

Announcements from Eleutheros Books

As was announced in last month's newsletter, *The Ramifications of Our Salvation* has been printed in Kenya and is now available in Africa! To God be the glory!

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The Ramifications of Our Salvation is also available in India!

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God willing, a second book, *A Portrait of Jesus*, will be printed and made available in both these areas of the world. Pray for these projects!

Rewards for Believers

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. (I Corinthians 9:25).

The crowns mentioned in I Corinthians 9:25 (quoted above) are those won by contestants who had performed well in athletic competition. Many times those crowns were made of olive branches which lasted only for a short time.

Sometimes Christians wonder if there is anything gained in serving God. They realize He saved them, but will there be a bonus for such effort? And if there is one, will it soon become worthless like the crowns the ancient athletes won in their games?

The answer is that God gives rewards both in this life and in heaven:

1. God's reward for faithfulness is praise from Him.

Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come. Who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts; *and then shall every man have praise of God (I Corinthians 4:2, 5).*

2. God gives rewards to those who make good use of the opportunities He has given.

At the end of the parable of the talents, Jesus said, "Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) For I say unto you, *That every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken from him*" ([Luke 19:24-26](#); read the entire account in [Luke 19:11-27](#)).

3. Rewards will be granted according to how much heartfelt energy is expended.

But this I say, *He which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly: and he which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully* ([II Corinthians 9:6](#)).

4. Those who are wise in God's eyes will shine as the stars.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. *And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever* ([Daniel 12:2-3](#)).

5. God rewards the doing of good whether it is something large or small.

And let us not grow weary in well doing: *for in due season we shall reap if we faint not*. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith ([Galatians 6:9-10](#)).

He that receiveth you receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. *And whosoever shall give to drink of these little ones a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward* ([Matthew 10:40-42](#)).

6. God will give rewards to those who have suffered for Him.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: *for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you* ([Matthew 5:11-12](#)).

7. God will give a crown of life to those who love Him, enduring temptation.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, *he shall receive a crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him* ([James 1:12](#)).

8. God will give a crown of righteousness to those who love His appearing.

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing ([II Timothy 4:8](#)).

9. God will give spiritual leaders a crown of glory if they have been faithful.

Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, *ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away* ([I Peter 5:3-4](#)).

10. God gives rewards based on both His love and justice.

And he said, O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth, *which keepeth covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before Thee with all their hearts* ([II Chronicles 6:14](#); see also [6:15-16](#)).

11. God promises to give rewards when He comes again.

And behold, *I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give to every man according as His work shall be* ([Revelation 22:12](#)).

12. Those who associate too closely with false teachers can lose rewards.

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. *Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward* ([II John 7-8](#)).

Send the Light

Charles H. Gabriel

*Let us not grow weary
In the work of love;
Send the light!
Send the light!*

*Let us gather jewels
For a crown above;
Send the light!
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*Send the light,
The blessed Gospel light!
Let it shine
From shore to shore!
Send the light,
The blessed Gospel light,
Let it shine
For evermore!*