

Rewards for Service

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I. The Meaning of Rewards

A. **Matthew 6:1-4** - Rewards refer to recompense for performing a service.

NOTE: Every Christian should examine his motives for serving God. What motivates you? Appearance? Pride? What if you never received any recognition for your service? Would you do it anyway?

B. **Romans 6:23** and **Ephesians 2:8** - Rewards do not refer to salvation.

C. **Revelation 20:11-15** - To be considered for rewards a person's name must be on the Roll.

II. The Distribution of Rewards

A. Rewards are not given while we are on earth.

B. **Matthew 25:31-46** - Rewards are given on the judgment day.

C. **John 15:20** - Our "reward" for serving Christ may turn out to be persecution on earth.

III. The Nature of Rewards

A. What a reward cannot be...Eternal Life

B. What a reward could be...

1. Rank
2. Responsibility

C. The Three Crowns

1. The Crown of Life - **James 1:12**
2. The Crown of Righteousness - **2 Timothy 4:8**
3. The Crown of Glory - **1 Peter 5:4**

