12; Rev. 2:10)
 - For remaining faithful under trial; while enduring persecution, temptation and even martyrdom.
- **Crown of Glory-** (1 Pet. 5:4)
 - To faithful and willing shepherds of the flock who set an example for others and don’t lord it over them; who lay down their lives in that calling of leadership.

4. The Difference Heaven’s Rewards Can Make ²

- Remember That the Lord Himself is Your Chief Reward.
- Resist Doing Works Outwardly for the Purpose of Receiving a Reward.
- Reflect Upon The Ultimate Goal of Any Rewards We May Receive.
 - Rev. 4:10-11

Question: In Matthew 6:1-18, what is the one thing that will guarantee the loss of reward?

¹ David Jeremiah; *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven- Study Guide; Turning Point; 2009; Outline p.65*

² *Ibid; Outline p.61*