

Life after Life

Message #7

Rewards
from Jesus



Jesus, Revelation 22:12-13

12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.**

13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Jesus, Luke 19:12-27

12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 "So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' (mina/pound = 3 months wages)

Jesus, Luke 19:12-27

14 "But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.' 15 "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

Jesus, Luke 19:12-27

16 "Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.'

17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

Jesus, Luke 19:12-27

**18 "And the second came, saying,
'Master, your mina has earned five
minas.' 19 "Likewise he said to him,
'You also be over five cities.'**

Jesus, Luke 19:12-27

20 "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. 21 'For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'

Jesus, Luke 19:12-27

22 "And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow.

Jesus, Luke 19:12-27

23 'Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' 24 "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.'

Jesus, Luke 19:12-27

25 ("But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.') **26 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.'**

Jesus, Luke 19:12-27

27 'But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.'"

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Promise to Return

(vs 29)

Nobleman = Jesus

Entrusts his servants
3 months wages to 10 servants

**“Do business
till I come.”**



Are you preparing for Jesus' return?

Each one must give account

3 Types of People

- 1) The Faithful
- 2) The Unfaithful
- 3) The Enemies



1) The Faithful

3 Minas = 10 Minas

“Well done good servant”

**“because you were faithful in a very little,
have authority over ten cities.”**

1) The Faithful

3 Minas = 5 Minas

**'You also be over
five cities.'**

2) The Unfaithful

3 Minas = 3 Minas

'Master, here is your mina,
which I have kept put away in a
handkerchief....'

What hindered him?

What hindered him?

(vs 21)

'For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'

His distorted legalistic view of God stopped him from being fruitful (and likely his view of himself)

2) The Unfaithful

“Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.”

The Objection: "But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.'

Faith Lesson:

'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.'

3) The Enemies

(vs 27)

'But bring here those enemies of mine,
who did not want me to reign over them,
and slay them before me.'

Faith Lessons

**Believers will be judged by
Jesus according to their
“fruitfulness” and
“faithfulness”**

- **we will all give account**

Faith Lessons

- **There are varying degrees of awards in Heaven – not everybody gets the same.**
 - **Jesus will honor those who have honored Him with their lives, sacrifice, resources and time.**
 - **Is it right to look forward to a reward?***

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

We Learn from The Scriptures...

- **The things you do in this life have a direct impact on how and where you spend eternity.**
 - **Acts, Words, Deeds, Attitudes – Good & Bad**
 - **Esp, concerning your relationship with King Jesus.**
- **Here are some phrases to help...**

- **“God is a rewarder” (Heb 11:6)**
- **“My reward is with Me” (Rev 22:12)**
- **“to give to every one according to his work” (Rev 22:12)**
- **“God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil. (Eccl 12:14)**

- **“judged according to their works”
(Rev 20:13)**
- **“He will reward each according to his
works” (Matt 16:27)**
- **“each of us shall give account of
himself to God” (Rom 14:12)**
- **Lay up for yourselves treasure in
Heaven” (Matt 6:19-20)**
- **“rich toward God” (Luke 12:21)**

Hebrews 9:27

**And as it is appointed for men
to die once, but after this the
judgment...**

**(not sure when your appointment might be.
Either through death or by rapture – be ready)**

2 Final Judgments

1) The Great White Throne Judgment - (Rev 20)

- **For Unbelievers, Lake of Fire**
- **Punishing the Wicked**
 - ✓ **"There will be wailing & gnashing of teeth"**

2 Final Judgments

2) The Judgment Seat of Christ

- **For Believers**
- **Rewarding the Righteous**
 - ✓ **“enter into the joy of your LORD”**

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

1 Corinthians 3"10-15

1 1 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

- **Jesus is the starting point.**
- **This has to be solid - your commitment to build your life on Jesus.**

Now What?

(once you get the foundation laid, what is supposed to happen next?)

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

2 Ways to Build Your Life

1) Gold, Silver & Precious Stone

- **According to God's Word & Will**
- **Permanent, beautiful, valuable/precious**
- **Done for the Honor of King Jesus**
- **Done in Jesus' Name**
- **Done in Love**

2 Ways to Build Your Life

2) Wood, Hay, Straw

- **Built on false teachings or twisted truths,**
- **Temporary, common**
- **Done out of selfish ambition**
- **Done for recognition & honor**
- **Done for the love of money or power,**
- **Done in your name (not Jesus')**

- **All of our works and deeds and accomplishments are going to pass through the fire.**
 - **The fire of God's Judgment**
 - **Here Jesus will reveal our motives too**
- **Reward will be determined by what comes through that fire.**

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

5 Crowns mentioned...

- **Imperishable Crown** (1 Cor 9:24-25)
- Crown of **Righteousness** (2 Tim 4:8)
- Crown of **Life** (Rev 2:10)
- Crown of **Rejoicing** (1Thess 2:19)
- Crown of **Glory** (1 Peter 5:4)

What will we do with these crowns?

1 Corinthians 9:24

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

“Well done My good and faithful servant”